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# GUN LAW TRENDWATCH

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

## POSITIVE TRENDS

May has been a tremendous month for those of us working to prevent gun deaths and injuries in America. **On May 11, Governor Kate Brown signed Oregon's background check bill into law, requiring background checks on unlicensed gun sales in Oregon.** This law closes the most fundamental flaw in federal firearms law, which allows unlicensed sales without a background check. Since Congress has failed to act, it has been left to the states to close this irresponsible gap in the law and we applaud the leaders in Oregon who stood up to the gun lobby to enact this lifesaving measure.

Oregon legislators are also considering Senate Bill 525, which would prohibit the subjects of domestic violence restraining orders, as well as domestic violence misdemeanants, from possessing firearms or ammunition. The bill has passed the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Senate Bill 83 has been introduced in Delaware. The Law Center has been working closely with Americans for Responsible Solutions on this bill, which would provide guidelines for relinquishment of firearms by the subject of a domestic violence restraining order, prohibit a person subject to an *ex parte* protection order from purchasing or possessing a firearm, and broaden the category of people protected by domestic violence restraining orders to cohabitants and substantive dating partners of the past five years.

**Two Florida bills (HB 4005 and SB 176) that would have forced public colleges and universities to allow firearms on campus died when the Florida Legislature adjourned for the year.** These bills were top NRA priorities and their demise prompted NRA lobbyist Marion Hammer to call Florida's 2015 legislative session a "train wreck."

## ISSUES AND BILLS

### CONCEALED CARRY (NO PERMIT)

CO S 32, GA H 543, IN H 1144, KS S 45, ME S 245, MN S 684, MS H 1272, NH H 582, NH S 116, OK H 1264, OK H 1325, OK S 363, PA H 230, SC S 105, SC H 3716, TN H 535, TN H 684, TN S 780, TN S 784, TX H 195, TX S 342

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

AL H 47, CT S 650, H 6848, HI H 402, HI H 625, HI H 1199, HI S 462, IL H 265, IL H 3358, IN H 1295, KS H 2206, KY H 8, ME H 413, MD S 530, MO H 492, MO H 418, MO H 646, NJ S 2786, 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, RI H 5655, RI S 503, RI S 511, RI S 520, RI H 5872, SC H 3034, SC S 3, WA S 5381

### GUN VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDER

IL S 1864, IL H 3160, KS H 2206, KS H 2375, MO H 646, MN H 1361, MN S 1289, NJ A 3370, NY A 4277, TX S 1006, 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, NJ A 1800, NJ S 2785, NY S 2445, SC H 3033, TX S 258, TX S 259, TX 2190, VT S 31, WI LRB 1710

### OTHER BILLS TO WATCH

Open Carry: TX S 17

Preemption: NE L 289

Stand Your Ground: NV S 175

Waiting Period Repeal: WI S 35

## NEGATIVE TRENDS

This month, Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallin signed a bill, HB 2014, that allows a school district to permit school personnel to carry loaded firearms on the grounds of public elementary and secondary schools if they obtain a reserve officer certification.

Michigan Governor Rick Snyder signed several bills into law that do away with regulation of air guns, including a law that prohibited children under the age of 18 from purchasing air guns.

The North Carolina bill, HB 562, that includes provisions to repeal the requirement to obtain a permit prior to purchasing a handgun, restrict health care provider communication with patients regarding firearms and allow stalking misdemeanants to obtain a CCW permit after three years, continues to be the subject of much debate. The bill is in the Rules Committee and the NRA states that it is committed to passing this legislation. The Law Center is providing support to state activists as well as other national groups to defeat this dangerous legislation.

## BILLS TO WATCH

The gun lobby is eager to move several dangerous bills in Ohio. These bills would allow concealed carry without a permit (HB 152), allow guns in vehicles on K-12 school grounds (HB 20), expand the places where concealed firearms may be carried, including in houses of worship and state buildings, and allow colleges and universities to permit firearms on campus (HB 48).

**To see the status of other gun bills moving in state legislatures, as well as maps on the trending issues in state gun bills, check out [smartgunlaws.org/trendwatch](https://smartgunlaws.org/trendwatch).**

## 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.