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Tennessee: Hunter Protection Bill Goes to Governor

Last week, Senate Bill 1777 was substituted for its companion bill, House Bill 1952, on the House floor and proceeded to be unanimously approved by the Tennessee House of Representatives. Having been unanimously passed in the state Senate on February 27, SB 1777 will now be sent to Governor Bill Haslam (R) for his expected signature into law.

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Missouri: House Committee Passes Pro-Gun Bills

Last week, the House General Laws Committee approved and reported as "Do Pass" multiple NRA-supported bills. The following pro-gun bills have been referred to the House Rules Committee where they will be assigned to the House calendar:

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Rhode Island: Anti-Gun Legislation Stalled in House Committee

Last night, the House Judiciary Committee voted to "hold for further study" anti-gun legislation opposed by NRA-ILA. While the following bills have not been defeated, they will remain in the House Judiciary Committee:

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Minnesota: Legislature Considering Ominous Bill

Designed to Suppress Political Speech, Anti-Gun Legislation to Receive Committee Consideration

House File 1944 and Senate File 1915, dangerous, politically motivated measures aimed at suppressing political speech by membership organizations such as the NRA, are moving quickly through the Minnesota legislature.

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Georgia: Comprehensive Pro-Gun Reform Passes State Senate, Sent to House for Concurrence

Thanks to your active help and involvement, the Georgia Senate passed House Bill 60 with an additional amendment by a 37-18 vote last night. Your support is still needed, however, to ensure that this comprehensive pro-gun reform receives a vote of concurrence in the state House TOMORROW before the General Assembly adjourns.

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New Hampshire: Senate Committee to Hear Mental Health Reform Bill Tomorrow

Tomorrow, the state Senate Judiciary Committee has scheduled an executive session on Senate Bill 244 to consider amending this legislation

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New Jersey expedites magazine and gun ban; only Chris Christie can stop

The anti-gun politicians that control the New Jersey Legislature are racing to get a magazine and gun ban on Gov. Chris Christie's desk. A bill that bans magazines over 10 rounds and classifies .22-caliber tube-fed youth rifles as "assault firearms" could hit the governor's desk as soon as March 27, according to the Association of New Jersey Rifle & Pistol Clubs, which is the state's affiliate for the National Rifle Association (NRA).

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California sheriffs see surge in concealed carry permits

Sheriffs in California say they've been swamped with requests for concealed carry permits since last month's court ruling that residents only have to show a desire for self-defense — and little

else — in order to take advantage of the right.

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Public housing tenants have a right to bear arms, even in common areas

So holds Tuesday's Delaware Supreme Court decision in *Doe v. Wilmington Housing Authority* (Del. Mar. 18, 2014). The court applied the Delaware Constitution's right to bear arms provision — "A person has the right to keep and bear arms for the defense of self, family, home and State, and for hunting and recreational use" — and the court noted that this language may justify broader protection than that given by the Second Amendment. Still, the precedent is likely to prove influential in other states as well, since the case deals with having guns for self-defense, which *D.C. v. Heller* has held is covered by the Second Amendment.

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West Virginia: Charleston City council repeals handgun ordinance

The city of Charleston's handgun sales ordinance was eliminated Monday night after Mayor Danny Jones declared the vote an emergency and suspended the rules for a vote. Proposed bills ordinarily are read over the course of two council meetings.

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Florida: Senate passes bill to ban gun owner discrimination

The Senate passed a bill that would make it illegal for insurance companies to deny policies or charge higher rates solely based on gun ownership. The bill passed Tuesday on a 36-3 vote.

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Gun debate rages on in N.H. House

A bill creating a commission to study gun violence is scheduled to go to the floor of the N.H. House on Wednesday. The bill was introduced by state Rep. Renny Cushing, D-Hampton, as an amendment that replaces a pro-gun bill. Cushing's amendment would create a commission to "study the impact of firearms violence, explore options to strengthen the background check system for firearms sales and consider measures to promote firearms safety."

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NRA Victorious Against Wilmington Housing Authority

Fairfax, Va. – Yesterday the Delaware Supreme Court found in the case Jane Doe v. Wilmington Housing Authority that the Wilmington Housing Authority's (WHA) gun ban amongst its tenants, which denied these public housing residents their fundamental Second Amendment rights, is unconstitutional. The National Rifle Association has supported this suit since it was filed in 2010 through two federal courts and the state Supreme Court to defend the Right to Keep and Bear Arms of all Delawareans.

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