



The Firing Line

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Legislative update from President Don Turner:

GUN RIGHTS STATUS REPORT

As of May 28, 2013

The Nevada Firearms Coalition has been active at the State Legislature protecting your gun rights. We have employed Grassroots 2.0 as our lobbyist and coordinate daily with NRA-ILA and other groups involved with similar issues. We use ALERTS to advise our members and other partners. Development of our “liberty tree” program (members forwarding to their gun rights contacts), coupled with our Facebook page have been our primary communication with nonmembers. Our Alerts and position papers are posted on the public side of our web page at www.nvfac.org. The two best things you can do to protect your gun rights is to contact your legislators to express your opinion on gun rights issues, and encourage as many like-minded people as possible to do the same.

Your E-mails and Opinions Are Having an Effect!

The following is a link to view or submit your opinion on legislation.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/Opinions/77th2013/A/>

The “Submit Your Opinion” link is new this session. On the recent input on SB 221 the input from gun owners was 20 to 1. Your responses to our NVFAC legislative Alerts can clearly be seen. NVFAC along with NRA-ILA, Oath Keepers, Nevada Families, Nevada Wildlife Coalition, and Citizen Outreach, all Nevada’s Second Amendment supporters, can claim credit for the lop-sided opinions following our alerts. Since these are issues that affect our rights, we will always strive for higher numbers. Please write, forward to your contact lists and get everyone to comment.

Committee Chairs Frierson, Segerblom and Benitez-Thompson used their committee chair prerogative to block the hearings and votes on several good gun bills, including those with strong public support, while moving forward gun control bills some which had strong public opposition.

Even though most of our attention is on Carson City right now, we're still actively involved at the local and Federal level. Last month we testified before the Clark County Commission to oppose increasing funding for METRO, something we have and will continue to oppose until METRO eliminates the wasteful and unnecessary handgun registration program. We also opposed METRO's attempts to raise funds through AB496 for the same reason.

At the federal level, NVFAC informed members of Nevada's federal congressional delegation that we would brook no infringement of your Second Amendment rights.

Those letters, as well as our position letters on bills, can be found on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/nvfac and our web site at www.nvfac.org.

ACTIVE BILLS SUPPORT

SB 18, Sponsored by Senate Committee on Government Affairs, makes various changes to provisions governing the Office of the Military, Nevada National Guard, Nevada National Guard Reserve and volunteer military organizations licensed by the Governor. This bill substitutes the Nevada Firearms Coalition where it had previously cited the now-defunct Nevada State Rifle & Pistol Association, making NVFAC eligible to certain grants and benefits under marksmanship and other programs.

Passed by the Senate on 4/15/13.

Passed by the Assembly on 5/23/13.

Awaiting the Governor's signature.

NVFAC strongly SUPPORTS this bill, and testified in favor of it.

SB 76 by Senator Settelmeyer, One gun all gun CCW.

Heard on 2/17/2013, in Senate Judiciary passed that day.

Passed Senate floor 21 to 0 on 3/4/2013.

Heard on 5/15/2013, in Assembly Judiciary passed on 5/16/13 with an amendment to define handguns with the federal definition.

Passed Assembly floor 34 to 5 on 5/23/13.

Awaiting the Governor's signature.

NVFAC strongly SUPPORTS this bill, and testified in favor of it.

AB 195, by Assemblyman Ellison, Allows renewal of a CCW early.

Heard on 4/03/2013, in Assembly Judiciary.

Work Session on 4/05/2013, in Assembly Judiciary passed unanimously.

On the floor was re-referred to Assembly Ways & Means due to a fiscal note.

Heard on 4/24/2013, in Assembly Ways & Means. Passed during 5/8/13 Work Session.

Passed Assembly floor 40 to 0 on 5/16/13.

Heard on 5/17/13 in Senate Judiciary. Passed in Work Session on 5/23/13.

Awaiting a vote on the Senate floor.

NVFAC strongly SUPPORTS this bill, and testified in favor of it.

ACTIVE BILLS OPPOSE

SB 221 by Senator Jones, Requires those that plead out due to mental illness to be reported in 5 days to the Central Repository. Provides requirement of private party background checks. Eliminated due process. Must sue to get firearms returned.

Heard on 3/14/2013 in Senate Health and Human Services.

Work Session 4/09/2013 at 3:30 in Senate Health & Human Services, Passed out PARTY LINE VOTE.

