

SF PASSES HARSH GUN LAWS

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Get Ready

The California State Legislature will come back into session on August 20th in Sacramento. They already have two solid anti-gun bills just waiting to be voted on. All concerned California firearms owners and shooting sportsmen and women **HAVE** to keep contacting their elected representatives to show opposition to these horrible bills.

AB1471, Microstamping, is on the Senate floor waiting for a vote. If passed, this bill will mandate some form of microscopic identifying marks that will be imprinted on each and every shell casing during the firing process on any new semi-automatic pistol sold after 2010. This is an unproven technology with many ways to criminals to circumvent.

AB334, Loss / Theft Reporting, will make a criminal out of a victim! This bill would punish firearms theft victims if don't report their loss within 5 working days of the crime, or discovery of the incident. Gov. Schwarzenegger already vetoed a version of this bill last year.

AB821 will ban lead ammunition from various parts of California to protect the California condor from ingesting lead from carrion. This bill is based on weak and unfounded studies, and could cripple hunting all over the state. AB821 is still in committee to be voted on.

As you can see, we have a tough legislative fight ahead of us. Please keep calling, e-mailing, writing letters, and faxing your elected representatives in the State Capitol with your concerns and opinions about these horrible anti-gun bills. Keep checking www.ggunra.org for updates. Donate your time and money to your local NRA Members' Council to preserve your precious Second Amendment rights. **GET READY!!!**

SF's New Harsh Gun Laws

San Francisco just passed some of the most restrictive gun laws in the country ... even though one of the sponsors admitted they wouldn't make much difference in the current crime rate! Escalating gang and drug wars are spilling over to San Francisco's downtown tourist areas, putting pressure on city officials to do something about the violence.

Mayor Newsome signed three new anti-gun ordinances on August 1, 2007 in a feeble response to this new wave of crime. The first law would prohibit the possession or sale of firearms or ammunition on property controlled by the City and County of San Francisco. The second law requires all handguns located within a residence be kept either in a locked container or disabled with a lock. The third law requires licensed firearms dealers in the city to transmit their inventory to the Chief of Police every six months.

However, Supervisor Ross Mirkarimi, a sponsor, said he doubts that these laws will stop the type of gun violence now occurring. Supervisor Aaron Peskin said **"It is a silly feel-good legislation with no teeth."**

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NEW CALIFORNIA NRA NEWSLETTER!!

A new state-wide NRA Members' Council newsletter is available at : <http://calnra.com/freedomsadvocate/download.shtml>

Crossroads of the West 2007 gun shows at the Cow Palace, Daly City, CA:

August 11-12

Sept 22-23

Nov. 17-18

<http://www.crossroadsgunshows.com>

<http://www.cowpalace.com/schedule.html>

Contact us to volunteer at the NRA recruiting booth, and get a free pass into the show.

Bill Tidwell Firearms Safety classes :

Bill and Cathy Tidwell teach basic NRA pistol classes, Hunter Education classes, NRA Instructor training classes, and many others.

See <http://train2besafe.com/> for a list of 2007 classes by Bill and Cathy Tidwell , or call (510) 713-8907

BAYPROFS (Bay Area Professionals for Firearms Safety and Education) Firearms Classes :

This is a not-for-profit organization that teaches NRA classes in Firearms Safety, Basic Pistol, and NRA Personal Protection in the Home. They use various San Jose area ranges for their classes.

See <http://www.bayprofs.org/> for information on their 2007 classes

For information on Bay Area NRA events and meetings, see <http://www.ggnra.org/calendar>

Firearms forum : www.calguns.net

Help the troops in Iraq get free gun cleaning kits . Go to www.projectboresnake.org and donate. You can even nominate a soldier or outfit to receive these cleaning kits. Over **10,000 donated kits** have been sent to our soldiers already!

California Legislative Update July 2007

The California legislature is on break until Monday, August 20, 2007. This is an update on current pending firearms bills. When the legislature reconvenes, the NRA will be asking you to make lots of phone calls, e-mails, faxes, and letters to show your most determined opposition to these ridiculous anti-gun bills.

AB 1471, Microstamping, has moved out of the Senate Appropriations Committee without a hearing and will go straight to the Senate floor for a vote. This will require ALL semiautomatic pistols sold after Jan 1, 2010 to be equipped with a microscopic array of markings that identifies the firearm to be imprinted on a shell casing as the gun is fired. There is NO proof whatsoever that shows this will solve gun crimes or even be reliable or fool-proof.

