

**Firearms Owners Against Crime – [www.foacpac.org](http://www.foacpac.org)**  
**2017-18 Anti-Gun Legislation-PA House & Senate**



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*Legislation Source: <http://www.legis.state.pa.us/>*

**Item #1 Analysis Below:**

**Register & Tax ALL Firearms & Fingerprint Owners [HB610](#)**

[HB610](#) (Rep. Cruz) This bill would mandate that ALL firearms must be registered and taxed annually (\$10) with the PA State Police. In addition, ALL gun owners must be fingerprinted 'and' report any firearms theft within 48 hours. It also ignores the lawful carrying of firearms where it mandates the disassembly of all firearms 'except' when under the owners control ONLY at the residence or business or used recreationally (section 6, #3). Criminal penalties are involved for failure to follow this law.

**Item #2 Analysis Below:**

**Ending Private Sales of Rifles & Shotguns (*Universal Background Checks*) [HB1400](#)**

[HB1400](#) (Rep. Santora) This bill requires a background check for 'all' firearms sales or transfers in Pennsylvania. *This would end the private transfer of all rifles and shotguns.*

[HB1400](#) is deceptive in providing a supposed benefit of allowing a second purchase of a firearm if previously approved within 72 hours.

Pennsylvania law has mandated the completion of a Record of Sale for all handgun sales in PA since 1931. The vast majority of violent crime utilizing a firearm occurs with handguns despite this background check process. The number of homicides in PA in 2014 (FBI/UCR) were 22 with rifles and shotguns combined. In the same time period there were 63 homicides with knives or edged weapons.

**Item #3 Analysis Below:**

**Mandatory Background Checks (w/Fees) for Ammunition [HB1115](#)**

[HB1115](#) (Rep. Sims) This legislation bans the private sale of ammunition and reloading components unless a background check is conducted in a face-to-face transaction at a dealer. Background check fees apply to each transaction. This legislation institutes a ban on ALL mail order/internet sales of ammunition.

**Item #4 Analysis Below:**

**Assault Weapon Ban – [HB194](#)**

[HB194](#) (Rep. Cruz) This legislation bans a broad cross-section of gas operated firearms. This ban includes ALL legally owned and registered machine guns and a specific list of semi-automatic firearms along with a catch all category that only requires two different cosmetic features on a semi-auto. This legislation also bans ALL firearm magazines capable of holding more than 10 rounds.

**Item #5 Analysis Below:**

**Lost or Stolen Firearms / Mandatory Reporting [HB832](#)**

[HB832](#) (Rep. Dean) This legislation requires the reporting of any lost or stolen firearm to law enforcement within 72 hours. It is the duty of the firearm owner to provide information on the firearm 'without limit' to police. Criminal punishment for failure to report a lost or stolen firearm is provided.

**Item #6 Analysis Below:**

**Licensing Firearms Ownership & Mandatory Training – [HB680](#)**

[HB680](#) (Rep. Cruz) This legislation would turn the Constitution into a privilege from a right by creating a separate and onerous licensing procedure just to purchase and possess a firearm. This licensing procedure would be required to be in place **prior to being able to apply for a license to carry** firearms for self-defense.

These purchase to own licenses would cost \$50 plus background check costs and would have a 5 year term upon which it would be mandatory to renew this license to continue to possess firearms.

This legislation requires proof of firearms training from a certified instructor or course to be issued this license. It is a matter of public record that states with mandatory training requirements experience either ‘no’ benefits from government mandated training ‘or’ have a worse safety record than Pennsylvania.

This process would also put in place a mandatory registration of firearms which would facilitate the surrender of firearms after license revocation. Criminal penalties will be assessed for non-compliance.

**Item #7 Analysis Below:**

**No Fly List Gun Ban – [HB528](#)**

[HB528](#) (Rep. Warren) No Fly Lists are rife with many cases of mistaken identity, not ties to terrorism, that end up landing many the FBI’s no-fly list. The Pulse Nightclub killer was on the FBI list and yet was approved by the FBI to purchase firearms legally. The government keeps the size of the lists secret and won’t reveal who’s on them.

For anyone who lacks the connections getting off the no-fly lists can be difficult if not impossible. Even the ACLU argues that the **FBI’s no-fly list violates constitutional due process safeguards** because the government does not provide individuals the reasons for their placement on the list, the basis for the decision, or an appeal in a court of law.

**Item #8 Analysis Below:**

**Exploding Target Ban – [HB292](#)**

[HB292](#) (Rep. Dom Costa) This legislation would ban the sale and possession of binary explosives such as Tannerite or its’ equivalent based on the possibility of harm without ‘any documented’ problem or reason. This is the epitome of overreach by government and is a further example of the broad reach of the anti-gun groups and their gun control agenda.

**\*\*We respectfully ask you** to challenge legislators who support this legislation by asking them why and if he/she is a co-sponsor of this legislation to renounce that support and oppose this legislation. Please ask for their positions in writing and share with us their responses so we can add this information to their record on our Right to Bear Arms and our Constitutional Freedoms.

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