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## **September 2014 Legislative Report**

### **Special Note for Sportsmen/Women:**

- **End of this monthly report contains key contact information you can use to contact your U.S. Congressman and Senators, state Senators and Assemblyman, Dutchess County legislators and New York groups who support our Second Amendment Right.**
- **Mr. Bill Conners of the Dutchess County Federation of Fish and Game Clubs, author of the “Outdoor Journal”, offers to club members who own their own business the opportunity to purchase a “Business Advertisement” for \$50 in the “Journal” by contacting him at 845-635-1606 or [conners@billconners.net](mailto:conners@billconners.net). The Journal publication reaches many areas through its distribution of 3500 papers.**
- **For Dutchess County Federation of Fish & Game Clubs’ Monthly Report go to: [www.dutchessfishandgame.org](http://www.dutchessfishandgame.org).**
- **New York Outdoor News: Keep up to date with information for New York State sportsmen/women. Yearly subscription.**  
**[www.outdoornews.com/newyork](http://www.outdoornews.com/newyork) 1-800-535-5191**
- **Important site regarding the New York SAFE Act:**  
**[www.governor.ny.gov/nysafeact/gun-reform](http://www.governor.ny.gov/nysafeact/gun-reform).**
- **Important site regarding the New York State Police Field Guide to the NYS SAFE Act:**  
**[www.nypdcea.org/pdfs/nysp\\_safe\\_act\\_field\\_guide](http://www.nypdcea.org/pdfs/nysp_safe_act_field_guide)**

## **Legislative information:**

- **Bills are tracked when Legislature is in session from January through June of each year.** “What to expect in the second year of the two-year session. New York state legislators are elected to a two-year term. On the first day of the 2014 session, most of the 2013 bills which remain active at the end of the year will automatically be carried into the 2014 session, with some exceptions: bills not carried over will include (but are not limited to) those that were chaptered, vetoed, had the enacting clause stricken, or the sponsor is no longer in the Legislature. A bill will retain its bill number assigned to it in the first year of the two-year session. If a bill only passed its own house last year, it must repass that house again in 2014, before it can advance to the other house. In general, all active bills will be referred to the original committee, with the exception of Assembly bills which passed only the Assembly last year; these bills will be reported to the Assembly’s third reading calendar\*. \*Exception: if an Assembly bill had a “Home Rule Request”, that bill will be recommitted, even if it passed the assembly.”(Legislative Rules)
- **New York State Rifle & Pistol Organization’s Legislative Report site** contains bills you should be acquainted with; [www.NYSRPA.org](http://www.NYSRPA.org)....then scroll down to their “Legislative Report”.
  - **Very important site: New York State Conservation Council. Look up bills and how members of your Council voted!**  
**(WWW.NYSCC.com)**

## **Key Impact Bills:**

- **A6534/S4498**-Would allow clubs and preserves to sell ammunition without the restrictions of the SAFE Act. Bill is still in Codes; in other words it has gone to committee for discussion.
- **A06466A/S00090A**-Eliminates the requirement for hunters to wear back tags during hunting season in the state. Currently only the southern zone is required to wear back tags, except the Catskills;

- the northern zone no longer wears back tags. Currently up for debate in Environmental Conservation.
- **A08790/S06589-Relates to any department of environmental conservation management plan regarding mute swans. Passed Assembly & delivered to Senate and referred to Environmental Conservation.**
  - **A08857/S06667-Imposes a moratorium on any plan or proposed plan of the Department of Environmental Conservation to designate the mute swan as a prohibited invasive species or eliminate the mute swan from New York State. Referred to Environmental Conservation.**
  - **A07994-Relates to the Common Core State standards initiative. Note: This bill needs to be repealed; the “Common Core” has re-written the Second Amendment of our Constitution with a negative twist. Currently referred to education.**
  - **A03244A/S68A- Requires semiautomatic pistols manufactured or delivered to any licensed dealer in this state to be capable of micro-stamping ammunition; establishes fines for violations of this requirement and provides for an affirmative defense if the dealer had a certification from the manufacturer. Ordered to third reading rules CAL .58**
  - **A04971A/S1946A- Amends the definition of all-terrain vehicles to include certain vehicles of up to 70 inches long and 1500 pounds which consists of a side-by-side passenger configuration for up to three passengers and which include certain safety features. Passed the Senate and delivered to Assembly –approved by the Assembly transportation and codes committee-referred to ways and means committee.**
  - **A3941A- Enacts the children’s weapon accident prevention act; creates crimes of failure to store a weapon safely in the first and second degrees, aggravated failure to store a weapon safely, incredibly negligent storage of a weapon in the first and second degrees; provides affirmative defenses; directs the Commissioner of Education to develop a weapon safety program. Ordered to third reading rules CAL .60**

## **Federal Concerns:**

**According to FixThis Nation.com:** “Three better approaches to mass shootings: instead of stomping all over the Second Amendment with a steel toed boot, why can’t lawmakers approach the problem from an innovative and imaginative angle?”

