



# Firing Lines

Fighting for your Second Amendment Rights since 1965

*A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.*

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## SCOPE Annual Banquet

September 17<sup>th</sup> is a double header! It is Constitution Day and SCOPE's Annual Banquet, this year at Batavia Downs. What better way to celebrate our U.S. Constitution than to gather with fellow defenders of the Constitution and meet the candidates who will be defending that Constitution, when they are elected to office.

Anticipated speakers are:

**Lee Zeldin**, the Republican and Conservative Parties candidate for Governor of New York.

**Michael Henry** the Republican, Conservative and Independence Parties candidate for Attorney General of New York.

**Joe Pinion**, the Republican, Conservative and Independence Parties candidate for U.S.

Senator.

In addition to the meal and speakers -the meal starts at 6pm – from 4PM to 6pm there will be tables representing other candidates and organizations that are anxious to meet you and for you to meet and talk with them.

As more participants in the 4 to 6 pm open session are confirmed, they will be announced on the web site and in emails to members

More details and ticket ordering are in this Firing Lines and on SCOPE's web site [SCOPENY2A.org](http://SCOPENY2A.org)

Non-SCOPE members are invited so get your ticket reservations early.

## The Empire State Strikes Back

By Don Smith

Never letting a tragedy go to waste, New York State passed a slew of intrusive gun legislation as legislators thumbed their noses at the Supreme Court in a partisan manner.

Like the redistricting issue, as long as the left has unopposed control of the law-making process, they'll continue to push their agenda, ignoring facts, logic and the Constitution. Their goal is disarming not protecting citizens. Fighting such laws will cost thousands of dollars in court while the Albany swamp will defend those laws using the bottomless pockets of taxpayers.

This is why NY is going after the NRA. Not because of political contributions

but because the NRA has the dollars to fight back, in court. The NRA spent \$2M on the 2020 election while Big Pharma spent \$70M. I'm betting vaccine sales were worth the lobbying expense.

The new laws won't increase our safety. Why? Check out the FBI's statistics covering a 5 year period on homicides; they're available on-line. Consider that All rifles - not just semi-automatics:

- are used less in homicides than knives
- are used less in homicides than blunt instruments (hammers),
- are used less in homicides than hands & feet.

The left likes to blame guns after two recent mass shootings yet the Buffalo

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**Ann Coulter**

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shooter said he chose New York because its strict gun laws made armed opposition less likely. Both shooters chose a “**gun free zone**”. Again, less likely to run into a “good guy with a gun”. Buffalo could have had a totally different outcome with one or more concealed-carry customers in the store.

States could reduce crime by doing away with **Bail Reform** and **Gun Free zones** while requiring District Attorneys, like Manhattan’s Alvin Bragg and San Francisco’s Chesa Boudin, to enforce the laws. (Boudin faced a recall election and lost). Unfortunately NY does not allow recalls.

One of the new gun laws extends existing licensing procedures for handguns to semi-automatic rifles. It will require a license to **purchase** or simply take **possession** of a semi-automatic rifle. If you thought getting a pistol permit was fun...guess again... and now state bureaucrats will control the process. NYS Police will replace **locally elected** county clerks, judges and sheriffs.

You will again need a license to exercise your Second Amendment Constitutional right. What’s next? A license to use your 1st Amendment right to comment publicly about licensing laws?

This is known as “License Creep” in gun nomenclature. Starting in 1934, automatics were licensed, then semi-auto handguns, now semi-auto rifles. Next: Licenses for semi-auto shotguns? Pump action? The rifle license will have to be re-certified every 3 years. The bureaucracy never ends.

The law also raises to 21 the minimum age to purchase or possess any semi-automatic rifle. Why not leave it at 18? Do 18 year-olds lack judgment? Lack maturity? If that is so, why should they be able to :vote at 18?; get an abortion without their parent’s consent?; identify as a different gender?; fight for their country in a foreign land???

Another unspoken reason for these laws, besides skirting around the 2nd Amendment, is to drive retailers out of New York. You can’t buy guns legally if no one is selling guns legally.

Previously NY State passed a law that says guns are a “Public Nuisance” to get around the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act of 2005 (PLCAA). That is the law that Biden constantly lies about, saying gun manufacturers can’t be sued. In truth, NY is also exposing gun stores, as well as manufacturers, to frivolous lawsuits from

which PLCAA was a shield.

