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GUN LAW TRENDWATCH

A roundup and analysis of the latest state firearms legislation.

POSITIVE TRENDS

A domestic violence bill in Connecticut, HB 5054, passed the house last week and now heads to the senate. The measure would prohibit a person subject to an ex parte domestic violence protective order from being able to obtain a concealed carry permit or firearm or ammunition eligibility certificate. The bill would also repeal a provision requiring a person subject to a protective order to transfer his or her firearms only to an FFL and allow a transfer to the Commissioner of Emergency Services or local police. The subject of the order would be required to complete the transfer within 24 hours of receiving notice of the order.

In Hawaii, HB 625 has been sent to the desk of Governor David Ige. If signed, the bill will add stalking misdemeanants and sexual abusers to the list of persons prohibited from possessing firearms.

Last week, California Lt. Governor Gavin Newsom announced that approximately 600,000 Californians have signed petitions in support of the Safety For All Act, more than the 365,000 signatures required to qualify for the November ballot. If approved by voters, the initiative, co-authored by the Law Center, will prohibit possession of large-capacity ammunition magazines, require background checks for ammunition sales, provide a firearms relinquishment process for convicted criminals, require reporting of lost or stolen guns, and mandate that records are shared with the FBI for background checks.

ISSUES AND BILLS

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

AZ S 1128, CT H 5054, FL H 101, FL H 925, FL H 1167, FL S 1410, FL S 1476, GA S 250, GA S 257, GA S 260, HI H 402, HI H 625, HI S 462, KS H 2206, NJ S 2786, NY A 249, NY A 373, NY A 5257, NY S 1461, NY S 1493, OH H 392, OK H 1329, SC H 3034, VA H 658, VA 934, VA H 1106, VA S 49, VA S 96, VA S 323, VA S 546, VT H 567, WI A 473, WI S 351

GUNS ON CAMPUS

AL H 12, AZ H 2072, FL H 4001, FL S 68, GA H 544, GA H 859, IN H 1055, KY H 221, MI H 5200, MO H 1899, MO H 1910, MO S 589, NH H 1314, OH H 48, OK H 1143, OK H 1265, OK H 2266, OK S 100, OK S 461, OK S 557, OK S 718, SC S 88, TN H 320, TN H 535, TN S 780, VA H 79, VA H 761, WI A 480, WI S 363, WI H 2446

GUN VIOLENCE PROTECTIVE ORDER

IL H 3160, IL S 1864, KS H 2206, KS H 2375, MI H 4942, MN H 1361, MN S 1289, MO H 1595, NJ A 3370, NY A 4277, NY A 7038, NY S 4389, NY S 6065, PA H 1030, VA H 1025, WA H 1857, WA H 2461, WA S 5727, WA S 6352, WI A 395, WI S 299

PRIVATE SALE BACKGROUND CHECKS

AZ H 2091, AZ HCR 2007, FL S 370, IA H 77, IL H 1405, S 1490, KS S 25, MI H 4590, S 478, MO H 1596, NJ S 804, NM H 51, NY S 2445, OH H 78, PA H 1010, PA S 777, PA S 1049, SC H 3033, VA H 482, VA H 599, VA H 632, VA H 980, VA H 1000, VA S 187, VA S 220, VT H 250, VT S 31, WI A 247, WI S 159

NEGATIVE TRENDS

Earlier this month, Mississippi governor Phil Bryant signed HB 786 into law. The new measure expands the law enacted in Mississippi last year (allowing permitless carry in a fully enclosed case, purse, or bag) to include carrying concealed weapons on the person without a permit. Mississippi is the ninth state to allow concealed carry without a permit. The bill also allows houses of worship to designate members of the congregation to complete firearms training and carry firearms during services to protect the congregation.

Tennessee SB 2376 was sent to the governor last week. If enacted, the bill will allow full-time employees with concealed carry permits to carry concealed firearms on the property of a state college or university.

Georgia HB 859 is still awaiting signature by Governor Deal. The bill would allow guns on university and college campuses. The bill has generated an outpouring of opposition from college students, faculty and others. Large majorities of students at University of Georgia at Athens and Georgia Tech oppose the bill. Hundreds of faculty members have registered their opposition to the bill as has the University of Georgia system's chancellor.

Two Oklahoma bills, HJR 1009 and HB 3098, have passed both chambers and are in conference committees. HJR 1009 proposes a ballot measure to amend the state constitution to require courts to use strict scrutiny, the highest judicial standard, when reviewing a firearms law. HB 3098 would allow permitless carry. Oklahoma's governor vetoed a similar measure last year.

Last week, Missouri bill HB 1468, which would allow permitless concealed carry, passed the house. In New Hampshire, permitless concealed carry bill HB 582 passed the house earlier this year and has recently been moving through senate committees.

BILLS TO WATCH

Arizona SB 1257, which has passed both chambers, is now in the senate for concurrence and will likely be sent to the governor. The bill would allow concealed carry permit holders to carry firearms into public buildings and at public events except those that have security personnel and electronic screening devices at every entrance. The measure would not apply to K-12 schools, colleges or universities.

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.