

116TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 4740

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 18, 2019

Mr. RUSH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “TASER Access, Safe-  
3 ty, and Effectiveness Review and Study Act” or the  
4 “TASERS Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. STUDY ON TASER AND FIREARM SAFETY.**

6 (a) STUDY.—The Consumer Product Safety Commis-  
7 sion, in consultation with the Director of the Bureau of  
8 Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Director  
9 of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and  
10 the Director of the National Institutes of Health, shall  
11 conduct a national study of firearms and tasers to deter-  
12 mine—

13 (1) the number of successful self-defense at-  
14 tempts with each type of weapon;

15 (2) the number of accidental discharges or mis-  
16 fires with each type of weapon;

17 (3) the types of injuries sustained, and their se-  
18 verity with each type of weapon; and

19 (4) the long-term health implications of being  
20 shot by a firearm or electrocuted by a taser.

21 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date  
22 of the enactment of this Act, the Consumer Product Safe-  
23 ty Commission shall submit to the Congress a written re-  
24 port containing the—

25 (1) results of the study; and

1           (2) any conclusions and recommendations of the  
2       Commission.

3 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

4       In this Act:

5           (1) FIREARM.—The term “firearm” has the  
6       meaning given to the term in section 921(a)(3)(A)  
7       of title 18, United States Code.

8           (2) TASER.—The term “taser” means a hand-  
9       held device designed to expel by means of an explo-  
10      sive two electrical contacts (barbs) connected by two  
11      wires attached to a high-voltage source.

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