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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. JOHNSON introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred  
to the Committee on Armed Services

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## A BILL

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offices.

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 “Armed Forces Self-  
5 Defense Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—It is the policy of the United  
8 States that Department of Defense personnel shall be ap-  
9 propriately armed and have the inherent right to self-de-  
10 fense.

1 (b) DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE POLICY.—It shall be  
2 the policy of the Department of Defense to permit trained  
3 military personnel to carry, open or concealed, certain per-  
4 sonal firearms while on military installations in the United  
5 States.

6 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take effect  
7 not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment  
8 of this Act.

9 **SEC. 3. REPEAL OF PORTIONS OF REGULATIONS AND DI-**  
10 **RECTIVES PROHIBITING SERVICE MEMBERS**  
11 **TRAINED IN THE USE OF FIREARMS FROM**  
12 **CARRYING A PERSONAL FIREARM ON A MILI-**  
13 **TARY INSTALLATION.**

14 (a) TERMINATION OF FORCE AND EFFECT OF CUR-  
15 RENT REGULATIONS AND DIRECTIVES.—Effective not  
16 later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this  
17 Act, the following regulations, directives, and rules shall  
18 have no further force or effect:

19 (1) Section 4.b. of the Department of Defense  
20 Directive Number 5210.56, issued on November 1,  
21 2001, and modified on January 24, 2002, and on  
22 April 1, 2011.

23 (2) Army Regulation 190–14, issued on March  
24 12, 1993.

1 (b) OTHER FIREARM BANS.—Effective not later than  
2 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, any  
3 provision in any other rule, regulation, or Executive order  
4 that prohibits military personnel trained in firearms from  
5 carrying personal firearms on United States military in-  
6 stallations shall have no further force or effect with regard  
7 to such military personnel, and such military personnel  
8 shall not be prohibited from carrying personal firearms on  
9 United States military installations.

10 **SEC. 4. PROCESS BY WHICH SERVICE MEMBERS MAY**  
11 **CARRY A PERSONAL FIREARM ON A MILI-**  
12 **TARY INSTALLATION.**

13 (a) PROCESS REQUIRED.—Not later than 60 days  
14 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
15 of Defense, taking into consideration the views of senior  
16 leadership of military installations in the United States,  
17 shall establish a process by which the commander of a  
18 military installation in the United States may authorize  
19 a member of the Armed Forces who is assigned to duty  
20 at the installation to carry a personal firearm on the in-  
21 stallation if the commander determines it to be necessary  
22 as a personal- or force-protection measure.

23 (b) RELATION TO STATE AND LOCAL LAW.—In es-  
24 tablishing the process under subsection (a) for a military  
25 installation, the commander of the installation shall con-

1 sult with elected officials of the State and local jurisdic-  
2 tions in which the installation is located and take into con-  
3 sideration the law of the State and such jurisdictions re-  
4 garding carrying a personal firearm.

5 (c) MEMBER QUALIFICATIONS.—To be eligible to be  
6 authorized to carry a personal firearm on a military instal-  
7 lation pursuant to the process established under sub-  
8 section (a), a member of the Armed Forces—

9 (1) must complete any training and certification  
10 required by any State in which the installation is lo-  
11 cated that would permit the member to carry in that  
12 State;

13 (2) must not be subject to disciplinary action  
14 under the Uniform Code of Military Justice for any  
15 offense that could result in incarceration or separa-  
16 tion from the Armed Forces; and

17 (3) must not be prohibited from possessing a  
18 firearm because of conviction of a crime of domestic  
19 violence.

20 (d) STATE DEFINED.—In this section, the term  
21 “State” includes the District of Columbia, the Common-  
22 wealth of Puerto Rico, and any territory or possession of  
23 the United States.

24 **SEC. 5. DEFINITIONS.**

25 In this Act:

1           (1) MILITARY INSTALLATION.—The term “mili-  
2           tary installation” means a base, camp, post, station,  
3           yard, center, or other activity, including a reserve  
4           center and a recruitment office, under the jurisdic-  
5           tion of the Secretary of a military department.

6           (2) FIREARM.—The term “firearm” means a  
7           handgun, specifically, a gun designed for use in one  
8           hand such as a pistol or a revolver.

