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Federation–September 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.)

Bills of Interest (in part):

Land owner liability:

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

Dogs:

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

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; 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:

Nothing to report at this time.

Federal Information:

NRA reports:

1-On July 22, the Obama administration once again released a sweeping gun-control measure by executive fiat. This time the bad news came via the US State Department's Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC), which is primarily responsible for administering the Arms Export Control Act (AECA). The DDTC is labeling commercial gunsmiths as "manufacturers" for performing relatively simple work such as threading a barrel or fabricating a small custom park for an older firearm. Under the AECA, "manufacturers" are required to register with DDTC and pay a yearly registration fee of \$2250. Even the mounting of a scope that involves the machining of new dovetails or the drilling and tapping of holes may or not be "manufacturing", depending on whether the scope improves the accuracy of the firearm beyond its prior configuration. The administration's latest move serves as a timely reminder of how the politicized and arrogant abuse of executive power can be used to suppress Second Amendment rights and curtail lawful firearm related commerce.

2-Hillary Clinton is making no secret of where she stands on the Supreme Court's landmark DC versus Heller decision that protects an individual right to keep and bear arms. Hillary opposes that right and constantly says the Supreme Court was wrong in the Heller decision and incessantly states her opposition in speeches in campaign appearances.

3-The US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit has effectively denied millions of Californians their right to carry concealed, holding that government officials can require a showing of extraordinary need for issuance of a concealed carry license. This is a stark reminder that the president not only appoints Supreme Court justices but also appoints every other type of federal judge that can rule on your Second Amendment rights.

It is extremely important that we get out and vote this November, it may very well be the most crucial decision that you will make in your lifetime in protecting our great Nation; we certainly need to "Make America Great Again"!

National Association for Gun Rights reports:

Last year, our nation's greatest generation read an unmistakable headline: "Obama looks to ban Social Security recipients from owning guns." The headline capped an Obama administration executive action to roll Social Security recipients into the National Instant Criminal Background Check Database (NICS). And this summer, Obama took the next step to make good on his promise before he leaves office. The Social Security Administration (SSA) pushed Obama's order to the final "rule making" stage. If adopted, this could be the largest gun grab in US history. Recent estimates show that up to 4 million law-abiding Americans could lose their ability to own a gun if the Social Security system is tied to the NICS database. Even Pres. Obama admitted it would strip the Second Amendment rights of at least 75,000 senior citizens per year without due process. "Do you have your son or daughter write checks for your bills or help you fill out forms?" "Have you ever mentioned to a doctor that you are feeling lonely or down after a loved one's death?" If Obama gets his way, that could be enough for you to end

up in a database and lose your right to own a firearm, according to the National Association for Gun Rights President.

Further, Obama Social Security plan is currently being field-tested on American war veterans returning from battle. Veterans are labeled as “mentally ill “if they admit to having post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) or if they appoint a fiduciary to handle their financial matters. The result is a loss of their ability to buy a firearm without a trial or due process. Once labeled, bureaucrats have made it almost impossible for a veteran to remove this stain from their record. To date, over 225,000 veterans have been denied their Second Amendment rights because of this policy. The Social Security Administration would identify individuals receiving Disability Insurance benefits, or Supplemental Security Income payments, along with meeting other criteria, and report them to the NICS database on a quarterly basis. After notifying individuals, they will be prohibited from possessing firearms without due process. In response to a deadline to submit a grievance, the National Association for Gun Rights and administrative staff submitted 90,000 paper petitions to the steps of the Social Security Administration building, located in Baltimore, Maryland. These partitions were added to roughly 3000 public comments received by the Social Security Administration, entirely in opposition to the Social Security Gun Ban. With Obama’s second term coming to an end, he is probing for ways to bolster his legacy. Gun control is one way for him to do that, and he has shown an eagerness to make it a reality. NAGR continues to pressure the Obama administration to ensure these injustices do not become a reality.

The Obama administration just implemented a new regulatory change that has sent the entire firearms industry into a tailspin overnight. A key ingredient necessary for making gunpowder has been re-classified as a high explosive, making it illegal for any company within the industry to transport or store it as they have for decades. It all stems from how the ATF regulates a chemical compound known as nitrocellulose. For decades, the firearms industry has been allowed to store and transport wetted nitrocellulose without having to treat it as a high explosive. Manufacturers deliberately mix the chemical compound with water to make it less volatile. Overnight, the ATF just completely changed its regulations, turning everyone in the ammunition industry into felons if they do business the way they have for decades. The entire industry is now at a standstill. Without nitrocellulose you can’t make smokeless gunpowder. Without smokeless powder, there is no ammunition. This is the real deal. If this regulation stays in place, it will take months for the industry to recover and send ammunition prices through the roof. Don’t let Obama’s ammunition band go through. Stand and fight! Force Congress to stop Obama’s ATF from implementing this new crippling regulation!

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:District-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. 12247 – 518-455 – 3111

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](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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