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# GUN LAW TRENDWATCH

*A roundup and analysis of the latest state firearms legislation.*

## POSITIVE TRENDS

As March begins, legislatures across the country are starting to take action on some of the many bills that have been introduced in 2015. The gun violence prevention bills that have seen the most activity are those that focus on keeping firearms out of the hands of domestic abusers.

In Kentucky, a bill that would protect victims of dating violence and stalking has passed the House of Representatives and is headed to the Senate. An Oklahoma bill that would allow courts to disarm the subject of a domestic violence protective order has passed a House committee. A South Carolina bill that would prohibit domestic violence misdemeanants and the subjects of domestic violence protective orders from possessing firearms has passed a Senate committee.

In addition, Kansas, Maryland, New Mexico, and Nevada have all introduced new domestic violence bills since the last edition of *Trendwatch*.

Another popular gun violence prevention measure, the gun violence protective order, has passed a House committee in Washington State. This measure would allow a family or household member, or law enforcement, to petition a court for an order preventing a dangerous person from acquiring or possessing firearms. Illinois and Kansas are the latest states to introduce these measures, making seven states that have considered or are considering this in 2015.

## ISSUES AND BILLS

### CHILD ACCESS PREVENTION

KS S 222, MO S23, MO S 60, NJ S 516, A 1230, NM H 544, NY S 2491, NY A 5278, OH H 75, PA H 415, SC H 3043, SC H 3053, VA S 1178\*, WA H 1747, WA S 5789

### CONCEALED CARRY (NO PERMIT)

CO S 32, ID H 89, IN H 1144, KS S 45, MN S 684, MS H 1272, MS S 2618, MT D 497, MT H 298, MT H 533, NH H 582, NH S 116, OK H 1264, OK H 1325, OK S 363, PA H 230, SC S 105, SD H 1108, SD H 1116, TN H 535, TN H 684, TN S 780, TN S 784, TX H 195, TX S 342, UT H 260, WV H 2145, WV S 35, WVS 347, WV H 2178

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

AZ S 1269, CT S 56, CT H 5069, CT S 650, HI H 402, HI H 625, HI H 1199, HI S 462, IL H 265, IN H 1295, KS H 2206, KY H 8, MD H 857, MD S 530, MO H 492, MO H 418, MO H 646, NM S 495, NV S 175, NY A 249, NY A 373, NY A 5257, NY S 1413, NY S 1461, NY S 1493, OK H 1329, OR S 525, RI H 5119, SC H 3034, SC S 3, VA H 2045,\* VA H 2085\*, VA S 909\*, VA S 912\*, VA S 943, WA S 5381

### GUN VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDER

IL S 1864, KS H 2206, KS H 2375, MO H 646, NJ A 3370, NY A 4277, VA S 1429\*, WA S 5727, WA H 1857

### PRIVATE SALE BACKGROUND CHECKS

AZ H 2118, AZ HCR 2009, AZ S 1269, AZ H 2601, IA H 77, IL H 1405, IL S 1490, KS S 25, MO H 347, MT D 608, NH H 650, NJ A 1800, NM H 44, NY S 2445, NV IP 2, SC H 3033, TX S 258, TX S 259, VA H 535\*, VA H 812\*, VA H 823\*, H 1604, VA H 1923, VA S 39, VA S 287\*, VA S 520\*, VA S 694\*, VA S 993\*, VA S 1178\*, VA S 768\*, VT S 31

### SAFE STORAGE

CT H 6301, CT H 6302, HI H 1381, HI S 783, MD H 160, NJ A 673, NM H 546, NY A 53, NY A 214, NY S 2291, NY A 5278, NY S 2291, NY S 2491, NY S 3719, PA H 503, VT H 9

*\*Bills defeated in committee.*

## NEGATIVE TRENDS

Gun lobby bills have also started moving in state legislatures. In the last edition of *Trendwatch*, we reported that bills to allow carrying a concealed firearm in public without a permit had already passed the first legislative chamber in two states. Now, bills have passed the first chamber in six states—Colorado, Kansas, Mississippi, Montana, New Hampshire, and South Dakota.

Guns in schools is a top gun lobby priority in 2015. Sixteen states have introduced bills to allow firearms in K–12 schools while fourteen states have introduced bills that would allow guns on university and college campuses. A bill in Wyoming that would allow guns in both K–12 schools and on campuses has passed the House and has passed a committee in the Senate. Bills to allow guns on campus have passed at least the first committee in four states. However, we have also seen a victory in this area with the defeat of a South Dakota guns on campus bill.

## BILLS TO WATCH

The Texas bill reported on in the last edition of *Trendwatch* to allow handguns to be carried openly in public has been passed by a Senate legislative committee. Nevada has introduced a bill that would extend the stand your ground defense to allow individuals to defend their motor vehicles. The bill would also provide standing to the NRA and other membership groups to sue local officials for enforcing local firearms laws.

### ABOUT THE LAW CENTER TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE

Founded in the wake of the July 1, 1993, assault weapon massacre at 101 California Street in San Francisco that left eight dead and six wounded, the Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence is now the premier resource for legal expertise and information regarding state and federal firearms laws. We track and analyze gun laws in all 50 states, file amicus briefs in Second Amendment cases across the country, and work with lawmakers and advocates to craft and promote legislation that will reduce gun violence and save lives. We regularly partner with law firms and nonprofit organizations dedicated to combating the epidemic of gun violence in our country, and we invite you to learn more about our work by visiting our website or connecting with us on social media.