

# Hyde-Smith cosponsors gun bills

Second amendment measures would create firearms safety tax credits, drop prohibition-era regulations on short-barreled rifles

**News Release**  
WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-Miss.) is cosponsoring a pair of Second Amendment-related bills to promote firearm safety through tax credits and to remove Prohibition-era regulations on short-barreled rifles. Hyde-Smith on Wednesday joined Senator Roger Marshall (R-Kan.) to introduce the Firearms Safety Act and the Home Defense and Competitive Shooting Act. “Firearms laws can be reformed, just not in any way that threatens our Second Amendment rights,” Hyde-Smith said. “This pair of bills would create incentives for more people to learn firearm safety and also eliminate outdated federal red tape and taxes on some guns. Both are good policy and have my full support.”

The first measure, the Firearms Safety Act, would create a non-refundable tax credit for taking a firearms safety course and/or purchasing a gun safe. The legislation would:

- \* Credit gun owners up to \$100 annually for taking a firearm safety course, concealed carry firearms course, or other training, license, and permit programs taught by a state-certified instructor or issued under the authority of state law.
- \* Credit for gun owners up to \$100 every ten years to apply toward the purchase of a gun safe used for securing their weapons.
- \* Prohibit the Internal Revenue Service from requiring information to be provided to the federal government with respect to the firearm.

The second bill, the Home Defense and Competitive Shooting Act, would remove Prohibition-era regulations placed on short-barreled rifles (SBR) by the National Firearms Act of 1934. SBR are firearms with barrels of less than 16 inches in length. The legislation would:

- \* Eliminate the prohibition on the transportation of SBR in the interstate commerce;
  - \* Preempt state or local laws imposing a tax on SBR; and
  - \* Preempt state or local laws imposing licensing requirements on SBR such as fingerprints and Chief Law Enforcement Officer signatures; and instead classify and regulate SBR under the same restrictions as other semiautomatic rifles.
- The National Rifle Association supports both measures.

# MS Governor Tate Reeves signs “Hudson’s Law” to protect babies from lethal discrimination abortions

Legislation would require doctors to provide accurate info to parents that will empower them to choose life

**News Release**  
Jackson, MS. – The national pro-life group Susan B. Anthony List (SBA List) today celebrated as Mississippi Governor Tate Reeves signed the Down Syndrome Information Act, legislation that would require doctors to provide accurate and up-to-date educational information to parents of children newly diagnosed with Down syndrome. The legislation passed with wide bipartisan support in both legislative chambers.

The bill is commonly known as “Hudson’s Law,” named after Hudson Hartman, a two-year-old Mississippian who has Down syndrome. Last year, Hudson and his mom Mika were key lobbyists for the Life Equality Act, legislation to ban discrimination abortions based on race, sex, disability, or genetic makeup. Governor Reeves signed the Life Equality Act into law last summer.

“We thank Governor Reeves for signing Hudson’s Law and for his strong pro-life leadership in Mississippi,” said SBA List State Policy Director Sue Liebel. “This law goes hand in hand with the Life Equality Act and will serve as an important check to ensure that doctors are empowering parents of children who have Down syndrome with accurate information and resources. Parents deserve to know that



99% of people with Down syndrome live happy and fulfilled lives. No child should be deprived of the right to be born, especially due to a disability – this is no less than modern-day eugenics.

“We are grateful to State Senator Jeremy England and State Representative Jansen Owen for championing this legislation. Their leadership on behalf of Mississippi’s most vulnerable will save lives.”

Polling conducted earlier this year found that 70% of Americans, including 56% of those who identify as pro-choice, 59% of Democrats, and 70% of Independents, oppose abortion based on the expectation that an unborn child may have Down syndrome.

SBA List is a network of 900,000 pro-life Americans nationwide, dedicated to ending abortion by electing national leaders and advocating for laws that save lives, with a special calling to promote pro-life women leaders.

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