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## **New Posts:** February 14, 2014

*Please forward this information to your family, friends, and fellow gun owners!*

### **Iowa: Demand Action in Des Moines on Pending Pro-Gun Legislation**

The opportunity to advance your firearms freedoms in Des Moines during the 2014 legislative session will slip away if state legislators fail to understand how important Second Amendment rights are to Iowans and they fail to act soon. Many of you have called and written your state legislators at our request, expressed your support and engaged them in discussions. Your calls and e-mails make the difference – so keep up the efforts!

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### **Missouri: Senate to Vote on De-facto Gun Owner Registry on Monday**

Yesterday, after many calls from you, Senate Bill 613 was placed on the Missouri Senate calendar for third reading on Monday, February 17. As reported yesterday, SB 613 was amended during the Senate floor debate with anti-gun language similar to that contained in Senate Bill 556 and Senate Bill 565, both sponsored by anti-gun state Senator Jamilah Nasheed (D-5).

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### **Tennessee: Pro-Gun Legislation Moving in Nashville**

Yesterday, the Tennessee Senate passed Senate Bill 1496 by a 26 to 7 vote. Sponsored by state Senator Stacey Campfield (R-7), SB 1496 aims to prevent municipalities from passing and enforcing ordinances that ban the carrying of firearms in city, county and municipal parks. This legislation would allow law-abiding Tennesseans with a Handgun Carry Permit (HCP) to carry a firearm into all state, city, county and municipal parks, and prevent a patchwork of laws across the state regarding which localities have prohibited firearms in their parks.

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## Virginia: Report on Legislative Action for the Week of February 10

Today, the House Courts of Justice Criminal Law Subcommittee tabled Senate Bill 510 by a voice vote. Sponsored by anti-gun state Senator Barbara Favola (D-31), SB 510 expands “prohibited persons” for ownership and possession of a firearm to individuals convicted of certain misdemeanors.

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## Oregon: Misguided Background Check Legislation Update

Yesterday, the Oregon Senate Judiciary Committee voted 3 to 2 down the party line to move Senate Bill 1551 to the Senate Rules Committee. As previously reported, SB 1551 would criminalize the otherwise lawful private transfer of firearms.

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## Idaho: Pro-Hunting Legislation Passes House Committee

Earlier this week, House Bill 399 passed in the House Resources and Conservation Committee with a do-pass recommendation and is now awaiting consideration on the House floor. HB 399 seeks to lower the minimum age to hunt big game from twelve years to ten years, while retaining the requirement that an individual younger than twelve must be accompanied in the field by an adult licensed to hunt in Idaho.

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## Kansas: House Committee to Hear Important Pro-Gun Legislation Next Week

On Wednesday, February 19, at 9:00 a.m., House Bill 2578 will be heard in the state House Federal and State Affairs Committee. Authored by state Representative Richard Carlson (R-61), HB 2578 would require that certification by a chief law enforcement officer, when a signoff is required for the transfer of a firearm or other item regulated by the National Firearms Act, be provided within thirty days as long as the applicant is not prohibited by law from receiving the firearm or other item.

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## Michigan: Firearms Records Confidentiality Package Introduced in State House

Yesterday, House Bills 5324, 5325, 5326, 5327 and 5328 were introduced in the Michigan Legislature. Collectively known as the "Firearms Records Confidentiality Package," these bills seek to clarify current laws regarding the regulation and licensing of the selling, purchasing, possessing and carrying of certain firearms.

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## Court gives NRA a big win for concealed carry gun rights in California

Second Amendment advocates won a major victory on Thursday when the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the individual right to bear arms applies outside the home. Specifically, the court said that San Diego's restrictive concealed carry laws that require citizens to prove a need to defend themselves are unconstitutional.

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## Victory in Peruta v. San Diego: Ninth Circuit Confirms Right to Carry Arms in Public

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has confirmed that the Second Amendment protects an individual right to carry firearms for self-defense in public. The landmark decision came in the NRA-supported case of *Peruta v. San Diego County*, brought on behalf of the CRPA Foundation and five individuals who were denied carry licenses by the San Diego Sheriff. In its ruling, this federal court struck down a San Diego County Sheriff's policy that prevented most law-abiding adults from getting a license to carry a firearm.