On the floor was re-referred to Senate Finance due to a fiscal note.

Heard on 5/6/13 in Senate Finance. Passed on PARTY LINE VOTE from Work Session on 5/21/13.

Passed Senate floor 11 to 10 (PARTY LINE VOTE) on 5/22/13.

Hearing Assembly Judiciary on May 28, 2013. Highest opposed bill on legislative opinion page with over 2,650 votes against it. Ration of 20:1

Waiting Assembly Judiciary Committee vote

If passes moves to Assembly floor for vote.

NVFAC strongly OPPOSES this bill, and testified against it several times. Letter requesting Veto sent to Governor.

AB 60, Establishes requirements for solicitation of charitable contributions by nonprofit corporations and other charitable organizations. Gives Secretary of State power to regulate nonprofit corporations.

Heard on 4/10/2013, in Assembly Judiciary.

Work Session on 4/12/2013, in Assembly Judiciary, amended and passed.

Passed Assembly floor with a party line vote on 4/16/2013.

Heard on 4/25/13 in Senate Judiciary and passed during 5/13/13 Work Session.

Passed Senate floor 19 to 2 on 5/21/13.

Sent to Governor for signature or veto.

NVFAC strongly OPPOSES this bill, and testified against it. Letter requesting veto sent to Governor.

AB 496, Metro Police sales tax increase.

Passed out of committee 4/10/13.

Passed Assembly floor 32 to 9 on 4/23/13.

Passed by Senate Revenue and Economic Development on 5/21/13.

Awaiting vote on the Senate floor.

NVFAC strongly OPPOSES this bill, unless the Clark County Handgun Ordinance is eliminated. We testified against it in Carson City and at the Clark County Commission Hearing. We will continue to oppose it as it moves through the legislature until Clark County Residents are given the same rights as other Nevada citizens.

THE FOLLOWING BILLS HAVE FAILED DEADLINE AND ARE CONSIDERED DEAD, ALL WERE SUPPORTED BY NVFAC

SB 226 by Senator Settlemeyer, Eliminates the Clark County handgun registration program. Eliminates the CCW card and instead puts it on the driver's license as an endorsement, lets one get a separate ID

card w/o the endorsement on it. **Judiciary Committee stripped out the portion that eliminates the Clark County Handgun Registration Program.**

SJR 7, State Constitutional Protection for hunting and fishing. **Committee Chair refused to schedule a hearing.**

AB 70 by Assemblyman John Hambrick, Castle Doctrine, civil protection from lawsuits following a justified self-defensive incident. **Committee Chair Jason Frierson refused to schedule a hearing. NVFAC strongly supported this bill.**

AB 143 by Assemblywomen Fiore, the Campus Carry bill. **Heard on 4/03/2013, in Assembly Judiciary. Committee Chair Frierson refused to bring it to vote. NVFAC strongly supported this bill and testified in favor of it. It had the votes necessary to pass out of committee but Assemblyman Jason Frierson (D-LV), the Committee Chairman, exercised the chair's prerogative and refused to bring the bill to a committee vote, thus killing it. This is the second session in a row where Campus Carry was killed in committee by the Chairman (William Horn 2011) when votes were there to pass it to the floor of the Assembly. In 2011 it had already passed the Senate.**

AB 196 by Assemblyman Wheeler, Requires Attorney General to defend citizens against action by unconstitutional Presidential Executive Orders. **Heard on 3/15/2013, in Assembly Government Affairs. NVFAC strongly supported this bill, and testified in favor of it.**

AB 232 by Assemblyman Oscarson, gets rid of the requirement of a CCW to carry, and eliminated Clark County Handgun Registration. **Committee Chair Frierson refused to schedule it for hearing. NVFAC strongly supported this bill, and testified in favor of it.**

AB 234 by Assemblyman Horn, Provides requirement of private party background checks, and fee to go to mental health, \$25 firearm sale, 2¢ per round of ammunition. **Heard on 4/03/2013, in Assembly Judiciary. NVFAC strongly opposed this bill, and testified against it.**

AB 235, Campus Parking Lot Storage, sponsored by Assemblyman John Hambrick, allows securely storing firearms in vehicles by CFP holders on university property, as in the case of off-duty peace officers. **No hearing scheduled. NVFAC strongly supported this bill.**

