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# H. R. 426

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 10, 2017

Mr. RATCLIFFE (for himself, Mr. OLSON, Mr. HENSARLING, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. BARLETTA, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. HUIZENGA, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. BYRNE, and Mr. MOOLENAAR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

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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 “Protecting Lives Using  
3 Surplus Equipment Act of 2017”.

4 **SEC. 2. GENERAL PROHIBITION.**

5 No regulation, rule, guidance, recommendation, or  
6 policy issued after May 15, 2015, that limits the sale or  
7 donation of excess property of the Federal Government,  
8 including excess property of the Department of Defense,  
9 to State and local agencies for law enforcement activities  
10 (whether pursuant to section 2576a of title 10, United  
11 States Code, or any other provision of law, or as a condi-  
12 tion on the use of Federal funds) shall have any force or  
13 effect unless enacted into law by Congress.

14 **SEC. 3. LIMITATION ON FEDERAL FUNDS.**

15 No agency or instrumentality of the Federal Govern-  
16 ment may use any Federal funds, fees, or resources to im-  
17 plement such regulation, rule, guidance, recommendation,  
18 or policy.

19 **SEC. 4. RETURN OR REISSUE OF EQUIPMENT RECALLED**  
20 **OR SEIZED.**

21 Any property recalled or seized on or after May 15,  
22 2015, pursuant to a regulation, rule, guidance, rec-  
23 ommendation, or policy described in section 1 shall be re-  
24 turned, replaced, or reissued to the State or local agency  
25 from which it was recalled or seized, at no cost to such

1 agency, as soon as practicable after the date of the enact-  
2 ment of this Act.

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