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GUN RIGHTS STATUS REPORT

AS OF WEDNESDAY APRIL 17, 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 we coordinate daily with NRA-ILA and other groups involved with similar issues. We use Legislative Alerts to advise our members of upcoming legislation that needs their attention. The “Liberty Tree” program we developed (members forwarding messages and Alerts to their gun rights contacts), coupled with our Facebook page, have been our primary means of communication with non-members. The two best things you can do to protect your gun rights is to respond to our Alerts and contact your legislators to express your opinion on gun rights issues, and encourage as many like-minded people as possible to do the same.

The Nevada Firearms Coalition is actively participating in the 77th Session of the Nevada Legislature to protect our 2nd Amendment rights. The Session began on February 4th and will last 120 days, with several deadlines new legislation must meet along the way to ensure they move forward through the legislative process. We are more than half-way through the Session, and Friday was the first deadline where bills either had to pass from their first committee or be given an exemption to allow for more time to analyze their financial impacts on Nevadans.

We are reviewing the bills that have survived that first deadline and their amendments, and we will be sending Alerts as they come up for votes.

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. From the data displayed below, your responses to our NVFAC legislative Alerts can clearly be seen. Be it either support or opposition, the volume of contacts on our issues is tremendous. NVFAC, along with NRA-ILA, Oath Keepers, Nevada Families for Freedom, The Grassroots Tea Party of Nevada, Citizen Outreach, and all of 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 strive for higher numbers supporting our positions. Please continue to write your legislators, forward our Alerts to your contact lists, and urge everyone to do the same and to comment on pending legislation at the “Submit Your Opinion” link.

**Bill Opinion Poll by Highest Vote Count As of April 17, 2013
(NVFAC Tracked Bills Are Highlighted in Yellow)**

Rank	Bill Name	Bill Summary	Votes	For	Against
1	SB245	Enacts provisions relating to the importation, possession, sale, transfer and breeding of dangerous wild animals. (BDR 50-161)	1797	75	1722
2	SB221	Makes certain changes relating to persons with mental illness. (BDR 14-943)	1776	47	1729
3	SB72	Makes various changes concerning cruelty to animals. (BDR 50-114)	1771	1144	627
4	SJR13	Proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to repeal the limitation on the recognition of marriage. (BDR C-88)	1739	1064	675
5	AB230	Revises provisions governing courses of instruction in sex education. (BDR 34-1034)	1355	496	859
6	AB234	Revises provisions relating to firearms. (BDR 15-915)	1332	22	1309
7	AB143	Makes various changes relating to concealed firearms. (BDR 20-615)	1179	1136	43
8	AB34	Makes various changes relating to common-interest communities. (BDR 10-354)	1027	31	996
9	SB396	Makes various changes relating to firearms. (BDR 15-931)	916	26	890
10	SB213	Revises certain provisions relating to the trapping of wild animals. (BDR 45-450)	916	119	797
11	SJR7	Proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to preserve the right to hunt, fish and trap in this State. (BDR C-586)	657	629	28
12	SB82	Prohibits the Board of Wildlife Commissioners from authorizing the hunting of black bears. (BDR 45-409)	626	173	453
13	SB277	Revises provisions relating to firearms. (BDR 15-923)	576	28	548
14	SB137	Revises provisions governing concealed firearms. (BDR 15-426)	548	527	21
15	SB223	Revises provisions governing the carrying of concealed firearms on school property. (BDR 15-1062)	538	473	65
16	SB76	Revises provisions governing permits to carry concealed firearms. (BDR 15-37)	532	513	19
17	SB226	Makes various changes concerning firearms. (BDR 15-38)	461	410	51

Following are the bills we have presented position letters for or against, testified in favor or opposition, as well as monitored their status. Active bills are moving forward through the system (we are half-way done). Inactive bills are supposed to be dead, but may come back to life (aka zombie bills), and we will continue to monitor them as well.

