



2019 Colorado and Federal Firearms Bills

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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.

Colorado Bills

HB19-1177 Extreme Risk Protection Orders – Strongly Support

Status: Passed House on March 4th on 38-25 vote. Passed Senate on March 28th on 18-17 vote. Governor signed into law 4/12/2019. (Reps. Sullivan and Garnett, Senators Court and Pettersen). Would allow families and law enforcement to obtain court orders to suspend firearms access to people dangerous to themselves or others. Votes were party-line with Democratic Reps. Buentello and Don Valdez and Sen. Garcia voting with the Republicans.

Colorado Defeated Bills

SB19-033 Automatic Law Waivers for Rural School Districts – Oppose

Status: Failed Jan. 16th in Senate State, Veterans, and Military Affairs on 2-3 party line vote. (Sen Hill) Although the bill was more about educational issues, the manner in which it was written would have enabled the state school board and local districts to allow firearms into public schools.

SB19-093 Firearms Rights of Medical Marijuana Users - Oppose

Status: Failed Feb. 6th in Senate State, Veterans, and Military Affairs on 2-3 party line vote. (Sen. Marble, Rep. Buentello). Would allow those who have medical marijuana purchase cards to be able to obtain concealed carry permits.

HB19-1021 Repeal Ammunition Magazine Ban- Strongly Oppose

Status: Failed Jan. 24th in House State, Veterans, and Military Affairs on 3-6 party-line vote. (Reps. Saine/Humphrey) This is the 6th year for this proposal.

HB19-1022 Deadly Force Against Intruder (business) – Strongly oppose

Status: Failed Jan. 24th in House State, Veterans, and Military Affairs on 3-6 party-line vote. (Rep. Sandridge) 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 14th straight year a stand your ground (biz) bill has been defeated.

HB19-1049 Guns in School – Strongly Oppose

Status: Failed Jan. 24th in House State, Veterans, and Military Affairs on 3-6 party-line vote. (Rep. Neville). Would allow anyone with a concealed carry permit to carry a hidden handgun into any K-12 public school. This is the 7th consecutive year for a “guns in schools” bill.

HB19-1116 Hunter Education Courses – Strongly Oppose

Status: Failed Feb 12th in House Education on 4-7 party-lines vote. (Reps. McKean and Buentello). For districts and charter schools that elect to have hunter education courses, all 7th graders would have to successfully complete them.

Federal Bills of Concern

There are 113 firearms-related bills already entered in Congress. This is just a selection of prominent ones.

S. 42 and H.R. 8 Universal Background Checks – Strongly Support

Status S. 42: Introduced. 41 co-sponsors including Bennet from Colorado.

Status H.R. 8: Passed House on February 27th on a 240-190 vote. YES Votes: Crow, DeGette, Neguse and Perlmutter. NO Votes: Buck, Lamborn and Tipton. Background Checks on all firearm transfers.

S. 66 and H.R. 1296 Assault Weapons Ban – Strongly Support

Status S.66: Introduced. 29 co-sponsors, none from Colorado.

Status H.R. 1296: Introduced. 191 cosponsors including Crow, DeGette, Neguse and Perlmutter from Colorado.

S. 69 Federally Mandated Concealed Carry (Reciprocity) – Strongly oppose

Status: Introduced. 37 co-sponsors. None from Colorado. Would mandate that every state honor CCW permits from other states and also people from permitless states.

S. 320 and H.R. 939 Require firearms dealer security - Strongly Support

Status S. 320: Introduced. 7 co-sponsors, none from Colorado.

Status H.R. 939 Introduced. 18 co-sponsors, none from Colorado.

S. 817 and H.R. 155 Silencers (Hearing Protection Act) – Strongly oppose

Status S. 817 Introduced. 15 Co-sponsors, none from Colorado.

Status H.R. 155 Introduced. 64 co-sponsors including Buck from Colorado.

Would make silencers easier to obtain. Danger of not knowing location of shooter. Weakens Shotspotter.

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

Status: Introduced. 153 co-sponsors including Tipton, Lamborn, Buck from Colorado. Similar to S. 69, 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. 157 – Repeal PLACA Strongly support

Status: Introduced. 0 co-sponsors. Would repeal law shielding gun industry from lawsuits.

H.R. 674 – CDC Funding – Strongly Support

Status: Introduced. 93 co-sponsors including DeGette from Colorado. Annually funds \$50 million for gun violence prevention research at CDC (reverses Dickey Amendment)

H.R. 686 – Stop Online Ammunition Sales – Strongly Support

Status: Introduced. 31 co-sponsors including DeGette from Colorado.

H.R. 717 – Ban Sale of Semiautomatics to those under 21 – Strongly Support

Status: Introduced. 62 co-sponsors including DeGette and Neguse from Colorado.

H.R. 971 – Prohibit firearms possession by those with animal cruelty convictions – Strongly Support

Status: Introduced. 0 co-sponsors.

H.R. 1112 Expanded Background Checks – Strongly Support

Status: Passed House on 2/28 on vote of 228-198. Voting YES: Crow, DeGette, Neguse and Perlmutter. Voting NO: Buck, Lamborn, and Tipton. Extend the time limit for clearing up records from 3 to 10 days: Charleston Loophole.

H.R. 1297 Armor Piercing Weapons – Strongly Support

Status: Introduced. 10 cosponsors, none Colorado. Regulate armor concealable weapons like machine guns.

H.R. 1585 Reauthorize Violence Against Women Act - Support

Status: Passed House on 4/4/2019 on a 263-158 vote. YES votes: Crow, DeGette, Neguse and Perlmutter. NO Votes: Buck, Lamborn, and Tipton