NYS now requires a license for customers to buy popular Sporting Rifles, including the Ruger 10-22. This will slow down sales. Without sales, retailers are out of business.

Retailers will have to store guns in a safe or secured area. Gun retailers usually have dozens of guns on display which will now have to be moved into secure storage when closing and brought back out when opening. In addition, ammo will have to be stored out of reach of customers, which means hiring additional staff to service the customer. And to top it off, gun stores will have to install a high-level security system costing thousands of dollars. The cost of a gun just went up because of “overhead expenses”. Gun sales may drop...again. Could that be the plan?

Acting in tandem with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco Firearms and Explosives (BATFE) NYS is increasing record-keeping requirements and putting gun stores in danger of losing their licenses over a minor paperwork infraction. Sounds as if reducing the number of gun shops is the goal.

What the NY legislature and governor overlook (intentionally) is that their laws only effect law-abiding citizens and not criminals. 90% of non-suicide homicides involve illegal guns or illegal users. More laws won’t stop criminals. They are called criminals for a reason!

Our core problem is that the leftist culture is a culture without morals, a culture without ethics, a culture without American values and a culture without God. Change the culture not the laws.

And to all those hunters and others who believed the gun control movement was not coming for them, guess again. How many times will these gun owners need to be slapped before they realize that the left is serious...and patient... about taking away their guns. Like watching a set of dominoes, they wait for the last one to topple.

The legislators who crammed through these laws - in the tradition of Andrew Cuomo and the SAFE Act - will be running for reelection. If we want to regain New York and our rights, we need to tell these politicians how we feel about preserving our liberties. Chris Jacobs learned he should not have messed with gun owners. It’s time for other politicians to get that message.

**A gun is like a parachute, when you need one there is no substitute.**

## NYSRPA Vs. Bruen

By Richard Rossi

As we all are aware, the U.S. Supreme Court's recent decision (NYSRPA v Bruen) struck down NYS' unconstitutional Pistol Permit licensing requirement, commonly referred to as "MAY ISSUE", which gave too much discretion to the licensing department to reject the application, even if the individual passes 99 percent of the other requirements. One had to show "proper cause" before a license would be issued. Self-defense was not a proper cause.

In "Shall Issue" licensing schemes, the onus is on the government to prove why you cannot have a license. (Innocent until proven guilty.) In a "May Issue" licensing scheme, the permit seeker must prove why he/she deserves a license. (Guilty until prove innocent.) I would like to share some quotes from the recent Supreme Court ruling involving the "MAY and SHALL issue" controversy.

*We know of no other constitutional right that an individual may exercise only after demonstrating to government officers some special need,*

Justice Clarence Thomas wrote in the decision. *"That is not how the First Amendment works when it comes to unpopular speech or the free exercise of religion. It is not how the Sixth Amendment works when it comes to a defendant's right to confront the witnesses against him. And it is not how the Second Amendment works when it comes to public carry for self-defense."*

In the ruling, Justice Clarence Thomas clearly stated hat "*the Second and Fourteenth Amendments protect an individual's right to carry a handgun for self-defense outside the home.*" With these words, the court solidified that a state cannot force someone to prove they are physically threatened before being allowed to carry a firearm.

Justice Brett Kavanaugh penned a concurring opinion, highlighting that states can still make requirements for concealed carry permit holders but he only speaks to "*unusual discretionary licensing regimes.*"

In response to the Supreme Court's decision that NYS must use a SHALL ISSUE rather than a MAY ISSUE approach in the future, our Governor and our Albany Legislators passed a Gun Control package that clearly infringes on the right and freedoms of law-abiding citizens and firearms licensees in NYS. Two of those infringements are:

### Discretionary Waiting Periods for Law-Abiding Adults

The legislation would create unnecessary, ineffective and arbitrary waiting periods for certain law-abiding adults who are otherwise not prohibited from purchasing firearms. If the DOJ can find what is broadly referred to as

"cause", the legislation gives anti-gun Attorney General Merrick Garland the discretion to delay firearm sales in order to do a secondary, background check on juvenile records. It will be easy for the DOJ and FBI to find "cause" to delay purchases, with the practical effect of making it an extended waiting period.