AB 340 by Assemblyman Hambrick, gives full pre-emption state-wide (one gun law for all of Nevada, not the hodge-podge of state and local laws we have now); and repeals Clark Counties Handgun Registration. **Assembly Committee on Government Affairs Chairman Benitez-Thompson refused to schedule a hearing for this bill. NVFAC strongly supported this bill and fought vigorously to get it a hearing.**

SB 82, sponsored by the Senate Committee on Natural Resources, prohibits the Board of Wildlife Commissioners from authorizing the hunting of black bears. **Amended and is a resolution to the Wildlife Commission asking them to make sure bears are scientifically managed. NVFAC opposed this bill.**

SB 137 by Senator Gustavson, the Constitutional Carry bill. **Heard on 3/25/2013 in Senate Judiciary. Committee Chair Segerblom did not bring it to vote. NVFAC strongly supported this bill, and testified in favor of it.**

SB 223 by Senator Hardy, Allows school employees to carry with a CCW. **Heard on 3/25/2013 in Senate Judiciary. Committee Chair Segerblom did not bring it to vote. NVFAC strongly supported this bill, and testified in favor of it.**

SB 396 by Senator Segerblom provides for a ban on Assault Weapons, a ban of large capacity magazines, and provides for private party background checks. **No Scheduled Meeting. NVFAC strongly opposed this bill, and worked closely with NRA-ILA to stop it. Senator Segerblom himself commented to NRA-ILA lobbyist that NVFAC and NRA-ILA were instrumental in getting it killed.**

We are in the final days of the 77th Nevada Legislature. Please continue to watch for Nevada Firearms Coalition Action Alerts. Your emails and your presence at hearings is making a difference!

Our Facebook page had over 8,000 hits on one day during the peak of the legislative activity and we were told that our ALERTS generate between 1,400 and 2,400 hundred legislative comments. That puts up us up there with the major active groups.

After the end of the session, we'll send you a comprehensive analysis for a firing line report on this session.

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The Next Logical Step for the IRS

Commentary
by
Rick Ainsworth

In light of recent events exposing the IRS's special scrutiny of conservative applicants for non-profit status, is it so much of a stretch to imagine them hip-deep in the gun control issue?

They have already amassed an impressive data base of names, addresses, e-mails, phone numbers, annual incomes, number of dependents and occupations. Because they have to approve all applicants for 501(c) status, they now have a data base of political donors to conservative causes and the membership lists of conservative organizations.

Considering the arrogance of IRS officials who recently testified before the Congressional committee, I would not put it past them to have already begun construction on a national data base for registered gun owners.

Soon, they will be able to determine which gun owners earn the highest income, and target them for any test litigation. Or they can simply show up in our neighborhoods in some of those neat, black armored troop carriers the Department of Homeland Security owns, and take our guns away. At gun point. Ironic, huh?

We gun owners are used to being diligent. Our Second Amendment rights have been under attack since the Roosevelt administration. (Franklin, not Teddy.) Many groups and individuals over the years have voiced their opposition to guns, and since everyone on the planet is expected to think and act like they do, have demanded that guns be outlawed.

But in a larger sense, the gun control issue has illustrated the main difference between liberals and conservatives. Conservatives think. Liberals *feel*.

Conservatives recognize the dangers in an unarmed society where only those who ignore the laws are armed. Liberals *feel* that it would be wonderful if we all danced around in a meadow

in the sunshine, full of love and camaraderie for our fellow man. They don't get that prancing around in a sun drenched meadow makes a hell of a target!

Conservatives believe that Americans should stand on their own two feet and earn their own way, asking for nothing from the central government. Liberals feel that everyone would be happier if all the wealth in the country was gathered up and divided amongst the poor. After the IRS takes its bite, of course.

We must be ever vigilant, my friends, for they mean us harm. We must actively guard against any intrusion on our right to bear arms, and we must do so vociferously, legislatively, legally. We do not wish to wake up one morning and find ourselves subjects of the Democratic Department of Homeland Security.

Remember what Machiavelli said: "Among other evils which 'unarmed' brings you, it causes you to be despised."

I don't know about you, but that just doesn't *feel* right me.

Reader/Member Feedback

The Firing Line is interested in hearing from our membership on any subject that relates to firearms, gun control, the Second Amendment, and experiences in the firearms community. Letters will be edited for content and space, and we must use your full name and city of residence. Address your letters to the editor and email them to rlainsworth@cox.net.