1-“Follow the existing laws: there already exist tough, prudent gun-control measures on both the state and federal levels in almost every area of the country. The problem with many of these mass shootings is not that there weren’t any laws to protect the innocent but that no one bothered to follow through. Due process is a concept vital to our criminal justice system, though, and gun seizure laws are anti-ethical to that conception.”

2-“New template for the media: There should be a dialogue in this country not about the availability of guns, but about the irresponsible manner in which NBC, CBS, ABC, and all the rest glorified these spree killers for weeks and months after an incident. If you don’t think this high level celebrity appeals to would be murderers, you’re crazy. You only need to look at Elliott Roger’s YouTube videos to see the attention craving behind the madness.”

3-“A comprehensive approach to mental health: Almost every mass killing is done by someone with prior evidence of mental health decay. Is it possible that a better approach to getting these people the help they need could have prevented their violent outbursts and save lives? Is it possible that these killers, in the absence of their own legal firearms, my turn to bombs, poisons, illegal guns, and other weapon tree to carry out their plans? Contrary to what the left believes, guns are not the only way to do serious violence.”

## **State Concerns:**

## **VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

The President of S.C.O.P.E., Mr. Stephen J. Aldstadt, presents the following article whose message is paramount to correcting the injustice regarding our Second Amendment Rights as guaranteed by our Constitution:

**“This is about more than guns. This is about our basic fundamental rights, rights recognized by the United States Constitution, by the New York Civil Rights Law, by federal healthcare privacy laws. This is about more than the Second Amendment. This is about the Fourth Amendment, the Fifth Amendment, the Sixth Amendment, the Ninth Amendment, and the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment. This is about the fundamental relationship between the government and the people. Are we in New York State under the power of an unlimited government, or will New York be a state governed by the will of the people?”**

**“This happened on our watch. We let this happen. The NY SAFE Act was pushed through in the middle of the night, but this was a long time coming, and we didn’t get here overnight. New Yorkers have rated dead last in voter participation in recent years. Too many of us have not bothered to vote. Too many of us have used the tired old excuse, “My vote doesn’t count.” Well the vote that is not cast is the vote that doesn’t count. That is why we are in the situation we are in now.”**

**“Not only is New York rated dead last in voter participation, but also in both personal and financial freedom in all the states of the union. That is no coincidence. No other state restricts you, taxes you, regulates you, and criminalizes the honest, hard-working citizens so much as New York State. It is no wonder that New York has more people moving out than any other state. Then those of us left behind are left with the ever-increasing tax burden of an out-of-control government.”**

**“We let this happen, and it is up to us to do something about it. No one is going to do it for us. Each and every one of us needs to take personal responsibility. We need to be registered. We need to vote. We need to make sure our friends, and family and coworkers vote. We need to stop waiting for others to make things right for us.”**

**“We are not a minority. It is time that we stop thinking like one. There are more legal gun owners in the state than there are people who vote in the typical election. At least most of us were legal before the passage of this ridiculous law. A legal gun owner is the definition of an eligible voter; at least 18 years old, not convicted of a felony, and not legally determined to be mentally defective. Every single legal gun owner has the right and the duty to vote in the statewide election.”**

**“November 4 will determine the future. It will determine the direction of our state for years to come. It will determine the very nature**

of our citizenship. Will we be subject to the whim of an all-powerful governor, who can decide what rights he will allow us to keep? Will we have to justify or prove to have a need to exercise our right without government interference? And what rights will go next, our right to free speech, our right to assemble; will there be any right of privacy left at all? Already we are seeing our right to Keep and Bear Arms in our religious freedom under attack. What will be next?"

"New York State is Ground Zero in the struggle for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms, and the fight for individual liberty in America today. What happens in New York will affect the entire nation. If we can make a change here, if we can throw out the politicians who stake their careers on passing the most restrictive gun laws ever enacted, then we will send shockwaves across the entire country. We will have struck a blow for freedom that will resound from sea to sea."

