

115TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 256

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 4, 2017

Mr. FARENTHOLD introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Protect Our Military  
5 Families’ 2nd Amendment Rights Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. RECEIPT OF FIREARM OR AMMUNITION BY SPOUSE**  
2 **OF MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES AT A**  
3 **DUTY STATION OF THE MEMBER OUTSIDE**  
4 **THE UNITED STATES.**

5 Section 925(a)(3) of title 18, United States Code, is  
6 amended—

7 (1) by inserting “or to the spouse of such a  
8 member” before “or to”;

9 (2) by striking “members,” and inserting  
10 “members and spouses,”;

11 (3) by striking “members or” and inserting  
12 “members, spouses, or”; and

13 (4) by striking “member or” and inserting  
14 “member, spouse, or”.

15 **SEC. 3. RESIDENCY OF SPOUSES OF MEMBERS OF THE**  
16 **ARMED FORCES TO BE DETERMINED ON THE**  
17 **SAME BASIS AS THE RESIDENCY OF SUCH**  
18 **MEMBERS FOR PURPOSES OF FEDERAL FIRE-**  
19 **ARMS LAWS.**

20 Section 921(b) of title 18, United States Code, is  
21 amended to read as follows:

22 “(b) For purposes of this chapter, a member of the  
23 Armed Forces on active duty, or a spouse of such a mem-  
24 ber, is a resident of—

25 “(1) the State in which the member or spouse  
26 maintains legal residence;

1           “(2) the State in which the permanent duty  
2           station of the member is located; and

3           “(3) the State in which the member maintains  
4           a place of abode from which the member commutes  
5           each day to the permanent duty station of the mem-  
6           ber.”.

7   **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

8           The amendments made by this Act shall apply to con-  
9           duct engaged in after the 6-month period that begins with  
10          the date of the enactment of this Act.

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