

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE APRIL, 2021  
as of April 30**

Following is an overview of relevant legislative proposals introduced in the PA Legislature in the month of April.

As usual, most of the bills are firearms related. However a significant non-firearms bill, SB607, was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Game and Fisheries Committee. SB607 would completely remove the prohibition on Sundays available for hunting. Specifics on that bill appear below.

Specifics on all the other listed bills, as well as the updated status of older bills introduced this session, are available at <https://pennsylvania.gunowners.org/legislation-2021-2022/>.

Don't forget to vote on May18.

Stay involved.

***The Legislative Committee***

**HOUSE**

**HB1077.** Will permit individuals who believe that they are a threat to themselves or others to request to be placed on a voluntary firearm purchase self-exclusion list for one year, three years, or five years.

Placement on the list is entirely voluntary.

**HB 1090.** Would close the loophole that allows weapons to be brought into court waiting areas. **HB1228.** Reciprocity and Recognition. This legislation mirrors the legislation passed by the Commonwealth of Virginia.

**HB1235.** Would require background checks be conducted for each firearm purchase. Would also allow a person to obtain a multiple day background check approval to be used at a licensed gun show within the Commonwealth.

**HB1247.** Would require that the minimum age for juvenile records to be expunged from firearm background checks should be 30.

**HB1306.** Establishes a 72-hour waiting period for all firearm transfers in the state of Pennsylvania.

**HB1315.** Establishes a system through which untraceable firearms will become traceable.

## **SENATE**

**SB489.** Would increase the penalty for firearm “straw purchases”.

**SB546.** Would repeal the “stand your ground law” and re-establish the “duty to retreat” law.

**SB565.** Will create a two-tiered system for the concealed carrying of firearms for lawful purposes in Pennsylvania.

**SB581.** Would require gun owners to safely store firearms when not under direct control of the owner.

**SB582.** Would require gun owners to safely store firearms if a person who cannot legally possess a firearm lives in the owner’s residence.

**SB607. *Repealing Sunday Hunting Prohibition in Pennsylvania.*** As noted in our March update, on March 23, Senator Dan Laughlin (R), Erie, issued a memorandum requesting co-sponsors for his proposed legislation. Senator Laughlin is the Chair of the Senate Game and Fisheries Committee. The memo stated, in part, *“In the near future, I plan to introduce legislation that would completely remove the prohibition on Sundays available for hunting and trapping. Currently, the law dictates which Sundays are open to hunting, and in certain cases, which species. This legislation would change that and would leave all wildlife management decisions to the Game Commission.”*

On April 27, the bill was introduced and referred to the Senate Game and Fisheries Committee. Senator Laughlin was joined in the introduction by co-sponsors Devlin Robinson (R.37)(Bethel Park, South Park, Upper St. Clair, and Peters) and Jim Brewster (D. 45)(Baldwin, Elizabeth, and Clairton). SB607 is one of seven bills currently listed as being before the committee.

