

North Carolina: Update on Gun Bills in the General Assembly

Pro-Gun Bills:

- **House Bill 69**, introduced by state Representative Larry Pittman (R-82), seeks to establish constitutional/permitless carry.
- **House Bill 201**, introduced by state Representative Chris Millis (R-16), is an omnibus bill which contains many pro-gun reforms. Among the reforms are ones that would establish constitutional/permitless carry, repeal the Pistol Purchase Permit (PPP) requirement, and make changes to the laws regulating firearms on public college and university campuses.
- **House Bill 251**, introduced by state Representative Kyle Hall (R-91), is a companion bill to **Senate Bill 204**, introduced by state Senator Bill Cook (R-1). These are NRA-supported bills that would establish Campus Carry and allow for Concealed Handgun Permit (CHP) holders to lawfully carry concealed firearms for personal protection on public college and university campuses.
- **House Bill 345**, introduced by state Representative Michael Speciale (R-3), is another omnibus package. Among its proposals it seeks to make changes to the laws governing firearms on public college and university campuses, certain state properties, and the disposition of seized or confiscated firearms.
- **House Bill 452**, introduced by state Representative Brian Turner (D-116), is an NRA-supported bill that seeks to amend North Carolina's bankruptcy laws and recognize the fundamental right to personal protection by ensuring citizens who have fallen on hard times, financially, will not be required to sell all of their firearms maintained for personal protection in order to satisfy their debts. It allows for the retention of no more than two handguns and four rifles or shotguns, provided the total value does not exceed \$5,000.00.
- **House Bill 588**, introduced by state Representative Speciale, is another omnibus bill that covers repealing the PPP law (but does not go into effect until next year), changes areas where a CHP is valid, addresses the disposition of seized or confiscated firearms, among several other items.
- **House Bill 559**, introduced by state Representative Millis, is a companion bill to **Senate Bill 624**, introduced by state Senator John Alexander (R-15). These bills would make a number of improvements to the Outdoor Heritage Act that was passed in 2015. Both bills would allow the hunting of migratory birds on Sunday, and add public lands that are managed by the Wildlife Resources Commission to the areas where hunting on Sunday can take place. The current law allows only the hunting of deer, and only on privately owned property. NRA strongly supports both SB 559 and SB 624.

- **House Bill 746**, introduced by state Representative Millis, contains many pro-gun reforms. Among them are reforms that would establish constitutional/permitless carry, repeal the PPP system, and make improvements to the laws governing firearms on campus.
- **House Bill 817**, introduced by state Representative Justin Burr (R-67), is very similar to **Senate Bill 503**, introduced by state Senator Jeff Tarte (R-41). These bills represent one of the top legislative priorities in North Carolina this session. HB 817 and SB 503 would repeal the antiquated, inefficient PPP law, and transition North Carolina to fully utilizing NICS for handgun transfers, as is done in most of the country. NRA strongly supports these bills.

Anti-Gun Bill:

- **House Bill 723**, introduced by state Representative Pricey Harrison (D-57), is a veritable list of assaults on our Right to Keep and Bear Arms that are regularly promoted by anti-gun extremists such as billionaire Michael Bloomberg, the former Mayor of New York City. HB 723 seeks to gut North Carolina's Stand Your Ground law, repeal the recognition of Right to Carry Permits issued by other states, require all gun owners to purchase liability insurance, ban the future transfer of standard capacity ammunition magazines, and require gun owners to report the theft or loss of a firearm within 48 hours.