

Gun rights activists are still endeavoring to undo the advancements in public safety we achieved in 2013. They also continue to push legislation enshrining their “more guns = less crime” philosophy. Instead, as shown around the world and across our nation, “More Guns = More Gun Deaths.”

Defeated Bills

SB17-005 School Handgun Training - Strongly Oppose

Status: Passed Senate 3rd reading 2/6 on 18-17 party-line vote. Defeated in House State, Veterans and Military Affairs on 3/22 on a 3-6 party-line vote. (Sen. Chris Holbert, Rep. Patrick Neville) Would allow school employees trained by sheriffs to carry guns in schools.

SB17-006 CCW for Military under age 21 – Oppose

Status: Passed Senate 3rd reading 2/17 on 20-15 vote (Democrats Garcia and Jahn voted yes). . Defeated in House State, Veterans and Military Affairs on 3/22 on a 3-6 party-line vote. (Sen. John Cooke, Rep. Dan Nordberg) Would allow those ages 18-21 and active with the military or honorably discharged to obtain a CCW permit. NOTE: Those under 21 in Colorado may not legally purchase a handgun.

SB17-007 Repeal the Ban on High Capacity Magazines – Strongly Oppose

Status: Passed Senate 3rd reading 2/10 on 21-13 vote. (Democrats Donovan, Garcia, and Jahn voted yes). Defeated in House State, Veterans and Military Affairs on 3/22 on a 3-6 party-line vote. (Sen Vicki Marble, Reps. Lori Saine and Stephen Humphrey) Would remove the ban on the sale and transfer of ammunition magazines over 15 rounds, which became law in 2013. This is the 4th consecutive year for this bill.

SB17-116 Permitless Concealed Carry – Strongly Oppose

Status: Passed Senate on 3/23 on 18-17 party-line vote. Defeated in House, State, Veterans and Military Affairs on 4/26 on a 3-6 party-line vote. (Sen. Tim Neville, Rep. Kevin Van Winkle). Would allow anyone 21 or over who is not prohibited to possess a handgun to carry it concealed. No sheriff’s discretion, no permit, no background check, no safety training required. This is the 8th year for this proposal.

HB17-1036 Guns in School – Strongly Oppose

Status: Failed in House State, Veterans and Military Affairs 2/8 on a 3-6 party-line vote. (Reps. Patrick Neville and Kim Ransom, Sen. Tim Neville). Would allow anyone with a concealed carry permit to carry a hidden handgun into any K-12 public school. This is the 5th consecutive year for a “guns in schools” bill.

HB17-1037 Stand Your Ground (business) – Strongly oppose

Status: Failed in House State, Veterans and Military Affairs 2/8 on a 3-6 party-line vote. (Rep. Justin Everett, Sen. Marble) Would allow a person to use deadly force against an intruder in a business location if they felt threatened, no matter how slight. This is a Stand Your Ground bill. Think of the shooting death of Trayvon Martin in Florida and you’ve got the idea. This is the 12th straight year a for a stand your ground (biz) bill.

HB17-1097 Repeal the Ban on High Capacity Magazines – Strongly Oppose

Status: Failed in House State, Veterans and Military Affairs 2/8 on a 3-6 party-line vote. (Reps. Lori Saine and Stephen Humphrey, Sens. Tim Neville and Vicki Marble) Would remove the ban on the sale and transfer of ammunition magazines over 15 rounds, which became law in 2013. This is the 4th straight year this bill has been introduced.

Federal Bills of Concern

S. 59 Silencers (Hearing Protection Act) – Strongly oppose

Status: Introduced. 18 co-sponsors. None in Colorado. Would make silencers easier to obtain. Danger of not knowing location of shooter. Disables Denver's Shotspotter.

S. 446 Federally Mandated Concealed Carry (Reciprocity) – Strongly oppose

Status: Introduced. 38 co-sponsors. None from Colorado. Would mandate that every state honor CCW permits from other states and also people from permitless states.

H.R. 38 Federally Mandated Concealed Carry (Reciprocity) – Strongly oppose

Status: Introduced. 212 co-sponsors including Buck, Coffman, Lamborn, and Tipton of Colorado. Similar to S. 446, but would also allow someone denied a permit in Colorado to get one in a state that doesn't require residency, such as Utah, would allow individuals to take their guns into K-12 schools, and would allow individuals to sue law officers, state, or other political subdivision if they are arrested or detained.

H.R. 358 Interstate Transportation of Firearms - oppose

Status: Introduced. 72 co-sponsors including Coffman, Tipton and Lamborn from Colorado. Relaxes laws regarding transportation of firearms. Changes burden of proof for prosecution.

H.R. 367 Silencers (Hearing Protection Act) – Strongly oppose

Status: Introduced. 164 co-sponsors including Buck, Coffman, and Lamborn from Colorado. Identical to S. 59.

H.R. 1181 Veterans Mental Illness (Veterans 2nd Amendment Protection Act) – Strongly oppose

Status: Passed House 3/16/2017 on a 240-175 vote. (Yes: Buck, Coffman, Lamborn, Tipton, NO: DeGette, Polis, Perlmutter). Has failed so far to garner sufficient support in the Senate for fast-tracking. Would repeal law that requires VA to send to NICS the names of those veterans who are receiving VA benefits for mental illness and who are under guardianship of another. Suicide rate for veterans is twice that of non-veterans.

H.R. 3668 SHARE Act – Strongly oppose

Status: Passed Committee. 5 co-sponsors, none from Colorado. Omnibus "sportsmen's heritage" bill that has numerous parts weakening gun laws: including silencers, interstate transport and armor-piercing bullets.

S. 1916 Firearms Accessories – Strongly support

Status: Introduced. 39 co-sponsors including Bennet from Colorado. Would prohibit devices (including Bump Stocks) that allow semi-automatic firearms mimic automatics.

H.R. 1478 Gun Violence Research Act – Strongly support

Status: Introduced. 106 co-sponsors. Polis from Colorado. Would repeal prohibitions on Department of Health and Human Services sponsoring research on gun violence.

H.R. 3947 and H.R. 3999 Firearms Accessories – Strongly support

Status: Introduced. H.R. 3947 has 173 co-sponsors including DeGette and Perlmutter. H.R. 3999 is bipartisan and has 25 co-sponsors, including Perlmutter and Polis. Same (H.R. 3947) as or similar (H.R. 3999) to S. 1916.

New Federal Law

H.J. Res. 40 Overturn Obama Social Security Rules on Mental Illness - opposed

Status: Passed House 2/2/17 on 235-180 vote. (YES: Buck, Coffman, Lamborn, Tipton, NO: DeGette, Polis, Perlmutter). Passed Senate 2/15/17 on 57-43 vote. (Yes: Gardner, NO: Bennet). Signed by President 2/28/17. Overturns Social Security rules drawn up under Obama's discretion that puts people who receive Social Security benefits for those who are mentally disabled and who are under guardianship of another on the NICS (National Instant Criminal System) list for denial of gun purchases.