

6.20.16 GUN LAW TRENDWATCH

A roundup and analysis of the latest state firearms legislation.

POSITIVE TRENDS

The past week has been both tragic and inspiring. **While Americans reeled from the devastation of the deadliest mass shooting in American history, at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando, something completely unexpected happened in Congress.** Instead of settling for the status quo, Senator Chris Murphy refused to allow business to continue as usual without a vote on important gun violence prevention measures. That vote will take place this week.

Fortunately, state legislators have also been standing up and demanding change. Connecticut's governor recently signed HB 5054, which prohibits issuance of concealed carry permits and firearms certificates to those subject to ex parte domestic violence protective orders and requires them to surrender their firearms.

In California, numerous gun violence prevention measures have been speeding through the legislature. One such bill would create and fund the California Center for Firearm Violence Research.

In Delaware, a bill that would close the loophole that allowed the Charleston shooter to buy a gun even though his background check was incomplete is expected to be heard on the senate floor this week. Meanwhile, in New Jersey, senators have announced a plan to override the governor's veto of a domestic violence bill.

These successes exemplify the ways state legislators courageously stand up to the gun lobby year after year.

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

In Pennsylvania, the gun lobby has been pushing a bill that would change the background check system so that, instead of relying on both state databases and the NICS system for background checks, the state would be forced to rely on the NICS system only. The bill would weaken the state's ability to keep guns out of dangerous hands and, fortunately, advocates have managed to stop the momentum of the bill thus far.

In Missouri, a bill that would allow concealed weapons to be carried in public without a permit, and allow the use of deadly force without the duty to retreat, sits on the governor's desk. Last week, the Kansas City mayor, police chief, and other officials sent a letter to the governor urging him to veto the bill. **In the letter, the officials predict that, if enacted, the measure will “put our citizens in danger and invite more gun violence onto our streets.”** The governor has until mid-July to decide whether to veto this dangerous piece of legislation.

BILLS TO WATCH

An Illinois bill, HB 1016, is likely to be heard on the house floor before the end of this month. The bill would require firearms dealers in Illinois to obtain a license and follow criteria that will help keep guns from being trafficked into the criminal market. Chicago seizes more guns at crime scenes than New York or Los Angeles combined, and data shows that just four Illinois dealers located outside of Chicago supplied nearly 20 percent of the guns recovered at the city's crime scenes. **This bill is crucial to stem the flow of trafficked guns into the city from corrupt Illinois dealers.** Eighty-five percent of Illinois voters support requiring dealers to obtain a state license.

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.