According to the Utica Observer Dispatch: "When Remington Outdoor Company-Remington Arms Parent Company – announced in May that it was consolidating multiple plants into an Alabama facility, some local residents were concerned that Ilion's workers could face layoffs. Those fears were realized (recently), when 105 people were informed they'll no longer be employed by the company.....(this)reduction in force is a result of this strategic business decision and a softening market, Remington Outdoor Company's director of public affairs, wrote in an email, echoing his May sentiments..... The layoffs will place more stress on an already depressed economy in Ilion (according to a local business woman stated).... (She further stated) With the new gun regulations, we all thought they would have an impact on Remington even if Gov. Andrew Cuomo said they wouldn't. I wonder how the governor feels now. (She further stated) the village doesn't have many employed people, a question where the laid-off workers would find alternate employment.... (Another business person stated) this is probably going to put a lot of people out on the street and cause a major upset for the community..... Even with the loss of more than 100 employees, Remington Arms, with more than 1000 workers, is the largest employer in Herkimer County. But the company's February consolidation – including the removal of the Bushmaster and R1 lines from the Ilion location – has some worried about its future in Ilion..... U.S. Representative Richard Hanna, blame what he

calls the terribly flawed SAFE Act for Remington's Alabama expansion." (further stating). "This is a loss of real, good paying jobs in our community and it is a travesty" .....

NYSRPA Reports: "Gov. Andrew Cuomo dismissed criticism that Remington Arms, Mohawk Valley gun maker, has laid-off workers in New York because of the state's gun-control laws, saying the company is consolidating operations in Alabama from all around the country.".....(The article further explains)... "The company has been critical of New York's SAFE Act, the gun-control law championed by Cuomo in January 2013.... (But) Cuomo said the company isn't making decision based on politics."

NYSRPA Reports: " Republican gubernatorial candidate and current Westchester County Executive Rob Asterino touted his job's plan outside the battle-worn Remington Arms in Ilion..... Asterino, flanked by local Republicans, stated that one of the first things he do if elected is signed an executive order prohibiting any new business regulations until the 750,000 he says are currently on the books are closely examined..... I would sit down with the people of Remington, the union members, the workers, and the owners and say please give us a little time. As soon as I get in there, we're going to change things. We want you to stay in New York. We don't want you to go to Alabama."

## Legislative Resources:

### County Legislature:

[www.co.dutchess.ny.us/CountyGov/Departments/Legislature/CLlegislators.htm](http://www.co.dutchess.ny.us/CountyGov/Departments/Legislature/CLlegislators.htm)

New York Senator Greg Ball — 40<sup>th</sup> District- [GBall@NYSenate.gov](mailto:GBall@NYSenate.gov)

Lalor, Kieran Michael-Assembly-105 District-[Lalork@assembly.state.ny.us](mailto:Lalork@assembly.state.ny.us)

US Congressman Chris Gibson – 19<sup>th</sup> District –[Gibson.house.gov](http://Gibson.house.gov)

Barrett, Didi-Assembly – 106 District-[Barrett D@assembly.state.ny.us](mailto:Barrett D@assembly.state.ny.us)

New York Senator Terry Gipson – 41<sup>st</sup> District-[Gipson@NYSenate.gov](mailto:Gipson@NYSenate.gov)

**US Congressman Sean Patrick Mahoney-18<sup>th</sup>. District-**  
Seanmaloney.house.gov

**US Senator Kirsten Gillibrand**-www.gillibrand.senate.gov/contact/

**US Senator Charles Schumer**-www.schumer.senate.gov/contactchuck.cfm

**Governor A. Cuomo**-www.governor.ny.gov

**Tracking State Bill:** www.assembly.state.ny.us

www.opencongress.org

**Note: public.leginfo.state.ny.us contains Bill text and sponser memorandums; NYS laws also.**

**[www.dos.ny.gov/info/register.htm](http://www.dos.ny.gov/info/register.htm)-NYS Register lists notices of proposed regulations.**

**Important Phone Numbers:**

**Governor (518) 474-8390**

**NYS Senate (518) 455-2800**

**NYS Assembly (518) 455-4100**

**White House Opinion Line (202) 456-1111**

**Congress (202) 225-3121**

**Senate (202) 224-3121**

**New York State Support Groups:**

**Shooters Committee on Political Action (SCOPE):** [www.scopeny.org](http://www.scopeny.org)

**Dutchess County Chapter:** Chairman-Dave Warshaw-dwars92711@aol.com

**SCOPE Legislative Reports are available at this website.**

**SCOPE INC, Attention Legal Defense Fund Project (For donations)**

**P.O. Box 12711**

**Rochester,NY 14612**

**Gun Owner's Political Action Committee of Dutchess (GO-PAC):** This is a NY Board of Elections registered Pac raising funds to support LOCAL politicians who are friendly to our cause of firearms civil rights. **[www.go-pacdutchess.org](http://www.go-pacdutchess.org)**

**New York State Rifle & Pistol Association (NRA affiliate): [www.nysrpa.org](http://www.nysrpa.org)**  
**Note: NYSR&PA Legislative Reports are available at this website.**

**New York Firearms: [www.nyfirearms.com](http://www.nyfirearms.com)**

**Very important site: New York State Conservation Council!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

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