### NICS Expansion for Misdemeanors

Additionally, the gun control package would significantly increase the number of Americans who are federally barred from possessing firearms by expanding prohibitions for non-domestic, non-violent misdemeanor convictions.

Virtually no other constitutional right is taken away for misdemeanor convictions and this legislation would treat the Second Amendment as a second-class right, something the Supreme Court specifically forbids.

In addition to attempting to keep New York a May Issue licensing state, the recent Gun Control package attacked the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment in another way.

### Unconstitutional Red Flag Laws

NY's gun control package would allow states to use federal taxpayer dollars to implement state-level gun confiscation orders, i.e. "red flag" laws. This legislation is ripe for abuse. Under such orders, lawfully-owned firearms could be seized before the accused had an opportunity to contest the accusations against them.

Our Rights and Freedoms as law-abiding firearms license holders are in serious jeopardy - and in violation of our U.S. Constitution.

We The People must stand-up for our rights and fight this. It is far more serious than our gun rights, it is the destruction of our Constitution/Bill of Rights. Our Second Amendment Rights, Free Speech, Due Process, Trial by Jury etc. all hang in the balance.

## Pearl Harbor Again

Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022—a date which will live in infamy—the United States of America's Constitution and its Second Amendment were suddenly and deliberately attacked by the Empire State of New York.

The United States Constitution was at peace with that state and, at the solicitation of the New York State Rifle and Pistol Association, had been in conversation in the Supreme Court with its government and its Empress, looking toward the maintenance of peace in New York.

Indeed, it was only hours after the Supreme

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Court's decision that New York's Empress had commenced attacking the U.S. Constitution.

It will be recorded that the time between the Supreme Court's decision and New York's attack makes it obvious that the attack was deliberately planned. During the intervening time between the Supreme Court decision and the attack on the U.S. Constitution, the New York Empress had deliberately sought to deceive the United States by false statements about concern for the safety and security of New York citizens.

The attack, Friday, on the U.S. Constitution has caused severe damage to American rights and values. I regret to tell you that very many American rights have been lost. In addition, the New York government also launched an attack against 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment rights and free speech.

New York has, therefore, undertaken a surprise offensive extending throughout the New York State area. The facts of Friday speak for themselves. The people of the United States have already formed their opinions and well understand the implications to the very life and safety of our nation.

All measures be taken for our defense. But always will our whole nation remember the character of the onslaught against our rights.

No matter how long it may take us to overcome this premeditated attack, the American people in their righteous might will win through to absolute victory.

I believe that I interpret the will of the Supreme Court and of the people when I assert that we will not only defend ourselves to the uttermost, but will make it very certain that this form of treachery shall never again endanger us.

Hostilities exist. There is no blinking at the fact that our people, our territory, our rights and our interests are in grave danger.

With confidence in our electoral forces, with the unbounding determination of our people, we will gain the inevitable triumph—so help us God.

I ask that the Congress declare that since the unprovoked and dastardly attack by New York on Friday July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, a state of war has existed between the United States Constitution and the Empire State of New York.

## Red Flag Laws: Open to Abuse

By Tom Reynolds

Despite the Supreme Court's recent ruling upholding the Second Amendment, the Biden and Hochul administrations will unfairly use everything at their disposal to silence political opponents and especially opponents of their gun control initiatives. The left cannot abide any challenge to their policies and will twist every law, no matter how well intentioned, into something with which to bludgeon their opponents. Joseph Stalin used the law to have his opponents committed to insane asylums, just for being his opponent, not because of any mental instability. Joe Biden and Kathy Hochul will use Red Flag laws to disarm Americans.

Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPO) are commonly called Red Flag Laws. Red Flag laws would, without question, be abused by President Joe Biden's Department of Homeland Security and every leftist government agency and state to take away American citizens' guns based on speech the left doesn't like.

Now, many Democrats and some Republicans argue in favor of giving the federal government more power through Red Flag laws. Biden signed a bipartisan compromise that includes a provision to help states put in place Red Flag laws, making it easier for authorities to confiscate weapons from those adjudged, by the left, as dangerous.

