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# S. 2978

Relating to State regulation of access to hunting and fishing.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 11, 2004

Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BURNS, Mr. STEVENS and Mr. ENSIGN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

Relating to State regulation of access to hunting and fishing.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. STATE REGULATION OF ACCESS TO HUNTING**  
4       **AND FISHING.**

5       (a) DECLARATION OF POLICY.—Congress hereby de-  
6       clares that—

7               (1) the continued regulation of access to hunt-  
8       ing and fishing by the several States is in the public  
9       interest; and

10              (2) silence on the part of Congress shall not be  
11       construed to impose any commerce clause barrier to

1 the regulation of such activities by the several  
2 States.

3 (b) STATE REGULATION OF ACCESS TO HUNTING  
4 AND FISHING.—The licensing of hunting and fishing, or  
5 of other access thereto, and every person engaged in hunt-  
6 ing or fishing, shall be subject to the laws of the several  
7 States which relate to the regulation of such activities.

8 (c) CONSTRUCTION.—No Act of Congress shall be  
9 construed to invalidate, impair, or supersede any law en-  
10 acted by any State for the purpose of regulating the access  
11 to hunting and fishing unless such Act specifically so  
12 states.

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