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2019-20 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 – [HB307](#) / [HB1162](#) / [SB292](#)

[HB307](#) (Rep. Gainey), [HB1162](#) (Rep. Schweyer) [SB292](#) (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 high capacity firearm magazines*.

Item #2 Analysis Below:

Ending Private Sales of Rifles & Shotguns [HB159](#) / [HB673](#) / [SB88](#)

[HB159](#) (Rep. Quinn) / [HB673](#) (Rep. Warren) / [SB88](#) (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.*

[HB159](#) 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 firearms crime utilizes handguns despite this background check process. The number of homicides in PA in 2017 (FBI/UCR) were 11 with rifles and 8 with shotguns and is nearly half as many since 2014. In 2017 there were 63 homicides by edged weapons and 32 by Fists or Feet.

Item #3 Analysis Below:

Mandatory Background Checks for Ammunition [HB738](#)

[HB738](#) (Rep. Kirkland) This legislation bans the private sale of ammunition unless a background check is conducted in a face-to-face transaction at a dealer.

Item #4 Analysis Below:

Register & Tax ALL Firearms & Fingerprint Owners [HB768](#)

[HB768](#) (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 [SB483](#)

[SB483](#) (Sen. Tartaglione) This legislation requires the reporting of any lost or stolen firearm to law enforcement within 24 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.

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Item #6 Analysis Below:

Licensing Firearms & Mandatory Training – [HB467](#) / [SB344](#)

[HB467](#) (Rep. Cruz) [SB344](#) (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:

Extreme Risk Protection Orders [HB1028](#) / [HB1075](#) / [SB90](#) / [SB293](#)

These Gun Confiscation Orders would allow police or angry relatives or past dating partners or even people that you have consanguinity with to convene a secret star-chamber proceeding, otherwise known as an ‘Ex Parte’ hearing, meaning they are issued without your knowledge. You DON’T get a chance to defend yourself until 10 days AFTER the firearms are seized, if then! You WILL lose your Licenses To Carry Firearms, Hunt, etc.! **These orders allow UNLIMITED extensions.**

These are technically known as Extreme Risk Protection Orders ‘or’ Gun Violence Restraining Orders but *the most accurate description is Gun Confiscation Orders*. Anti-gun groups are disguising their insidious intent by sugar-coating them as "red-flag laws" or "extreme violence protective orders." But just as "assault weapon" was a fraudulent term intended to polarize public opinion, we have to call this anti-gun legislation for what it is: GUN CONFISCATION ORDERS.

Item #8 Analysis Below:

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

[HB528](#) (Rep. Warren) [SB119](#) (Sen. Hughes) 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 their responses with us so we can add this information to their record on our Right to Bear Arms and Constitutional Freedoms.

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Legislation to Oppose

**PA House

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