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 for certain grants and benefits under marksmanship and other programs.

This bill passed the Senate on 15 April and was sent to the Assembly where it awaits action.

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.
In Assembly waiting for hearing in Judiciary.

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.

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

ACTIVE BILLS - OPPOSE

SB 221 by Senator Jones, requires those that plead out to crimes due to mental illness be reported in 5 days to the Central Repository and NICS. Requires private party background checks on firearms transfers. Eliminates due process in 2A disqualification. Those having firearms seized under this bill 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 of committee on PARTY LINE VOTE.

NVFAC strongly OPPOSES this bill, and testified against it.

SB 277 by Senator Kieckhefer prohibits a person from purchasing a firearm if they have a petition for mental evaluation filled against them. Due process issues.

Hearing 4/09/2013 in Senate Health & Human Services.
Work Session 4/11/2013 passed with Senator HARDY in opposition.

NVFAC strongly OPPOSES this bill, and testified against it. We are working with Senator Kieckhefer to make the bill acceptable to Nevada gun owners, however anything that does not include due process for Nevada's gun owners will be vigorously opposed.

AB 60, establishes requirements for solicitation of charitable contributions by nonprofit corporations and other charitable organizations.

Heard on 4/10/2013, in Assembly Judiciary.
Work Session on 4/12/2013, in Assembly Judiciary, amended and passed.

NVFAC strongly OPPOSES this bill, and testified against it.

AB 496, Metro Police sales tax increase.

Passed out of committee.

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.

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 opposes this bill.

ACTIVE BILLS - MONITOR

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, and lets one get a separate ID card w/o the endorsement on it.

Heard on 3/25/2013 in Senate Judiciary.

Work Session 4/05/2013, in Senate Judiciary. Committee stripped out the portion that eliminates the Clark County handgun registration program. Passed unanimously.

Re-referred on the floor to Senate Finance due to fiscal note.

NVFAC supported this bill as written and testified in favor of it with stipulations that a graphic be used instead of CCW on license. However, with Clark County Handgun Registration eliminated, we are now monitoring this bill and may oppose it depending on other conditions that may be added.

THE FOLLOWING BILLS HAVE FAILED DEADLINE AND ARE CONSIDERED DEAD.

SJR 7, State Constitutional Protection for hunting and fishing.

Committee Chair refused to schedule a hearing

NVFAC strongly supported this bill.

AB 70 by Assemblyman John Hambrick, Castle Doctrine, provides civil protection from lawsuits following a justified self-defense 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 (see numbers of supporting comments) 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, taxes of \$25 per 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 secure storage of firearms in vehicles by CFP holders on university property, as is now the case with off-duty peace officers.

No hearing scheduled.

NVFAC strongly supported this bill.

AB 340 by Assemblyman Hambrick, gives full state-wide firearms pre-emption (one gun law for all of Nevada, not the hodge-podge of state and local laws we have now); and repeals Clark County 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 137 by Senator Gustavson, the Constitutional Carry bill.

Heard on 3/25/2013 in Senate Judiciary.

Committee Chair Segerblom refused to 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 CFP.

Heard on 3/25/2013 in Senate Judiciary.

Committee Chair Segerblom refused to 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 to stop it. Senator Segerblom himself commented to NRA's lobbyist that NVFAC and NRA were instrumental in getting it killed.

GOING FORWARD

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.

NVFAC will continue to monitor and aggressively oppose the surviving anti-gun bills remaining in this legislative session, and capitalize on our grassroots success to mobilize opposition to any attempts to compromise or infringe your Second Amendment rights.

Even though most of our attention is on Carson City right now, we are still actively involved at the local and federal level. Tuesday 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 are also opposing METRO's attempts to raise funds through AB 496 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. Most recently, we sent a letter to Senator Dean Heller (R-NV) expressing our disappointment at his recent vote to end cloture on the gun control proposals on presented on 10 April 2013 by Senate Majority Leader Senator Harry Reid (D-NV).

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