



**Federation of Dutchess County Fish & Game Clubs, Inc.**

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**Federation–February 2016- Board & General Membership Meetings**

**Legislative Report (Read at regular meeting & placed on Internet site & sent to member clubs & interested parties)**

**Major Bills to be monitored:**

**Big Game:**

1-A 802 1/S5817: relates to crossbow hunting

**Firearms:**

1-A53 A/S2291 A: relates to the safe storage of rifles, shotguns, or firearms; and repeal certain provisions of the penal law relating thereto.

2-A1809/S 4000: authorizes shooting preserves and shooting clubs to sell ammunition for exclusive use on the premises thereof without being deemed a seller of ammunition.

3-A 2651/S 1476: relates to repealing the New York SAFE ACT of 2013.

4-A 3943/S 1193: repeals chapter 1 of the laws of 2013, amending the criminal procedure Law and other laws relating to suspension and revocation of firearms licenses; private sale or disposal of firearms, rifles or shotguns.

5-A 5628/S 2611: relates to the private sale or disposal of firearms, rifles and shotguns.

6-A 5620 9A/S 2613 A: repeals provisions of law relating to sellers of ammunition.

7- A 5864: requires owners of firearms to obtain liability insurance.

8-A 6192A/S1113 A: requires semiautomatic pistols manufactured or delivered to any licensed dealer in this state to be capable of micro-stamping ammunition.

9-A 6486: requires proof of liability insurance prior to issuing a license to carry a firearm.

10-A8196/S5837: relates to firearms; repealer (repeals several sections of SAFE Act, transfers pistol license functions to the DCJS.

10-S 2683: requires owners of firearms to obtain liability insurance.

11-S 4227: relates to the definition of an assault weapon. (Eliminates prohibition of thumb hole stocks on semi-automatic rifles and shotguns.

12-S 4228: relates to the definition of an assault weapon (eliminates prohibition of pistol grips on semi-automatic rifles).

**Hunting:**

1-A38 55/S 2634: makes contests and competitions to take wildlife unlawful.

**Knives:**

1-A 4697/S 3455: prohibits the manufacture, transport, shipment or possession of an undetectable knife.

**Licensing:**

1-A 1918/S 2951: protect certain information on hunting, fishing and trapping license and permit applications from disclosure. (Currently DEC refuses FOIL requests and has not been challenged.)

2-A3937 A/S 92: eliminates the requirement that hunters wear back tags during hunting season in the state.

3-A7082/S 4176: relates to the cost of various hunting, fishing and trapping licenses.

4-A 1807/S9 61: relates to allowing veterans to fish for free in state parks.

5-873 96 eliminates sporting license fees for honorably discharged veterans.

### **Tax (480A):**

1-A8 44: authorizes state reimbursement to municipal corporations for tax revenue lost and expenses incurred as a result of the reduced assessment of forest land.

2-A 2174/S 1559: exempts certain old-growth forests from taxation. (Would allow exemption for property not under management plan. Harvesting not required.

Contrary to purpose of exemption.

3-A7150/S5096: relates to changes in taxation of forest land. (Prevents DEC from making changes by regulation – which they claim they can't in any case.)

4-S820A: authorizes state reimbursement to municipal corporations for tax revenue lost and expenses incurred as a result of the reduced assessment of forest land.

### **State Information:**

#### **According to DEC:**

“DEC is looking for input/suggestions regarding the following changes relating to deer and bear hunting: (1) allowing junior hunters to take bears during the Youth Firearms Deer Hunt, (2) reducing antlerless harvest in WMU's 6F and 6J, and recinding the antlerless – only requirement during portions of the bow and muzzleloader season in a handful of Southern Zone WM

U's..... Also, many hunters are aware that DEC has been engaged in a process to determine the best path forward for reducing harvest of young bucks, including possible expansion of mandatory antler point restrictions. DEC will be meeting with leaders of New York hunting organizations and other interested groups in early February to discuss the outcome of this process and their intended next steps. DEC will provide the information broadly to hunters thereafter, and will invite feedback on this issue at that time. In the meantime, much information about the decision process considered is available at DEC's Buck Harvest Management webpage."

### **SCOPE Reports:**

"Currently, all semi-automatic pistols legally sold in New York become registered in the firearms ballistic identification database.

Language in Bill S – 2573a would require **all** firearms legally sold be entered into a databank, along with a shell casing discharge from said weapon. New York State Police would be empowered to construct and operate the databank by January 1, 2018, in accordance with regulations to be adopted after consultation with the FBI and the BATF E. Every subsequent gun purchase would go into that databank. The Combined Ballistic Identification System (COBIS) identifies firearms used in

incidents where only fired cartridge casings are recovered. COBIS has been operational in New York since 2001 and has, to date, resulted in one match and no arrests or convictions. It is controlled by the New York State Police. COBIS is so ineffective in solving crime and diverting funds from law enforcement budgets that in 2012, Gov. Cuomo ended funding for the COBIS program. A Cuomo spokesman stated that “we are ending a program that doesn’t solve crimes or make our streets safe.” Further the requirements would mandate another job without pay for license firearms dealers, who would be required to transmit the manufacturer supplied spent casing in a separate, sealed container to the New York State Police along with the purchaser’s personal identification. The two bills were sponsored by Sen. Kevin Parker: 518-455-2580 and Sen. Michael Venditto 518-455-3341. “

