

Committee on Natural Resources

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Mark-Up Memorandum

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To: All Natural Resources Committee Members

From: Majority Committee Staff – Terry Camp and Steven Parr
Subcommittee on Federal Lands (x6-7736)

Mark-Up: **H.R. 1417 (Rep. Don Young)**, To amend the National Law Enforcement Museum Act to allow the Museum to acquire, receive, possess, collect, ship, transport, import, and display firearms, and for other purposes.
January 17, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.; 1324 Longworth House Office Building

H.R. 1417, National Law Enforcement Museum Exhibits Act

Summary of the Bill

H.R. 1417, introduced by Rep. Don Young (R-AK-All Alaska), amends the National Law Enforcement Museum Act to allow the National Law Enforcement Museum (NLEM) to acquire, possess, collect, ship, transport, import, and display firearms only for use in the NLEM. The NLEM honors and commemorates the dedicated service and sacrifice of law enforcement officers in the United States.

Cosponsors

Rep. Tom McClintock [R-CA-04]

Background

Congress passed the National Law Enforcement Museum Act in 2000 to establish the National Law Enforcement Museum (NLEM). The NLEM was established to honor and commemorate the service and sacrifice of law enforcement officers in the United States.¹

The mission of the museum is to tell the story of American law enforcement by providing visitors a “walk in the shoes” of the law enforcement experience.² The museum will showcase interactive exhibits designed to allow visitors to get a first-hand experience of the life of law enforcement officers. In addition to the physical museum space, the NLEM will have educational programs and experiences to engage schoolchildren and the public.

The museum is located directly across from the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in downtown Washington, D.C. and is set to open in Fall 2018.

¹ Public Law 106-492 <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/PLAW-106pub492/pdf/PLAW-106pub492.pdf>

^{2,3} National Law Enforcement Museum Website retrieved from <https://lawenforcementmuseum.org/>

Under current law, the NLEM is limited in the types of firearms it can acquire, possess, collect, ship, transport, import or display. H.R. 1417 will allow the NLEM to acquire the firearms for display in museum exhibits. Section 5 of H.R. 1417 makes clear that regardless of any other provision of federal law, or any law or any rule or regulations of a State or any political subdivision thereof, the NLEM may acquire, receive, possess, collect, ship, transport, import, and display firearms (as defined in section 921(a)(3) of title 18, United States Code, or section 5845(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) in the fulfilling the purposes of the NLEM.⁴

Supporters of H.R. 1417 believe that the museum experience will be severely impacted without the ability to display firearms in certain exhibits.

Cost

A Congressional Budget Office cost estimate has not yet been completed for this bill.

Administration Position

The Administration's position is currently unknown.

[Effect on Current Law \(Ramseyer\)](#)

⁴ Internal Revenue Code, Title 26 U.S.C §5845 [http://uscode.house.gov/view.xhtml?req=\(title:26%20section:5845%20edition:prelim\)](http://uscode.house.gov/view.xhtml?req=(title:26%20section:5845%20edition:prelim))