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Virginia: McAuliffe's First Attempt to Roll Back the Rights of Gun Owners

With only two days left in the 2014 regular legislative session, Governor Terry McAuliffe (D) has made his first attempt to limit the legal use of firearms in Virginia by returning an amendment to House Bill 962 that would further restrict how handguns may be stored in vehicles. Sponsored by Delegate Ben Cline (R-24), HB 962 would codify an Attorney General opinion from 2012 (see [here](#)), and a decision of the Virginia Court of Appeals from last year, *Doulgerakis v. Com.*, 737 S.E.2d 40 (Va. Ct. App. 2013). House Bill 962 has passed in the House of Delegates by a 70 to 27 vote as well as in the Senate by a 27 to 13 vote.

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West Virginia: Three Pro-Gun Bills Headed towards Final Passage in Charleston

Yesterday, Senate Bill 317 passed in the West Virginia House Judiciary Committee by a voice vote. SB 317, sponsored by state Senator John Unger (D-16), is a statewide firearms preemption bill which would bring Charleston and three other cities that currently have and enforce local gun control ordinances into uniformity with the rest of the state.

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NRA head Wayne LaPierre rips press, 'political elites' for feeling of American decline

National Rifle Association CEO Wayne LaPierre delivered a blistering campaign-style speech Thursday, blaming the media and gun-control proponents for a decline in American economic

standing and for threatening "God-given" gun rights. "You feel it in your heart, you know it in your gut: Something has gone wrong" in America, LaPierre told a packed audience at the Conservative Political Action Conference. "Neighborhood streets once filled with skateboards ... and laughter in the air are now filled with silence." LaPierre, who received the loudest applause of any speakers so far at the conference, put the blame squarely on the media and "political elites," saying that Americans feel their freedoms "slipping away."

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Utah: House Committee to Hear Firearm Possession Protection Bill TOMORROW

Tomorrow, House Bill 276 is scheduled to be heard in the state House Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Committee at 8:00 a.m. in Room 25 of the House Building. Sponsored by state Representative Curt Oda (R-14), HB 276 would provide that the mere carrying or possession of a holstered or encased firearm does not constitute a violation of the Disorderly Conduct statute.

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Tennessee: Two Pro-Gun Bills Pass House Subcommittee

Yesterday, the House Civil Justice Subcommittee passed House Bill 1407 and House Bill 1483 by a voice vote. Both bills have already been scheduled for next week's House Civil Justice Committee agenda. This committee hearing will be held on Wednesday, March 12, at 12:00 noon in House Hearing Room 30 (HHR30) of the state Capitol.

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Idaho: House to Vote on Secure Campuses Bill TODAY

Today, the Idaho House of Representatives is expected to consider and vote on Senate Bill 1254. This NRA-backed self-defense bill, sponsored by state Senator Curt McKenzie (R-13), would permit qualified retired law enforcement officers and law-abiding adults who have obtained an Idaho "enhanced" concealed carry license to possess a firearm on public college or university campuses.

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South Dakota: HB 1229 Passes State Senate, Heads to Governor for his Signature

Today, the South Dakota Senate passed House Bill 1229 by a 26 to 9 vote. HB 1229,

introduced by state Representative Timothy Johns (R-31), would ensure that South Dakota state law meets the requirements set forth in the federal NICS Improvement Amendments Act (NIAA) of 2007 and would ensure a strong restoration of rights provision for South Dakotans.

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Massachusetts: Gun licenses on the rise, as state considers stricter laws

The number of residents holding gun licenses in Massachusetts communities north of Boston climbed last year, continuing a long-term trend, as the state considers stricter laws that would give police chiefs more power to deny licenses to people.

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California: Judge allows Sunnyvale magazine ban

A federal judge on Wednesday allowed Sunnyvale to enforce a voter-approved ban on large-capacity gun magazines, saying it would have little impact on the constitutional right to possess firearms for self-defense. The ruling comes two weeks after another judge rejected gun advocates' attempt to block a similar law in San Francisco.

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California: Sheriff receives \$1.5 million to process concealed-weapons applications

Orange County Sheriff Sandra Hutchens received \$1.5 million from the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday to help process a flood of applications for concealed-weapons permits, though she said she doesn't believe it will be a regular annual request.

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Kentucky: Senate OKs online concealed carry applications

A bill aimed at creating an online application for Kentuckians wanting licenses to carry concealed weapons has been passed by the state Senate.

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North Carolina: Board members take first step in liberalizing concealed carry laws

The first steps toward liberalizing Rowan County's concealed carry laws were taken Tuesday by a handful of planning board subcommittee members in a small room at the county office building.

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Alabama: Senate committee OKs gun bill

A Senate committee has approved a proposal to let people carry loaded pistols in their vehicles without a concealed carry permit. The Senate Judiciary Committee approved the bill Wednesday by a 6-2 vote.

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