

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.

Federal Bills of Concern (selection)

[S. 59 and H.R. 367 Silencers \(Hearing Protection Act\) – Strongly oppose](#)

Status: Introduced. Senate 18 co-sponsors. None from Colorado. House: 164 co-sponsors including Buck, Coffman, and Lamborn. 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. 39 co-sponsors. None from Colorado. Would mandate that every state honor CCW permits from other states and also people from permitless states.

[S. 1916 Firearms Accessories – Strongly support](#)

Status: Introduced. 40 co-sponsors including Bennet from Colorado. Would prohibit devices (including Bump Stocks) that allow semi-automatic firearms mimic automatics.

[S. 2009 Background Checks – Strongly support](#)

Status: Introduced. 32 co-sponsors including Bennet from Colorado. Background Checks on all firearm transfers.

[S. 2095 Assault Weapons Ban – Strongly support](#)

Status: Introduced. 23 co-sponsors, none from Colorado.

[S.2135 Enforce Current Law Regarding National Instant Criminal Background Checks – Strongly support](#)

Status: Introduced. Bipartisan 25 co-sponsors including Bennet. Requires federal agencies to submit records to NICS.

[H.R. 38 Federally Mandated Concealed Carry \(Reciprocity\) – Strongly oppose](#)

Status: Passed House on 12/6 on vote of 231-198. (YES: Coffman, Lamborn and Tipton. NO: Buck, DeGette, Perlmutter, and Polis. Buck voted against the bill because he didn’t like the fix NICS (see. S. 2035 notes) amendment.) 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. 73 co-sponsors including Coffman, Tipton and Lamborn from Colorado. Relaxes laws regarding transportation of firearms. Changes burden of proof for prosecution.

[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. 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. 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.

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

Status: Introduced. H.R. 3947 has 175 co-sponsors including DeGette and Perlmutter. H.R. 3999 is bipartisan and has 27 co-sponsors, including Perlmutter and Polis Similar to S. 1916.

Now 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.

Colorado 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. Holbert, Rep. P. 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. Cooke, Rep. 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 and HB17-1097 Repeal the Ban on High Capacity Magazines – Strongly Oppose

SB007 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 Marble, Reps. Saine and Humphrey). **HB1097 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 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. T. Neville, Rep. 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. P. Neville and Ransom, Sen. T. 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. 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.