AB334, Mandatory Loss/ Theft Reporting, has also moved out of the Appropriations Committee and goes directly to the Senate floor for a vote in August. This bill would make a criminal out of a firearms theft victim if they haven't reported the crime within five working days of the incident, or within five working days of when they should have "reasonably known" of the theft. Instead of working with the police to recover the stolen items, gun owners will be forced to hire an attorney to protect them from possible prosecution for late reporting!

AB821, Banning Lead Ammunition, was voted out of the Appropriations Committee and passed to the Senate floor. This far-reaching bill would ban leaded ammunition for hunting big game and coyotes in specified areas. This blatant anti-hunting proposal is not based on any sound scientific studies, and would cripple hunting activities throughout California.

Please keep in touch with local NRA representatives for up-to-date information so we can stop these horrific anti-gun bills from passing. Go to www.ggnra.org for the latest on these and other California firearms related legislation.

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In 2006, Scottish subjects turned in over 12,000 knives, axes, cleavers, swords, and bayonets in a five week “Knife Amnesty” period designed to tackle Scotland’s rising “knife crimes”. Current laws mean immediate arrest and four years in jail for anyone found with a knife in their possession.

Also in 2006, the Wall Street Journal published an article about a new \$1 Billion “deadly pocketknife” business in America. This article mentioned a March 2006 FBI bulletin concerning the ‘emerging threats’ posed by such “tactical” knives.

To combat such anti-knife hysteria, Doug Ritter, an award-winning outdoor, aviation, and survival skills journalist, started KnifeRights.org. He fully intends to organize and protect American knife owners from future legal harassment and confiscation.

The Mission Statement of Knife Rights includes giving knife owners an effective voice in shaping public policy and opposing needless restrictions, promoting the responsible and safe use of knives, encouraging responsible marketing of knives and edged tools, and providing valuable services for Knife Rights members to encourage increased membership.

Mr. Ritter brought his message to the 2007 St. Louis NRA convention. He sees a total connection between the NRA’s fight for gun rights and his group. As a matter of fact, NRA President Sandra Froman became Knife Rights’ first Cornerstone Charter member. To date, over 90% of Knife Rights members are also NRA members.

Individual dues are \$28.00 a year for the basic, and \$50.00 for the Benefactor memberships. For more information on this new and timely organization, go to <http://www.kniferights.org>. You can read more about Doug’s vision, his newsletters, and download a membership application.

OSHA Will Revise Explosives Rules

During the week of July 20th, 2007, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) announced it will “significantly revise a recent proposal for new explosives safety regulations that caused serious concern among gun owners”.

The previous proposals would have included black powder, small arms ammunition, small arms primers, and smokeless propellant into the “volatile explosives category”. This would have imposed extraordinary restrictions on small gun shops, sporting goods stores, shippers, and ammunition dealers all over America.

One horrendous example would have been the need to evacuate a facility containing these ‘explosives’ during electrical storms. Imagine evacuating an entire Wal-Mart during a thunderstorm because it sells hunting ammunition!

Thankfully, with the urging of the NRA, gun owners all over this country flooded OSHA with their comments during the prescribed “comment period”. Great support was also given by Rep Denny Rehberg (R-Montana) and Congressman Doug Lamborn (R-Colorado) to revise these over-reaching rules.

On July 16th, Kristine Iversen of the Labor Dept sent Rep Rehberg a letter stating it “was never the intention of OSHA to block the sale, transportation, or storage of ...ammunition”. OSHA will be revising this rule, and NRA will be there to monitor the changes.

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Refuse To Be A Victim Personal Safety Seminar :
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The NRA Online Store : www.nrastore.com

California Legislative Alerts

To **view the latest legislative alerts** check here:
<http://NRAMembersCouncils.com/legs.shtml>

To **receive CAL-ERT email alerts** derived from direct input of the Sacramento NRA-ILA lobbyist, Ed Worley, sign up at:
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NEXT GGUNRAMC MEETING :
TUESDAY, 7PM, ON AUGUST 21, 2007
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1128 TARAVAL ST.
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These private meetings are for NRA members, NRA Member's Councils members and invited guests only. NRA proof-of-membership and personal identification are required to attend these meetings. We reserve the right to refuse entry.