The recently enacted federal Target Practice and Marksmanship Training Support Act amends the Pittman-Robertson Act by adjusting current funding limitations so that states have more funds available for shooting range development. Specifically, the bill:

- Authorizes states to charge up to 90 percent, instead of the current 75 percent, of the costs of acquiring land for expanding or constructing a public target range on federal or non-federal land to its allotted Pittman-Robertson funds. In other words, the bill would allow states to move forward on a project with only a 10 percent match as opposed to the current 25 percent requirement. Allows Pittman-Robertson funds allotted to a state to remain available and accrue for 5 fiscal years for use in acquiring land for expanding or constructing a public target range on federal or non-federal land.

- Limits the exposure of federal land management agencies to frivolous lawsuits that may result from the use of federal land for target practice or marksmanship training.

- Encourages federal land management agencies to cooperate with state and local authorities to maintain target ranges on federal land.

In sum, this measure gives states more flexibility to allow for Pittman-Robertson funds to be used for the acquisition and development of public shooting ranges.

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