

**Firearms Owners Against Crime – [www.foacpac.org](http://www.foacpac.org)**  
**2017-18 Anti-Gun Legislation-PA House & Senate**



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*Legislation Source: <http://www.legis.state.pa.us/>*

**Item #1 Analysis Below:**

**Assault Weapon & High Capacity Magazine Ban – [HB194](#) / [SB17](#)**

[HB194](#) (Rep. Cruz) [SB17](#) (Sen. Fontana) This legislation bans a broad cross-section of gas operated firearms. This ban includes ALL legally owned and registered machine guns and a specific list of semi-automatic firearms along with a catch all category that only requires two different cosmetic features on a semi-auto. This legislation also bans *ALL firearm magazines* capable of holding more than 10 rounds.

**Item #2 Analysis Below:**

**Ending Private Sales of Rifles & Shotguns [HB1400](#) / [SB209](#)**

[HB1400](#) (Rep. Santora) [SB209](#) (Sen. Hughes) This bill requires a background check for 'all' firearms sales or transfers in Pennsylvania. *This would end the private transfer of all rifles and shotguns.*

[HB1400](#) is deceptive in providing a supposed benefit of allowing a second purchase of a firearm if previously approved within 72 hours.

**Pennsylvania law has mandated the completion of a Record of Sale for all handgun sales in PA since 1931.** The vast majority of violent crime utilizing a firearm occurs with handguns despite this background check process. The number of homicides in PA in 2014 (FBI/UCR) were 22 with rifles and shotguns combined. In the same time period there were 63 homicides with knives or edged weapons.

**Item #3 Analysis Below:**

**Mandatory Background Checks (w/Fees) for Ammunition [HB1115](#)**

[HB1115](#) (Rep. Sims) This legislation bans the private sale of ammunition and reloading components unless a background check is conducted in a face-to-face transaction at a dealer. Background check fees apply to each transaction. This legislation institutes a ban on ALL mail order/internet sales of ammunition.

**Item #4 Analysis Below:**

**Register & Tax ALL Firearms & Fingerprint Owners [HB610](#)**

[HB610](#) (Rep. Cruz) This bill would mandate that ALL firearms must be registered and taxed annually (\$10) with the PA State Police. In addition, ALL gun owners must be fingerprinted 'and' report any firearms theft within 48 hours. It also ignores the lawful carrying of firearms where it mandates the disassembly of all firearms 'except' when under the owners control ONLY at the residence or business or used recreationally (section 5, #3 – Page 7). Criminal penalties are involved for failure to follow this law.

**Item #5 Analysis Below:**

**Lost or Stolen Firearms / Mandatory Reporting [HB832](#)**

[HB832](#) (Rep. Dean) This legislation requires the reporting of any lost or stolen firearm to law enforcement within 72 hours. It is the duty of the firearm owner to provide information on the firearm 'without limit' to police. Criminal punishment for failure to report a lost or stolen firearm is provided.

**Item #6 Analysis Below:**

**Licensing Firearms & Mandatory Training – [HB680](#) / [SB1029](#)**

[HB680](#) (Rep. Cruz) [SB1029](#) (Sen. Haywood) This legislation would turn the Constitution into a privilege from a right by creating a separate and onerous licensing procedure *just to purchase and possess* a firearm. This licensing procedure would be required to be in place **prior to being able to apply for a license to carry** firearms for self-defense and would cost \$50 plus background check fees / a 5-year term with mandatory renewal of this license to possess firearms.

This legislation requires proof of firearms training from a certified instructor or course to be issued this license. States with mandatory training requirements experience ‘no’ benefits from government mandated training ‘and’ have a worse safety record than Pennsylvania.

This bill would also put in place mandatory registration of firearms with mandatory surrender of firearms after license revocation with criminal penalties for non-compliance.

**Item #7 Analysis Below:**

**Bans Semi-Auto Long Guns to 18-20 – [HB2120](#) / [HB2170](#)**

This legislation prevents law-abiding adults aged 18-20 years old from acquiring rifles and shotguns effectively prohibiting them from purchasing any firearm, thus depriving them of their constitutional right to self-protection. These individuals can fight for our nation, enter into contracts and vote. Research has shown increases in federal and state minimum age requirements were tied to increases in murder rates and no effect on other crime rates.

Further, refusing to sell rifles and shotguns to individuals aged 18 to 21, would be in violation of Pennsylvania’s Human Relations Act and Pennsylvania’s Constitution. First and foremost, Article 1, Section 1 – **Inherent rights of mankind** – provides: All men are born equally free and independent, and have certain inherent and inalienable rights, among which are those of enjoying and *defending life and liberty, of acquiring, possessing and protecting property* and reputation, and of pursuing their own happiness.

**Item #8 Analysis Below:**

**No Fly List Gun Ban – [HB528](#) / [SB119](#)**

[HB528](#) (Rep. Warren) [SB119](#) (Sen. Sabatina) No Fly Lists are rife with many cases of mistaken identity without any ties to terrorism. The Pulse Nightclub killer was on the FBI list and yet was approved by the FBI to purchase firearms legally. Government keeps the size and content of the lists secret and won’t reveal who’s on them.

It is nearly impossible for anyone without political connections to get off the no-fly lists. The ACLU has argued that the **FBI’s no-fly list violates constitutional due process safeguards** because the government does not provide individuals the reasons for their placement on the list, the basis for the decision, or an appeal process in a court of law.

**\*\*We respectfully ask you** to challenge legislators who support/co-sponsor any of this legislation by asking them to justify their support of this legislation and renounce that support. Please ask for their positions in writing and share with us their responses so we can add this information to their record on our Right to Bear Arms and Constitutional Freedoms.

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**Legislation  
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