

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE JANUARY 2021

SB88. *Universal Background Checks.* This legislation would require background checks be conducted for each firearm purchase, which will ensure that individuals attempting to obtain a firearm are authorized to possess such weapons. Familial transfers will still be excluded from the background check requirement as in current law.

Vincent J. Hughes. (D). District 7. Montgomery and Philadelphia Counties.
Referred to JUDICIARY, Jan. 22, 2021 [Senate]

HB207. *Antlerless Deer Licenses - Pennsylvania Automated Licensing System.* This legislation would transfer the antlerless deer license application process from counties to the PGC through the Pennsylvania Automated Licensing System.

Gerald J. Mullery. (D). District 119. Luzerne County.
Referred to GAME AND FISHERIES, Jan. 22, 2021 [House]

HB234. *Increasing Penalties for Concealed Carrying a Firearm Without a License.* This legislation would include carrying a concealed firearm without a concealed-carry permit in the list of offenses that would prevent an individual from owning a firearm.

Michael J. Driscoll. (D). Philadelphia County.
Referred to JUDICIARY, Jan. 25, 2021 [House]

HB235. *Background Checks for Firearms.* This legislation would eliminate the “gun show loophole” in the Commonwealth to ensure that all firearm sales must be subject to a background check. The legislation would not require a background check for firearms transfers between direct family members.

Perry S. Warren. (D). District 31. Bucks County.
Referred to JUDICIARY, Jan. 25, 2021 [House]

HB237. *Safe Storage of Firearms.* This legislation requires firearm owners to safely store all of their firearms when residing with a person who cannot legally possess a firearm.

Perry S. Warren. (D).District 31. Bucks County.
Referred to JUDICIARY, Jan. 25, 2021 [House]

HB271. 3D-printed firearms. This legislation would ensure a 3D-printed firearm is treated as a standard firearm under law and is subject to all standing regulations. In addition, it would prohibit anyone from printing a firearm without a license from the federal government to manufacture firearms.

Melissa L. Shusterman. (D). District 157. Chester and Montgomery Counties.

Referred to JUDICIARY, Jan. 26, 2021 [House]

HB280. Repealing and Replacing Pennsylvania's Gun Background Check System and Improving the Reporting of PFA's. This legislation will repeal the Pennsylvania Instant Check System (PICS) and replace it with the National Instant Check System (NICS).

Jason Ortitay (R). District 46. Allegheny and Washington Counties.

Referred to JUDICIARY, Jan. 27, 2021 [House]

HB338. Increasing Penalties for Straw Purchases of Firearms.

Though straw purchasing is illegal in Pennsylvania, the penalties inflicted are not harsh enough to discourage people from helping criminals and others who should not own guns. This legislation would address this shortfall by inflicting harsher penalties on those who participate in this practice.

Joseph C. Hohenstein (D).District 177. Philadelphia County.

Referred to JUDICIARY, Jan. 29, 2021 [House]

Additionally, Gun Owners Of America State Director Val Finnell has alerted us that Senator Cris Dush (R) and Representative Aaron (R) Bernstine, members of their respective Game and Fisheries Committees, will soon introduce companion legislation that would affirm the constitutional right of every person inside Pennsylvania to keep and bear firearms without a

permit, including the right to carry openly or concealed, loaded or unloaded.
Stay tuned.
