

Laws We Need and Why Your Vote Matters

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National Carry Matters

How long do you think we're going to have to wait for H.R. 38 to pass? H.R. what? You know – the National Reciprocity Act, where your right to carry a firearm doesn't end at your state line. It's the law designed to remove legal obstacles that deny your firearm-carry rights. Unlike marriage and driver licenses, your carry license, or even your Constitutional Carry rights, become null and void when you step over an invisible line into the state next to yours.

That good law was introduced on January 3, 2017 – after Mr. Trump was elected but before he even took office. Your vote helped put him in there. Not only did you help put him there by a good margin – 60 percent to 40 percent in the Electoral College (30 states to 20, which infuriates the people who hate the guy and love the socialist leaning woman he locked out) – it gave him majorities in both houses of Congress. When they say your vote matters, well there it is on a platter.

But though “we” (i.e. gun owners) have both houses and the White House, somehow we still can't get National Carry passed. It went to the House of Representatives on January 12, to the Judiciary Committee, and it's still there. Your “staunch pro-gun-rights” elected officials have not moved it forward. The Senate is another roadblock. What they did do, very sneaky, is extract the part where a ton of money goes to federal agencies so more names can flow into the NICS Index, the list of who can't have a gun, and passed that, so-called Fix NICS. National Carry was left out. You voted for these people.

Funny thing is, democrats who want to take over Congress again, like they used to have under the previous guy, they've been instructed by their leadership to lay off the gun issue. It's too hot a potato. It could hurt them, infuriate the public (us) and make them lose. If that's true, why don't republicans push for more and better gun laws, encourage us, do the right thing, and while they retain power at least now, restore our rights nationwide? Why indeed.

This is where you come in. It turns out H.R. 38 is practically the least of it. We got that bill started, we all know why it's important and we want it, yet our people snookered us. They hung the bait – reciprocity – then canned that and funded the gun-ban list. If you don't know who represented you, now is as good a time as any to figure that out, and personally let them know you want the pro-rights part to move.

Establish a relationship with that office; you're going to need it. And they're going to need you, because the elections will change who's around, and if your rights are important (I know, you say they are, but will you prove it by acting?) you'll need to know who's running, and be registered to vote. Even kids are registering. They could swing things against you.

It's Not Just About National Carry

We need important new laws that aren't even introduced yet. I've been writing a lot about infringement laws, a fresh concept. These have to start at your state level and several have started the ball rolling. The U.S. Constitution, as you know, says our right to arms “shall not be infringed.” But since the Constitution has a fatal flaw – no punishments for violating its terms – we need to introduce penalties. “Shall not be infringed” means infringement is illegal. **It is banned.** Officials who infringe on you or your guns violate the Constitution under which they operate and they need to be held accountable. We intend to make it so.

Your state must join with others and define infringement in simple terms, so it is enforceable. This has been alluded to in ***The Blue Press*** and you'll be hearing more about it. "Banning arms or related accessories the public already legally owns is infringement." That's straightforward, accurate and could not be clearer. The bill itself would be more detailed of course, and I'll have the technical language posted at **GunLaws.com** soon. The rubber meets the road with the next part of such a statute. "Taking or attempting to take an infringed item is aggravated infringement, a felony." Now the statute has teeth, officials are restricted and put on notice.

Next Steps

The American Protection of Arms Act (the "aggravated infringement bill") is just the beginning of a broad gun-rights offensive this nation needs to push back against the astounding level of anti-rights gun prejudice we're witnessing from politically active socialists and others.

Leftist gun bigots, a hopelessly biased "news" media, and now a totally misinformed public that has come to believe the many myths they've been bombarded with for years, are seeking office and promoting legislation that will send us to the dark ages. They would ignorantly arm the authorities even more heavily than they are, incrementally disarm the public, and pay inadequate attention to criminals and crazies who are the real problem.

We need to elect people who understand and will help enact defensive display laws so you're not charged if you need to show or reference your firearm to deter crime. Your state needs frivolous lawsuit protections so criminals and their kin can't bring you up on civil charges after you legitimately shoot people trying to harm you. We must repeal gun bans that discriminate against decent people who simply possess their constitutionally protected firearms when they travel in their neighborhoods taking care of business. The list of laws we need is long, and we'll examine and justify them one after another.

But remember this – if you don't get active politically, and help elect good people, our chances of passing good laws, and stopping horrible ones, will be a daydream our children and future generations will look back on and hold us accountable for in disgrace.

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