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# H. R. 705

[Report No. 118-677]

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 1, 2023

Mr. BOST (for himself, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. BERGMAN, Ms. MACE, Mr. ROSENDALE, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. VAN ORDEN, Mr. LUTTRELL, Mr. CISCOMANI, Mr. CRANE, Mr. SELF, Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia, Mr. ELLZEY, Mr. MANN, Mr. BANKS, Mr. RESCHENTHALER, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Ms. DE LA CRUZ, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. GAETZ, Mr. WENSTRUP, Mr. BAIRD, Ms. BOEBERT, Mr. FEENSTRA, Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana, Mr. JACKSON of Texas, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. GUTHRIE, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. CLINE, Mr. LANGWORTHY, Mr. FINSTAD, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. BABIN, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania, Mr. LATURNER, Mr. HUDSON, Mr. WESTERMAN, Mrs. HOUCHIN, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mrs. FISCHBACH, Mr. CARL, Ms. HAGEMAN, Mr. HUIZENGA, and Mr. LAMBORN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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Additional sponsors: Mr. HARRIS, Mr. HUNT, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. TIMMONS, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. MAST, Mr. ZINKE, Mrs. LESKO, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. DONALDS, Mr. FERGUSON, Mr. ROY, Mrs. CAMMACK, Mr. JAMES, Mr. MEUSER, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. POSEY, Mr. MOONEY, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, Mr. YAKYM, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. STEUBE, and Mr. VAN DREW

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Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union  
and ordered to be printed

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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 “Veterans 2nd Amend-  
5 ment Protection Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON SECRETARY OF VETERANS AF-**  
7 **FAIRS TRANSMITTAL OF CERTAIN INFORMA-**  
8 **TION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR**  
9 **USE BY THE NATIONAL INSTANT CRIMINAL**  
10 **BACKGROUND CHECK SYSTEM.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 55 of title 38, United  
12 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 5501A  
13 the following new section:

14 **“§ 5501B. Prohibition on transmittal of certain infor-**  
15 **mation to the Department of Justice for**  
16 **use by the national instant criminal back-**  
17 **ground check system**

18 “The Secretary may not transmit to any entity in the  
19 Department of Justice, for use by the national instant  
20 criminal background check system established under sec-  
21 tion 103 of the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act,  
22 personally identifiable information of a beneficiary, solely  
23 on the basis of a determination by the Secretary to pay  
24 benefits to a fiduciary for the use and benefit of the bene-  
25 ficiary under section 5502 of this title, without the order

1 or finding of a judge, magistrate, or other judicial author-  
2 ity of competent jurisdiction that such beneficiary is a  
3 danger to themselves or others.”.

4 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
5 at the beginning of chapter 55 of such title is amended  
6 by inserting after the item relating to section 5501A the  
7 following new item:

“5501B. Prohibition on transmittal of certain information to the Department  
of Justice for use by the national instant criminal background  
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