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## **October 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 the Washington Post: “36 hours after the Obama administration banned the importation of the classic brand of AK-47 assault rifles as part of sanctions against Russia.....workers at Olympic Firearms ....had shipped hundreds of Russian AK-47’s – an assault rifle prized by both consumers and despots- as buyers wiped out gun dealers’ inventories around the country.... The AK 47 buying frenzy presents yet another example of the paradoxical consequence of trying to limit gun sales: booming demand..... For gun dealers, the threat of increased regulations is frequently seen as a form of economic stimulus.”**

**According to Gun Owners of America: “There is an excellent concealed carry reciprocity bill introduced by Congressman Marlin Stutzman from Indiana. It’s H. R. 578 and called the Respecting States’ Rights and Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act. What makes this an excellent bill is that it works for gun owners in those states that don’t require law-abiding gun owners to get permits in order to carry concealed. Current laws actually punish gun owners from the most freedom loving states. It’s outrageous. Passage of H. R. 578 would allow gun owners from constitutional carry states like Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Vermont, Wyoming, or most of Montana – states that don’t require their citizens to get concealed carry licenses – to finally be able to carry concealed when they’re out of state.”**

- **According to Gun Owners of America: “Democrat Representative Carolyn Maloney of New York attacked Gun Owners of America in July. Not only that, she called for Capitol Hill law enforcement to investigate GOA Executive Director Larry Pratt for saying that the Second Amendment is “for restraining tyrannical tendencies in government.... Especially those in the liberal, tyrannical end of the spectrum.” “In turn, Author David Codrea of the Gun Rights Examiner blasted Maloney for her ignorance of the Constitution and for spurning our founding documents. He even went so far as to say that it Maloney is going to investigate Pratt, then she’d better start investigating other gun owners, too. “Remember the I’m Spartacus scene from the Kubrick movie?” Asked Codrea. “In this case, I’m Larry Pratt.” “If the Capital Police are going to investigate him, they’re going to have to investigate me, too,**

- because I agree with everything he said about the Second Amendment being a last resort protection against tyranny,” Codrea said.” In the span of just a couple of days, thousands upon thousands of gun owners joined Codrea in saying “I’m Larry Pratt”, and they called on Maloney to stop playing partisan politics.”GOA further reports: “While the Capitol Hill police spurned Representative Maloney’s call for investigating GOA, that did not preclude us from issuing a couple of blistering responses to Maloney – all in an effort to help educate her and other politicians on our founding documents. GOA pointed out that the Founding Fathers believed – in what they printed in the Federalist Papers – is that the freedoms which are protected by the Second Amendment are the final guarantee against a tyrannical government:”
- “If the representatives of the people betray their constituents, there is then no recourse left but in the exertion of that original right of self-defense a which is paramount to all positive forms of government, and which against the usurpations of the national rulers may be exerted……. But-Alexander Hamilton, Federalist No. 28.”
  - “[The Constitution preserves] the advantage of being armed which Americans possess over the people of almost every other nation [where] the governments are afraid to trust the people with arms.”- James Madison, Federalist No.46.”
- “Gun owners know that there are many other similar type comments that were made by our Founding Fathers- from Thomas Jefferson to George Mason to Patrick Henry. Apparently, Mrs. Maloney must’ve skipped that civics class during high school.”

According to GOA: “ Gun owners scored a huge victory over the Obama administration this summer. As you will recall, GOA rallied gun owners all over the country in opposition to Operation Choke Point – a dangerous program that, if left unchecked, could have dried up the supply of firearms sold in stores. Well, the results of GOA members’activism have been impressive. Faced with a devastating barrage from the Second Amendment community, the Obama administration staged a hasty retreat on its plan to shut off credit for gun stores through Operation Choke Point.”

**GOA reports:** “ GOA lasted a recent attempt by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) to expand its multiple sales reporting requirements – which would have required the reporting of most rifle sales went ever any FFL sold more than one firearm to anyone within a five day period. In official comments submitted to the Bureau, GOA charged the ATF with attempting to create a national gun registry seeking to accomplish through back channels what it may not do directly. To that end, GOA demanded that ATF withdraw its regulations, given that it’s a proposed regulation in disguise, which violates the statutory prohibition on the creation of a national gun registry. Within a week of GOA’s commitments, ATF back off from its surreptitious effort, returning its requirements to the status quo.”

**According to NRA’s American Hunter.org:** “A petition was filed in early June by the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) demanding the Department of Interior (DOI) implement rules that ban hunting with traditional ammunition containing lead on more than 160 million acres of public lands managed by the National Park Service and the US Fish and Wildlife Service. According to the HSUS Lead Free Campaign handbook, the petition is the first step in a three prong, comprehensive approach to ending the use of lead ammunition for hunting purposes – hitting the issue at every level in utilizing animal welfare concerns as the primary rationale. That will achieve lasting results and save millions of animals’ lives in the process. The NRA and 32 other conservation organizations, in an ensuing letter submitted to Sec. of Interior Sally Jewell, call the recent lead ammo band petition quite simply an attempt to drive hunters, and subsequently recreational target shooters, off of Federal lands public lands. It is unnecessary, has no basis in sound science and should be rejected by the department..... We urge you to contact your local representatives about the HSUS petition. You can do so by using the “Write Your Lawmakers” function at NRA – ILA.org.”

## **State Concerns:**

**In 2010, only 4.5 million out of 19 million people voted in New York State. Cuomo won by 1.2 million votes. There is between 6 million and 8 million gun owners in New York State. Do the math. If every gun owner votes in 2014 and votes against Cuomo..... Cuomo loses!!! People, understand this and please repeat over and over and over with your friends and family until Election Day!!**

**VOTE.....VOTE.....VOTE.....**

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.”

## **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](http://Seanmaloney.house.gov)**

**US Senator Kirsten Gillibrand-[www.gillibrand.senate.gov/contact/](http://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/contact/)**

**US Senator Charles Schumer-[www.schumer.senate.gov/contactchuck.cfm](http://www.schumer.senate.gov/contactchuck.cfm)**

**Governor A. Cuomo-[www.governor.ny.gov](http://www.governor.ny.gov)**

**Tracking State Bill: [www.assembly.state.ny.us](http://www.assembly.state.ny.us)  
[www.opencongress.org](http://www.opencongress.org)**

**Note: [public.leginfo.state.ny.us](http://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**

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

**New York Firearms: www.nyfirearms.com**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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