



Federation of Dutchess County Fish & Game Clubs, Inc.
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Federation–August 2016- Board & General Membership Meetings

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

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Tracking a State Bill: 518-455-7545 or Hotline=800-342-9860/Monday-Friday-9am-6pm.

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.)

Major Bills of Interest (in part):

Land owner liability:

1-A1846/S3101: Relates to the liability of landowners who permit recreational uses of their land; referred to judiciary. (Protects landowners)

Dogs:

1-A1006/S4706: Prohibits tethering, restraining, caging or penning of dogs or animals between the hours of 7pm to 6am; referred to agriculture.

Big Game:

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

Firearms:

1-A 2651/S 1476: relates to repealing the New York SAFE ACT of 2013; referred to codes.

2-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; referred to codes.

3-A 5629A/S 2613 A: repeals provisions of law relating to sellers of ammunition; referred to codes.

4- A 5864/S2683: requires owners of firearms to obtain liability insurance; referred to investigations and government operations.

5-A 6192A/S1113 A: requires semiautomatic pistols manufactured or delivered to any licensed dealer in this state to be capable of micro-stamping ammunition; amend and recommit to codes.

6-A 6486: requires proof of liability insurance prior to issuing a license to carry a firearm; referred to codes.

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

8-A5864/S 2683: requires owners of firearms to obtain liability insurance; referred to investigations and government operations.

9-A 10404S 4227: relates to the definition of an assault weapon. (Eliminates prohibition of thumb hole stocks on semi-automatic rifles and shotguns; referred to codes.

10-A8053/S3373: Authorizes the transfer of certain weapons from an estate to an immediate member of the decedent's family. (Permits transfer of "assault" weapon to family member of decedent); referred to codes.

Hunting:

1-A3855/S 2634: makes contests and competitions to take wildlife unlawful; referred to conservation.

Knives:

1-A 4697/S3455: prohibits the manufacture, transport, shipment or possession of an undetectable knife; referred to codes.

2-A9042-A/S6483A-Relates to the definitions of a switchblade and a gravity knife; advanced to third reading.

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.); referred to environmental conservation.

2-A7396 eliminates sporting license fees for honorably discharged veterans; referred to environmental conservation.

3-A7082/S4176: Relates to the cost of various hunting, fishing and trapping licenses (Reduces age for senior licenses to 65); referred to environmental conservation.

Tax (480A):

1-A844/S820A: authorizes state reimbursement to municipal corporations for tax revenue lost and expenses incurred as a result of the reduced assessment of forest land; amend and recommit to real property taxation.

2-A2174/S1559: exempts certain old-growth forests from taxation. (Would allow exemption for property not under management plan. Harvesting not required. Contrary to purpose of exemption.); referred to local government; referred to real property taxation.

State Information:

Federal Information:

The NRA reports: Hillary Clinton's interpretation of current laws as they reflect on our Second Amendment as follows; "I think that for most of our history, there was a nuanced reading of the Second Amendment until the decision by the late Justice Antonin Scalia, and there was no argument until then that localities and states and the federal government had a right, as we do with every amendment, to impose reasonable regulations. So I believe that we can have common sense gun safety measures consistent with the Second Amendment." The NRA goes on to say, "Governments do not possess rights – we the people do!" The NRA goes further on to say, "under the guise of universal background checks, Clinton would create a massive federal database on every law-abiding gun owner and on the firearms you and I own. And such permanent record keeping was the single contributor to the success of the Australian gun banners to ferret out what guns were held by honest citizens so they could take them for destruction. Further, Hillary would remove the legal protections against punitive, abusive lawsuits that hold law abiding licensed firearms dealers and makers responsible for the lawless acts of violent criminals. Those protections enacted by the Congress have been upheld by the courts because such abuse of process served only to drive the firearms industry out of business. In short there is nothing under Hillary's commonsense bag of evil gun ban tricks that she won't attempt if she takes the White House. Moreover, if she does ascend to the presidency, she will be in a position to appoint as many as four Supreme Court justices. And all it will take is one, to reestablish her nuanced Second Amendment." Under Hillary Clinton Americans would have no constitutional rights to own a firearm, even for self-defense.

The NRA reports: A full panel of the US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit has effectively denied millions of Californians their right to bear arms by holding that California officials can require a showing of extraordinary need for the issuance of concealed carry licenses.... The court held that concealed carry of firearms is not protected by the Second Amendment and that the county's policies therefore do not offend that right." NRA responded by stating: "once again the Ninth Circuit has shown how out of touch it is with mainstream Americans. This decision will leave good people defenseless, as it completely ignores the fact that law-abiding Californians who reside in counties with hostile sheriffs will now have no means to carry a firearm outside the home for personal protection. This flawed ruling underscores the importance of the 2016 election. It is imperative that we elect a president who will appoint Supreme Court justices who respect the Second Amendment and law-abiding citizen's rights to self-defense."

The NRA reports:" Never before have we been confronted with an election battle that matters more to the future of our great American freedom. That's because if Hillary Clinton

wins the presidency, our freedoms are as good as gone. From the very first day of her presidency, she's promising to make it her number one mission to destroy your gun rights. She's promising to come after law-abiding gun owners like you and me rather than violent criminals who plague our streets. She's promising to open the floodgates to crippling gun registrations and gun owner registration with or without the approval of Congress promising to stack the US Supreme Court with anti-gun justices who will declare null and void your Constitutional right to own firearm. She is promising to come after you, your NRA and anyone who dares to defy her gun ban agenda. Never before has our Second Amendment freedom faced such extreme danger. Never before have we faced an anti-gun lobby as well-funded, well-coordinated and determined to elect a gun hating candidate like Hillary Clinton to the White House. These are a do or die fight over our freedom. This is a fight to the finish. It's a fight that is growing more expensive and demanding by the day. And it's a fight we cannot afford to lose, because if Hillary Clinton is elected President, it means the destruction of extraordinary rights and freedoms that make America such an extraordinary nation."**If you can afford to contribute to this fight, you need to contact the NRA and make a donation. This November's election is very crucial and you need to get out and vote!**

Legislative resources:

New York Senate: www.nysenate.gov

New York State Assembly: www.assembly.state.ny.us/mem/

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Serino@nysenate.gov

LOB Room 617, Albany, N.Y. 12247

Assemblyman Kieran Lalor-105th. District-LaLork@assembly.state.ny.us

US Congressman Chris Gibson – 19th District – Gibson.house.gov

Assembly woman Didi Barrett – 106th. District – Barrett D@assembly.state.ny.us

New York Senator – 40th District – Terrance Murphy – Murphy@NYSenate.gov-LOB Room 817, Albany,N.Y. 12247 – 518-455 – 3111

US Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney – 18th District – Seanmaloney.house.gov

US Senator Kristen Gillibrand– www.gillibrand.senate.gov/contact/

US Senator Charles Schumer – www.Schumer.senate.gov/contact Chuck.CFM

Gov. A. Cuomo – www.governor.NY.gov

Important Contact Groups:

Shooters Committee on Political Action(SCOPE):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

Second Amendment Foundation: www.saf.org

National Rifle Association: www.homenra.org

National Shooting Sports Foundation: www.nssf.org

National Association for Gun Rights: www.nationalgunrights.org

Firearms Policy Coalition: www.firearmspolicy.org

Gun Owners of America: www.gunownersofamerica.org

For Dutchess County Federation of Fish and Game Clubs monthly report go to:
www.dutchessfishandgame.org

New York Safe Act: 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

New York State Rifle and Pistol Association (NRA Affiliate): 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

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