**Gun Law Trendwatch**

**A ROUNDUP AND ANALYSIS OF THE LATEST STATE FIREARMS LEGISLATION 5/15/17**

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**GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION TRENDS**

**What's moving in the movement.**

The Disarm Hate Act (AB 785), a bill sponsored by the Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence | Americans for Responsible Solutions Foundation, passed the California Assembly unanimously on May 4. In a press conference about its legislative “Resistance Agenda,” the New York Senate promoted a similar bill (SB 5569) that would disarm hate crime offenders.

An Illinois bill (SB 1657) that would comprehensively regulate gun dealers in ways similar to laws in California and Massachusetts has passed its house of origin.

In Louisiana, a bill (HB 27) that would apply domestic violence protections, including gun prohibitions, to same-sex intimate partners has passed the House. A New York bill (AB 980) that would require convicted domestic abusers to relinquish their firearms has passed the Assembly.

A gun violence protective order bill (SB 387) has passed the Senate in Nevada. A similar bill in New Jersey (AB 2938) that would allow the Attorney General to order the seizure of firearms from individuals determined to be dangerous has passed the Assembly.

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**STATE ROUND-UP**

**ARKANSAS** – HB 1889, HB 1994, SB 585 defeated Would have allowed permitless carry.

**FLORIDA** – HB 803 defeated Would have allowed guns in seaports, police stations, courthouses, campuses, polling places, K-12 schools, and elsewhere.

**RHODE ISLAND** – HB 5510 heard in committee Would prohibit possession and require the surrender of guns by domestic abusers and individuals convicted of stalking misdemeanors.

**VIRGINIA** – SB 1315 vetoed Would have required safe storage of firearms in foster homes.

**WASHINGTON** – HB 1501 enacted Requires law enforcement to be notified when individuals prohibited from possessing guns attempt to buy them.

**UTAH** – HB 112, HB 237 failed Would have allowed permitless carry.

**TEXAS** – HB 1911, failed to make committee calendar Would have allowed permitless carry.

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The gun lobby makes advances in its effort to bring more guns into public spaces.

Despite his concerns that a 2016 campus carry bill would “allow any licensed gun owner to bring a concealed weapon onto the campus and neither police nor other law enforcement personnel [would] be allowed to even ask the individual to produce evidence of his license,” Georgia governor Nathan Deal signed a campus carry bill, HB 280, on May 5.

A Florida bill, SB 128, that would worsen the state’s already draconian Shoot First law by making it even more difficult to prosecute individuals who shoot first and ask questions later, is on the governor’s desk.

In Tennessee, a bill (HB 508), aimed at intimidating local legislators who seek to lawfully regulate firearms in their communities has passed its house of origin. The bill would allow individuals to sue local governments for alleged violations of the state’s preemption law.

Private property? Allow guns, or else.

Legislators in Missouri have advanced a bill (SB 299), that attempts to create liability for private business owners who prohibit concealed carry on their property.