



Gun Law Trendwatch

A ROUNDUP AND ANALYSIS OF THE LATEST STATE FIREARMS LEGISLATION 5/1/17

GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION TRENDS

In 2017, states make it more difficult for dangerous people to acquire guns.

Hawaii and Washington are poised to enact “Lie and Try” laws that require law enforcement to be notified when individuals prohibited from possessing guns attempt to buy them. Hawaii HB 459 would require **the local chief of police to alert prosecutors and others when a prohibited person’s application for a firearms permit is denied.** The bill has passed both chambers and is currently in concurrence. A similar bill in Washington, **HB 1501, would require firearms dealers to report denied purchasers to the Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs.** The Association would be required to enter the denied person’s information into an electronic database that is accessible to law enforcement. HB 1501 is on the governor’s desk.

In other states, legislators are working to keep guns away from domestic abusers and hate crime offenders. Utah (HB 206), North Dakota (SB 2309), and Tennessee (HB 1112) have enacted laws this year making it more difficult for **domestic abusers** to access firearms. Legislators in California (AB 785), New York (SB 5569) and Iowa (HB 397) introduced bills to prohibit individuals convicted of **hate crimes** from possessing guns. The California bill passed unanimously out of the Assembly Public Safety committee in March.

STATE ROUND-UP

HAWAII – SB 898 passed Senate
Would allow law enforcement to petition a court to remove guns from a dangerous person

MINNESOTA – HF 309 defeated
Would have allowed permitless concealed carry

NEW JERSEY – AB 2938 advanced
Would disarm people who pose a threat of serious harm to themselves or others

NORTH DAKOTA – HB 1402 enacted Authorizes law enforcement to arrest the subject of a protective order who fails to surrender his or her firearms, and also take possession of the firearms

UTAH – HB 206 enacted Prohibits gun possession by individuals subject to domestic violence protective orders or convicted of domestic violence misdemeanors

VIRGINIA – SB 1315 passed both chambers Would require safe storage of firearms in foster homes

WYOMING – HB 169 defeated
Would have created liability for business owners who prohibit guns on their property

BILLS BY ISSUE

BACKGROUND CHECKS

AZ H 2150, AZ HCR 2009, CA S 299, FL H 809, FH H 1113, FL S 1196, FL S 1334, HI H 802, HI H 459, HI S 1037, IL H 2720, IL H 745, IA H 73, IA H 145, MA H 1283, MA S 1289, ME LR 337, ME LR 338, ME H 817, MD H 1448, MD S 948, MN H 1669, MN S 1261, MO H 363, NJ A 1212, NJ S 804, NM H 50, NM S 48, NY A 2406, NY A 3438, NY S 1414, NY S 2476, OR H 2237, SC H 3181, TN H 1319/S 1097, TN H 958/S 834, TN H 962/S 671, TX H 259, TX H 2034, VT S 6, WI A 65, WI A 74, WI S 34

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

CT S 980, DC B 116, FL H 1103, FL S 1506, GA H 334, GA H 541, KS H 2145, LA H 27, LA H 223, MA H 2325, MD H 294, MD S 224, MD S 224, MO H 1068, NJ A 4046, NY A 980, NY 1224, NY S 67, NY A 2027, NY S 2182, NY S 3432, NV S 124, ND H 1402, OH H 1, OR H 2237, RI H 5067, RI H 5510, RI S 37, RI S 405, TN H 1112/S 229, TX H 289, UT H 206

PERMITLESS CARRY

AL S 24, AR H 1889, AR H 1994, AR S 585, GA H 286, GA S 117, IA HSB 133, IA SJR 2, IN H 1159, KY S 7, KY H 316, LA H 68, MI H 4003, MI H 4005, MI H 4416, MN H 188, MN S 649, MN H 309, S 650, NC H 69, NC H 201, NC H 746, NH S 12, NJ A 626, NM S 56, NM SJR 5, ND H 1169, PA H 170, OK H 2321, OK S 381, OK S 383, SC H 3700, SC H 3930, SC S 449, SD H 1072, TN H 493, TX H 375, TX H 1911

GUNS ON CAMPUS

AR H 1249, AR H 1888, AR H 2119, AR S 594, AR S 660, FL H 803/S 908, FL H 849, FL S 140, FL S 622, GA H 280, IA HSB 133, IA S 256, IN H 1258, KS H 2220, ME LR 635, MO H 593, MO H 630, NC H 69, NC H 251, NC H 345, NC H 588, NC S 204, NC S 504, NM H 483, NM S 428, NY S 1754, OK H 1600, OK S 380, OK S 43, SC H 3248, SC H 3262, TX H 560, TX H 2105, TX H 375, TX H 2105, WY H 136, WV H 2559

GUN LOBBY TRENDS

Weakened omnibus bill in Iowa is enacted.

Iowa legislators seeking to weaken gun laws in the state initially drafted HB 517 to remove the state's permit-to-acquire requirement and most limitations on where individuals could carry firearms. Leaving intact only the prohibition on firearms in K-12 schools, the bill would have allowed hidden guns on college and university campuses. It also would have authorized individuals to carry concealed firearms in public without a permit or background check.

A concerted effort by state and national gun violence prevention groups to oppose the bill was largely successful, however. Although the enacted version of the bill still retains dangerous provisions, such as allowing people to carry guns on their own property if they are too intoxicated to drive legally, and children under the age of 14 to possess firearms with supervision, the law does not allow permitless or campus carry. It also leaves the state's permit-to-acquire system in place, although it extends the permit's validity to five years. The law also expands the state's Shoot First law and repeals a firearms ban on state capitol grounds and buildings. Finally, the bill allows individuals applying for concealed carry permits to qualify with only online safety training.

GUNS EVERYWHERE IN ARKANSAS

Arkansas governor Asa Hutchinson signed **HB 1249**, greatly expanding where concealed carry permittees can bring guns. By taking only eight additional hours of training, permittees may carry loaded, concealed firearms in a number of public places including, but not limited to, campuses, government meetings, bars, athletic events, and houses of worship.

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