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## Federal Update

Last week, there was a mark-up in the Senate Treasury Postal Committee.

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## Court overturns restrictions on concealed guns in much of California

In a significant victory for gun owners, a divided federal appeals court Thursday struck down California rules that permit counties to restrict as they see fit the right to carry a concealed weapon in public.

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## Kopel: Ninth Circuit strikes California's restrictive rule against licensed carry of handguns

The Ninth Circuit's decision in *Peruta v. San Diego*, released minutes ago, affirms the right of law-abiding citizens to carry handguns for lawful protection in public. California law has a process for applying for a permit to carry a handgun for protection in public, with requirements for safety training, a background check, and so on. These requirements were not challenged. The statute also requires that the applicant have "good cause," which was interpreted by San Diego County to mean that the applicant is faced with current specific threats. (Not all California counties have

this narrow interpretation.) The Ninth Circuit, in a 2-1 opinion written by Judge O'Scannlain, ruled that Peruta was entitled to Summary Judgement, because the "good cause" provision violates the Second Amendment.

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## Lott: It may soon be easy to carry a permitted concealed handgun in California

California may soon join 42 other states in letting people carry concealed handguns once they meet certain objective criteria. Thursday, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the state couldn't ban both concealed and open carry guns. The court also struck down the so-called "good cause" requirement for getting a permit, saying that concern for one's personal safety should be sufficient justification.

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## New Hampshire: House rejects bill restricting private transfers

A New Hampshire bill that would have expanded background checks for gun sales and transfers to include gun shows, the Internet and flea markets was killed by the state's House of Representatives on Wednesday. A closely divided House debated the issue for two hours — at one point voting to study the matter rather than impose the background checks — but later voted 242-118 to kill the bill after supporters tried to postpone final action in a bid to either salvage the checks or change the study's focus.

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## En masse, Connecticut's gun owners defy new registration law

Looks like there's a little life in the old Constitution State yet. Per the Hartford Courant: Everyone knew there would be some gun owners flouting the law that legislators hurriedly passed last April, requiring residents to register all military-style rifles with state police by Dec. 31. But few thought the figures would be this bad. By the end of 2013, state police had received 47,916 applications for assault weapons certificates, Lt. Paul Vance said. An additional 2,100 that were incomplete could still come in.

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## Kansas: Amended bill respect Right-to-Carry in vehicle regardless of permit

Kansas gun owners will be able to carry a loaded handgun in their car regardless of whether they have a conceal and carry permit if a bill headed to the House floor becomes law.

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## Arizona could penalize cities for gun laws

The state of Arizona could impose fines on cities and towns that enforce gun ordinances stricter than the state's own laws. House Bill 2517, sponsored by Rep. Steve Smith, would impose a civil penalty of up to \$5,000 on city and town governments that violate the statute. Smith said he wants the state "to have some teeth" in enforcing the law.

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## NRA gets behind NJ man's lawsuit challenging state's gun carry restrictions, group says

The National Rifle Association is supporting a Sussex County man's lawsuit seeking a permit to carry his handgun outside of his house, the organization announced this week. The national lobbying group said it was backing John Drake's lawsuit with a forthcoming amicus brief, in support of Second-Amendment rights in New Jersey, the organization said. Drake, and other plaintiffs involved in the lawsuit, petitioned last month to have their case heard in the U.S. Supreme Court.

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## 19 states to help challenge New Jersey gun law

Wyoming is leading a coalition of 19 states asking the U.S. Supreme Court to let them submit a brief supporting a New Jersey man's challenge to that state's concealed weapons law. The Wyoming Attorney General's Office, acting as lawyer for Wyoming and the other states, on Wednesday asked the Supreme Court to grant a hearing to John M. Drake and others who are challenging a recent appeals court ruling.

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## Florida: 'Pop-Tart' gun bill would not punish children with simulated weapons at school

The Florida bill would protect schoolchildren who play with imaginary guns, miniature toy guns and toy guns made of snap-together building blocks. Children would also be free to draw pictures of guns, or hold their pencils as if they were firearms. They could still get in trouble, however, if their play disrupts class or hurts a fellow student or teacher.

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