

# SB-33

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION BOYS NATION

Mr. Davies of Texas introduced the following bill;

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## A BILL

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*Be it enacted by The American Legion Boys Nation Senate assembled,*

### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Federal Firearm Legislation Act".

PREAMBLE: WHEREAS the United States Constitution provides for "a well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed"; WHEREAS the duty of the United States Government is to uphold and execute the rights provided by the Constitution; WHEREAS every state currently executes one of the fundamental constitutional rights of US Citizens in a different way; WHEREAS it is a duty of Congress to provide for and discipline the militia referred to in the Second Amendment of the Bill of Rights; WHEREAS

it is the power of Congress to create laws necessary to properly execute its duties,

**SECTION 1: The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives ("The Bureau") shall immediately establish a federal licensing and training program to be executed by the individual state governments. The curriculum for this course will be established by The Bureau and The Bureau shall oversee the implementation of this program at the state level, which shall include:**

SUB-SECTION A: An education program, to include firearms maintenance, safe use, legal situations which justify the discharge of a firearm, de-escalation strategies for conflicts, and strategies to keep firearms safe in a home.

SUB-SECTION B: Mandatory time of 10 hours on a shooting range, to ensure that each owner can safely and accurately discharge their weapon and maintain it.

SUB-SECTION C: Education on anger management techniques.

SUB-SECTION D: Education on different types of firearms.

**SECTION 2: In order to keep the right to bear arms accessible to all, the Bureau will develop study guides which will prepare any citizen to pass the written exam. These guides will be made available online and physically through The Bureau. These guides will be accessible at no cost to the prospective owners, and will detail all of the educational program and the anger management course.**

**SECTION 3: The license to carry a firearm of any type will be earned by completion of a written exam, modified for each class of weapon at no cost. The licensing test will end with a specialized portion depending on the firearm. Upon successful completion of the exam, and with appropriate supporting material, The Bureau will issue an official license.**

SUB-SECTION A: Any licensed owner may take the firearm-specific portion of the exam to add an additional firearm qualification to their license, and following the above procedure receive a firearm license with the new qualifications specified on the license.

SUB-SECTION B: If the prospective owner does not pass the exam, they may retake the exam as many times as is necessary to demonstrate qualification.

SUB-SECTION C: Before receiving the license, the prospective owner must pay a reasonable fee, not to exceed the cost of a driver's license in that state, to the state equivalent of The Bureau.

**SECTION 4: As a result of the program being federally mandated and created, the license will apply anywhere in the United States.**

SUB-SECTION A: Any sale of firearms to an unlicensed citizen is henceforth a prosecutable felony, enforceable by any law enforcement officer. This applies to any private sale of firearms.

**SECTION 5: Any current firearm owner will be required to take the test at no cost to themselves. These owners will be issued with a license with all qualifications earned upon completion of the exam with a passing score.**

SUB-SECTION A: Current owners will be required to pass the exam within a year of the passage of this bill. If the exam is not passed, the owners will be subject to current laws covering illegal possession of firearms, as will all future unlicensed owners.

**SECTION 6: This bill shall go into effect on January 1, 2022, or at least ninety-one (91) days after passage.**