

- FIREARMS RIGHTS
- YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

Firearms have 2 enemies

Rust and Politicians

National Rifle Association

California Rifle & Pistol Association

- Assuming you're here because you care about individual liberty and are willing to do something about it.
- If you are not a member of the NRA – you're not helping.
- If you're not a member of the CRPA – you're not helping.
- 2 easy things to do – join one or the other or both.
 - Both organizations work to fight against tyrannical restrictive firearms laws.
 - They also provide excellent legal protections for Americans.
 - They also have excellent firearms training programs for Americans.

Constitution

- Neither the Bill of Rights or, more specifically, the 2nd Amendment, grants you the right to possess firearms.
- The Bill of Rights is a document which recognizes that inalienable rights exist without the need of government approval. That's what inalienable means.

Federal Law

- Federal Law –NFA (1934) – FFA (1938) – GCA (1968)
- Regulates Machineguns, silencers, short barreled rifles/shotguns
- Deals with interstate activities – licensing firearms manufacturers, dealers, interstate commerce.
- Also identifies certain classes of people prohibited from possessing firearms and ammunition.
 - Felons, people addicted to controlled substances, people unlawfully in the US, DD, people convicted of DV.

California Law

- CA State law – Also sets rules for licensed firearms dealers. Also has prohibited persons lists. Regulates private party possession, transportation, transfers, storage, etc.
- Assault Weapon law – identifies certain firearms designated as AW's, and regulates possession, transportation, and disposition.

California (Cont)

- Rules, regulations, laws...California
- Buying a firearm – go to a gun dealer, show your papers, pay, wait 10 days, get gun.
 - Must have FSC, proof of CA residency and age, and do a safe handling demonstration.
- Buying from a private party – all of the above
- Large capacity magazines – more than 10 rounds – illegal, but Duncan V. Becerra, Federal Injunction.

California - more

- 1 in 30 Handguns (soon to be 1 in 30 for semi-automatic centerfire rifles)
- Unsafe Handguns (except for LEO)
- Assault Weapons -4 changes

Elected Sheriffs

- SB 271- County sheriffs: eligibility requirements.
- The California Constitution requires the Legislature to provide for an elected county sheriff in each county.

Sheriff Election (cont)

State law specifies that a person is not eligible to be a candidate for office of sheriff in a county unless the person has an advanced certificate issued by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training or meets a combination of certain educational degree and full-time, salaried law enforcement experience requirements. This bill would repeal those eligibility provisions.

More California!

- SB 777 – This bill states that discrimination exists in all aspects of business, banking, loans, etc.
- It is designed to give preferential treatment to minority owned businesses.
- It excludes certain businesses such as “...the operation of any private or commercial golf course, country club, massage parlor, sauna or hot tub facility, suntan facility, racetrack,

SB 777 (cont)

a store or other facility whose principal business is the sale of firearms, a shooting range or gallery or a business which presents live performances of a prurient sexual nature...or the presentation of any depictions or displays, of a prurient sexual nature.”

Gun shops are now equated to strip clubs and massage parlors.

More California!

- AB 1509 – Reduces penalties for criminal use of firearms.
- Existing law imposes a sentence enhancement in the state prison of 10 years for personally using a firearm in the commission of specified felonies, 20 years for personally and intentionally discharging a firearm in the commission of those felonies, and 25 years to life for personally and intentionally discharging a firearm and causing great bodily injury or death to any other person during the commission of those felonies.
- This bill would reduce those enhancements to 1, 2, and 3 years, respectively.

AB 1509 (cont)

Current law imposes a sentence enhancement of 5, 6, or 10 years in the state prison for, with intent to inflict great bodily injury or death, discharging a firearm from a motor vehicle in the commission of a felony and inflicting great bodily injury or death in the commission of a felony. This bill reduces those sentences to

- This bill would reduce that enhancement to 1, 2, or 3 years in the state prison.

Pending Federal Legislation

- HR 127 (Sheila Jackson Lee)
- This bill establishes a process for the licensing and registration of firearms. It also prohibits the possession of certain ammunition and large capacity ammunition feeding devices.

HR 127 (cont)

- In addition, the Department of Justice (DOJ) must establish and maintain a publicly available database of all registered firearms.

HR 127 (cont)

- Next, the bill creates licensing requirements for the possession of a firearm and ammunition. DOJ shall issue such a license if the individual is 21 years of age or older, undergoes a criminal background check and psychological evaluation, completes a certified training course, and has an insurance policy.

HR 127 (cont)

- The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives must establish (1) a licensing system for the possession of firearms or ammunition, and (2) a registration system for firearms.

HR 127 (cont)

The bill also prohibits the transfer of a firearm or ammunition to an unlicensed person.

- Finally, it generally prohibits and penalizes (1) the possession of ammunition that is 0.50 caliber or greater, and (2) the possession of a large capacity ammunition feed device.

Other Pending Federal Bills

- H.R.30 - To increase public safety by punishing and deterring firearms trafficking.

H.R.121 - To provide for the hiring of 200 additional Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives agents and investigators to enforce gun laws.

Other Federal

- [H.R.125](#) - To amend Title 18, United States Code, to provide for a 7-day waiting period before a semiautomatic firearm, a silencer, armor piercing ammunition, or a large capacity ammunition magazine may be transferred.

Other Federal

- [H.R.130](#) - To require the safe storage of firearms and ammunition, and to require the investigation of reports of improper storage of firearms or ammunition.
- (c) CERTIFICATION OF SAFES AND SAFE STORAGE FACILITIES.—Within 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Attorney General shall provide for the certification of safes and safe storage facilities for firearms and ammunition.

More Federal

- HR 8 - This bill establishes new background check requirements for firearm transfers between private parties (i.e., unlicensed individuals).
- Specifically, it prohibits a firearm transfer between private parties unless a licensed gun dealer, manufacturer, or importer first takes possession of the firearm to conduct a background check.
- The prohibition does not apply to certain firearm transfers, such as a gift between spouses in good faith. (Passed by the House on March 11th)

More Federal

- [H.R. 1446](#) would turn a constitutional right into a privilege and eliminate the necessary three day proceed to sale provision under the federal background check system. In its place would be an indefinite delay on exercising a constitutional right simply by the inaction of the government. (Passed by the House on March 11th)

Diane Feinstein's New Assault Weapon Bill – No Number Assigned Yet

- To regulate assault weapons, to ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited, and for other purposes.
- This is a rehash of the original AW federal ban, with all the California restrictions and definitions added in.
- This one includes rimfire firearms.

Resource Information

- California Department of Justice

[Bureau of Firearms | State of California - Department of Justice - Office of the Attorney General](#)

Federal

[ATF Home Page | Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives](#)

General

Calguns.net (Website)

[CRPA | California Rifle & Pistol Association](#)

Resource - continued

- National Rifle Association
- USconcealedcarry.com
- Gun Owners of America
- Second Amendment Foundation
- Friends of the NRA
- Golden State 2nd Amendment Council

NRA Online Seminar

- Thursday March 17th – 7:00 PM
- This workshop will be focused on pending legislation at the federal level, as well as how to be an effective advocate for the Second Amendment.

NRA – ILA Grassroots Website

