

To the office of U.S. Senator James E. Risch

Re: SRES 827 (119th Congress), A resolution recognizing the 100th anniversary of the creation of the Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers' Institute, Inc. (SAAMI) and commending its work establishing industry standards that ensure the safe interoperability of firearms and ammunition. · Latest action (2026-07-30): Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
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SAAMI Centennial Recognition Act of 2025

The measure, as described from the official record: To honor the 100-year history of the Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers' Institute and to acknowledge its role in developing voluntary safety standards for firearms and ammunition.

THE PROPOSAL

The Congress finds that the Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers' Institute, Inc. (SAAMI) has, for 100 years, voluntarily developed and maintained safety, interchangeability, and performance standards for the firearms and ammunition industries. This Act formally recognizes SAAMI's centennial and encourages its continued work. Within 30 days of enactment, the Secretary of Commerce shall issue a certificate of recognition to SAAMI, to be displayed at its headquarters. No federal funds are appropriated for this recognition; the certificate shall be produced from existing Department of Commerce supplies. This Act shall expire five years after enactment, at which time Congress may renew recognition by joint resolution. The Comptroller General shall include in its annual report to Congress a one-paragraph summary of SAAMI's ongoing standards activities, at no additional cost. The Secretary of Commerce is authorized to accept voluntary donations of materials for the certificate, but no federal funds shall be used for its production or mailing.

OPERATIVE PROVISIONS (VFA PROPOSAL)

Funding Source	None – no federal funds appropriated; uses existing supplies and voluntary donations
Funding Amount	\$0
Sunset Years	5 years
Oversight Body	Government Accountability Office (Comptroller General)
Enforcement Mechanism	No enforcement needed; the Act is a recognition. If the certificate is not issued within 30 days, any Member of Congress may submit a question to the Secretary of Commerce, and the Secretary shall respond in writing within 15 days.
Effective Date	Upon enactment

CONSTITUTIONAL BASIS

- Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 (general welfare, spending clause – here no spending)

- Amendment X (powers not delegated to the United States are reserved to the States, here the Act does not exercise any federal power beyond expressing recognition)

WHY BOTH SIDES CAN BACK IT (VFA'S ASSESSMENT)

Honors both Democratic priorities of recognizing voluntary safety standards and industry accountability, and Republican priorities of celebrating private-sector initiative and avoiding new federal spending or mandates. No regulatory burden, no new taxes, and no expansion of federal power.

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