



The Firing Line

by

Rick Ainsworth

November 8, 2012

Our 2nd Amendment Rights are Under Attack

As most of us are aware, Clark County Sheriff Doug Gillespie and several local politicians are trying to force upon us mandatory handgun registration. The so-called 'Blue Card' law was initiated in the forties when organized crime was beginning to make inroads into Nevada gaming venues. The intent of the law was to keep guns out of the hands of dangerous people.

But that same law is now targeting law abiding, gun owning citizens while allowing the criminal element to do what they have always done: obtain firearms with no regulatory oversight. They buy them on the street with no questions asked.

This law creates logistical problems for legitimate gun store owners, who, by the way, already impose a 72 hour waiting period on the sale of firearms, unless the buyer has a concealed carry permit. That's a federal law. The local ordinance only piles on more red tape for legitimate firearms dealers, costing them time and money they cannot afford.

But it's not just the Clark County 'Blue Card' law which is endangering our second amendment rights. There are politicians on the federal level who have made it their goal to inhibit the free ownership of firearms. These champions of 'common sense' gun laws care nothing about law abiding shooters, hunters and collectors. They lump us all into the same category: Gun nuts.

John Kerry, Hillary Clinton, Diane Feinstein, Barbara Boxer, Charles Schumer, Dick Durbin, Sheila Jackson Lee, John Conyers, Henry Waxman, Nancy Pelosi, Attorney General Eric Holder and President Barack Obama are just a few of the politicians who would happily inhibit our right to bear arms as afforded by the second amendment.

In the May 2012 edition of *Guns & Ammo* magazine, Kyle Wintersteen outlined seven proposed gun control laws we don't know about. Here is that list:

S. 176: "Common Sense Concealed Firearms Permit Act of 2011"

Sponsor: Barbara Boxer (D-California)

Establishes minimum standard for states that allow the carrying of concealed firearms.

H.R. 308: “Large Capacity Ammunition Feeding Device”

Sponsor: Carolyn McCarthy (D-New York)

Would ban the sale and even the possession of ‘large capacity’ gun magazines (which the sponsor considers to be anything that holds 10 rounds or more.)

H.R. 4063: “Guns-Free National Parks Act”

Sponsor: James McDermott (D-Washington)

Prohibits carrying a firearm in a national park REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT YOU HAVE A CONCEALED CARRY PERMIT.

S.35: “Gun Show Background Check Act”

Sponsor: Frank Lautenberg (D-New Jersey)

Would require that private citizens conduct background checks if they sell firearms at a gun show.

S.436: “Fix Gun Checks Act”

Sponsor: Chuck Schumer (D-New York)

Imposes background checks on ANY gun transfer or sale for ANY purpose, public or private.

H.R. 227: “Child Gun Safety and Gun Access Prevention Act”

Sponsor: Sheila Jackson-Lee (D-Texas)

Bans the possession of handguns and semi-automatic rifles by anyone under 21. (Note: Mr. Wintersteen makes the following point: *“In other words, a 20 year old man could go to war for his country, but back home he wouldn’t be allowed to exercise the rights he fought to defend.”*)

H. Res. 612: Repeal “Stand Your Ground”

Sponsor: Emanuel Cleaver (D-Missouri)

In the aftermath of the Trayvon Martin shooting, this resolution urges Florida and other states to repeal their **Stand Your Ground Laws**. This would, by effect, inhibit the right to defend one’s self against deadly force.

The **Nevada Firearms Coalition** urges you to research these and other potential threats to our second amendment rights. We are under siege from many directions and by many second amendment foes. Forewarned is forearmed.

What can we do to combat these proposed laws and resolutions? Well, we can start at the local level by voicing our opposition to the Blue Card Law. Write and call the Metro Police department, care of Sheriff Doug Gillespie and let him know that we oppose the ‘Blue Card’ law.

Write and call your Clark County Commissioner expressing your displeasure with this ordinance.

Write your congressman and senator voicing your concern in regard to these onerous attempts at limiting our second amendment rights.

Support the efforts of the NRA.

Vote for and support candidates whose gun laws views are the same as yours. Each of our voices means something. Thousands of our voices together mean even more.