### **Federal Information:**

**According to the Poughkeepsie Journal:** “ About 90 House Democrats led by Representative Eliot Engel of the Bronx recently wrote Pres. Obama asking him to bar the importation of assault style rifles..... That letter was signed by New York State Senators Chuck Schumer and Kristen Gillibrand, along with 15 of New York’s House

lawmakers..... Letters make the same argument that the president has broad authority under the 1968 Gun Control Act to impose a stricter ban on the importation of certain guns. The Gun Control Act prohibits the importation into the United States of any firearm that is not generally recognized as particularly suitable for or readily adaptable to sporting purposes. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives has already said that this ban includes semiautomatic assault rifles with military configuration features..... The imported assault style firearms, according to the letter, make up a major portion of weapons identified in criminal prosecutions in the United States, and nearly 1 in five weapons seized at crime scenes in Mexico are AK-47 variants trafficked into that country after being imported into United States..... A report released last July by the Violence Policy Center said the AK-47 variants being seized in Mexico are manufactured in places such as Romania and Bulgaria. According to the report, the ATF traced 73,684 guns that were recovered in Mexico as originating in the United States. Based upon Obama's recent executive actions... which included guidance on which firearms sales are subject to a criminal background check because the seller is required to have a Federal Firearms License, Obama also asked the Social Security Administration to issue a regulation allowing the National



Instant Criminal Background Check System to obtain the names of people receiving disability benefits. The aim is to prevent people with mental health issues from owning guns. The president also requested that federal agencies research smart gun technology.”

### **Bill Tracking:**

**Tracking a State Bill: 518-455-7545**

#### **Note:**

Bills are tracked when Legislature is in session from January through June of each year. 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 new session, most of the previous year’s bills, which remain active at the end of the year, will automatically be carried into the new 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 the new session, 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.)

**Key impact bills (Hotline=800-342-9860/Monday-Friday-9am-6pm.)**

**Legislative resources:**

**New York Senate: [www.nysenate.gov](http://www.nysenate.gov)**

**New York State Assembly:**

**[www.assembly.state.ny.us/mem/](http://www.assembly.state.ny.us/mem/)**

**New York Senator=Sue Serino-41<sup>st</sup>. District**

**[Serino@nysenate.gov](mailto:Serino@nysenate.gov)**

**LOB Room 617, Albany, N.Y. 12247**

**Assemblyman Kieran Lalor-105<sup>th</sup>. 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)**

**Assembly woman Didi Barrett – 106<sup>th</sup>. District – Barrett**

**[D@assembly.state.ny.us](mailto:D@assembly.state.ny.us)**

**New York Senator – 40<sup>th</sup> District – Terrance Murphy –**

**[Murphy@NYSenate.gov](mailto:Murphy@NYSenate.gov)-LOB Room 817, Albany,N.Y.**

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**US Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney – 18<sup>th</sup> District –**

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

**US Senator Kristen Gillibrand–**

**[www.gillibrand.senate.gov/contact/](http://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/contact/)**

**US Senator Charles Schumer –**  
**[www.Schumer.senate.gov/contact Chuck.CFM](http://www.Schumer.senate.gov/contact Chuck.CFM)**

**Gov. A. Cuomo – [www.governor.NY.gov](http://www.governor.NY.gov)**

**Important Contact Groups:**

**Shooters Committee on Political**  
**Action(SCOPE):[www.scopeny.org](http://www.scopeny.org)**  
**SCOPE legislative reports are available at this website**  
**SCOPE INC, Attention Legal Defense Fund Project (for**  
**donations)**  
**P.O. Box 12711**  
**Rochester, N.Y.14612**

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

**Second Amendment Foundation: [www.saf.org](http://www.saf.org)**

**National Rifle Association: [www.homenra.org](http://www.homenra.org)**

**National Shooting Sports Foundation: [www.nssf.org](http://www.nssf.org)**

**National Association for Gun Rights:**  
**[www.nationalgunrights.org](http://www.nationalgunrights.org)**

**Firearms Policy Coalition: [www.firearmspolicy.org](http://www.firearmspolicy.org)**

**Gun Owners of America: [www.gunownersofamerica.org](http://www.gunownersofamerica.org)**

**For Dutchess County Federation of Fish and Game Clubs  
monthly report go to: [www.dutchessfishandgame.org](http://www.dutchessfishandgame.org)**

**New York Safe Act: [www.governor.ny.gov/nysafeact/gun-reform](http://www.governor.ny.gov/nysafeact/gun-reform)**

**New York State police Field Guide to the New York State SAFE  
Act: [www.nypdcea.org/pdfs/nysp\\_safe\\_act\\_field\\_guide](http://www.nypdcea.org/pdfs/nysp_safe_act_field_guide)**

**New York State Rifle and Pistol Association (NRA Affiliate):  
[www.nysrpa.org](http://www.nysrpa.org)**

**Note: NYSR&PA Legislative Report is available at this website which  
follows all important bills.**

**New York State Conservation Council – look up bills –[www.nyscc.com](http://www.nyscc.com)**

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