

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE JUNE 2021

As of June 30

You know it's summer because the Pennsylvania General Assembly adjourned on June 25, a week early, for summer break.

The Senate is scheduled to reconvene on September 20th and the House on September 27th.

They left some significant legislation hanging--some introduced this month, other bills earlier in the year, as noted in the **Continuing Action** portion of this update.

Before you get to those, though, here's a housekeeping note for you.

We provided you with a link to the weekly podcasts hosted by Val Finell, PA State Director of the Gunowners of America. This week, Val sent us the following message.

The final episode of the podcast will be on Friday. I am switching to a live streaming video format that will be available on our GOA-Pennsylvania Facebook page. You may want to let your members know about the Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/goapennsylvania>

So there you are folks. Check it out, along with the GOA legislative tracking at: <https://pennsylvania.gunowners.org/legislation-2021-2022/>.

Stay involved,

The DMSC Legislative Committee

Following is the June legislation:

Federal

S. 1916: A bill to prohibit the President and the Secretary of Health and Human Services from declaring certain emergencies or disasters for the purposes of imposing gun control. *Introduced on May 27, 2021.* Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 3740: To provide for the mandatory licensing and registration of handguns, and for other purposes. *Introduced on Jun 4, 2021.* No text available. Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

Pennsylvania Senate

Senate Bill 728 proposes simply to add attempt, conspiracy to commit, and solicitation to commit to the same list of serious crimes that already prohibit a person from possessing a firearm under state law. *Referred to Senate Judiciary June 1.*

Senate Bill 741. This legislation would establish a process by which a successful elk license applicant could transfer their license to another eligible hunter. *Referred to Senate Game and Fisheries June 7.*

Senate Bill 761. Will establish a 72-hour waiting period for all firearm transfers. *Referred to Senate Judiciary June 24.*

Pennsylvania House

House Bill 1537. This bill will remove existing preemption language from the Second Class County Code. *Referred to Judiciary June 3.*

House Bill 1538. This bill will remove existing preemption language from both Title 18 (Crimes) and Title 53 (Municipalities). *Referred to Judiciary June 3.*

House Bill 1564 will add conspiracy to commit and solicitation to commit to the same list of serious crimes that already prohibit a person from possessing a firearm under state law. *Referred to Judiciary June 7.*

House Bill 1587. Titled *Bringing an End to Violent Crime in Pennsylvania*, this legislation proposes that any previously convicted felon who is found to be in possession of an illegal firearm will be subject to progressively stronger sentences and a minimum term of incarceration. *Referred to Judiciary June 10.*

House Bill 1696. Titled *Second Amendment Protection Act*, this bill will expressly reject any overreaching and illegal Federal laws, executive orders, rules or regulations, while simultaneously charging our state officials with the affirmative duty to protect the constitutional rights of our law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms. *Referred to House Judiciary June 24.*

Continuing Action on Previous Significant Legislation.

Senate Bill 565. Constitutional Carry of a Firearm. It was referred to Senate Judiciary April 16 and was reported as committed and received first consideration June 24.

Senate Bill 607. Sunday Hunting. This would expand Sunday hunting by permitting the Game Commission to set the dates. It was referred to Senate Game and Fisheries April 27 and was reported as committed and received first consideration June 16.

House Bill 979. Preemption Legislation. Passed the House 124-79, June 8. Referred to Senate Judiciary June 9.

