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To ensure that certain operations, functions, and services of the Federal Government relating to enforcement of firearms laws and firearm export licensing continue during a lapse in appropriations.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 30, 2025

Mr. RISCH (for himself, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DAINES, Mr. LANKFORD, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. JUSTICE, Mr. SHEEHY, and Mr. RICKETTS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''Firearm Access During Shutdowns Act of 2025''.

SEC. 2. CONTINUATION OF CERTAIN FIREARM-RELATED OPERATIONS DURING GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWNS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The operations, functions, and services described in subsection (b) shall be deemed to relate to an emergency involving the safety of human life or the protection of property for purposes of section 1342 of title 31, United States Code, and the employees carrying out those operations, functions, and services shall be deemed to be excepted employees, as defined in section 1341(c) of that title.

(b) OPERATIONS, FUNCTIONS, AND SERVICES.—The operations, functions, and services described in this subsection are the operations, functions, and services of—

(1) the National Instant Criminal Background Check System of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, including the processing of background checks in support of the operations of the Directorate of Enforcement Programs and Services of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives;

(2) the Directorate of Enforcement Programs and Services of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives;

(3) the Bureau of Industry and Security of the Department of Commerce relating to firearms and

firearm-related products, including activities related to processing of applications for export licenses; and

(4) the Directorate of Defense Trade Controls of the Department of State relating to firearms and firearm-related products, including activities related to processing of applications for export licenses.

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