Proponents argue that Red Flag laws help identify

dangerous individuals and allow court-ordered interventions to disarm these individuals before they commit violent acts. But Red Flag laws raise fundamental concerns, including serious questions of constitutionality and practicality.

The right to keep and bear arms is a fundamental right explicitly protected by the Constitution and removing that right from anyone—even temporarily—requires stringent safeguards that due process is followed. The government should meet high burdens of proof to show that a person is a serious risk of danger to himself or others. The necessary due process safeguard ensures that evidence of and definitions for danger are narrow and specific—precisely because the government can make into a threat, anything or anyone it wants to.

When the left protected drug addicts, it said that laws criminalizing drugs prevented drug addicts from seeking help because they feared being charged with a crime. By using Red Flag laws, that same left prevents a gun owner who wishes to secure help with a mental health problem from seeking that help in order to avoid losing his right to keep and bear arms.

Red Flag Laws name certain individuals who can file a Red Flag complaint, supposedly because they have judgment and experience. One class singled out are school administrators. But in Wisconsin, a school administrator had a seven years-old charged with sexual harass-

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## Hochul's Gun Control: Minorities and Women Hardest Hit.

By Stephen M. Dallas

When the U.S. Supreme Court solidified individual gun rights in *NYSRPA v Bruen*, accidental Governor Kathy Hochul and fellow democrats responded with a law that purported to institute a "shall issue" standard for pistol permits (and semi-automatic rifles). But it retains mandates that applicants must demonstrate "good moral character," turn over their social media posts and undergo days, if not months, of training, background checks and in-person interviews. The law also specifies a long list of "sensitive locations" where gun possession is a felony punishable by up to four years in prison. Those restrictions will make it nearly impossible for many permit holders to actually exercise the rights recognized by the high court.

While Hochul, no doubt, wants the public to think those restrictions will target "extremism" from "white supremacists," in fact, these new laws will likely have a disparate—if not racist and sexist—impact on disadvantaged groups, primarily minorities and women.

During the run-up to *Bruen* decision, many groups submitted amicus briefs in opposition to New York's gun laws, including the National African American Gun Association, Pinks Pistols, the Independent Women's Law Center, the Black Attorneys of Legal Aid and several other public defender organizations.

"Such laws invariably discriminate against the poor and minorities," wrote the National African American Gun Association.

Similarly, the Black Attorneys of Legal Aid quoted gun policy scholar David Kopel, who described New York's original permitting law as a response to "concerns about ...the huge number of immigrants, and race riots in which some blacks defended themselves with firearms." The brief notes that the law was enacted after "years of hysteria over violence that the media and the establishment attributed to racial and ethnic minorities—particularly black people and Italian immigrants."

The public defenders said the restrictions inspired by such concerns continued to have a "brutal" impact on minority groups to the present day. They calculated that it costs hundreds of dollars (now possibly thousands) to get a gun permit in New York, plus a great deal of time that is disproportionately difficult for the working poor to find.

Echoing the need for equality in self-defense, the Independent Women's Law Center filed a brief touting a popular conservative refrain: Guns are the "great equalizer" between men and women.

*"Women are often at a self-defense disadvantage. Having firearms allows them to be able to protect themselves from situations in which they might be in danger,"* said Erin Morrow Hawley, a senior legal fellow with the

Center.

In a violent confrontation, guns reverse the balance of power. Armed with a gun, a woman may even have the advantage over a violent attacker. An armed woman does not need superior strength or the proximity of a hand-to-hand struggle. She can protect herself or others who are vulnerable to an assailant. With multiple rounds of ammunition, at her disposal, she has a chance even against multiple attackers.

John Lott, an economist and world recognized expert on guns and crime, has conducted research suggesting that *"murder rates decline when either sex carries more guns, but the effect is especially pronounced when women are considered separately."*

In other words, reducing choice for gun owners disproportionately punishes minorities and women.

As the Supreme Court pointed out in *Bruen*, the primary purpose of the Second Amendment is to preserve the right of the people to keep and bear arms for self-defense. Therefore, while the Court noted that some burdens on the Second Amendment are constitutionally acceptable, the Court also said that *"because any permitting scheme can be put toward abusive ends, we do not rule out constitutional challenges to shall-issue regimes where, for example, lengthy wait times in processing license applications or exorbitant fees deny ordinary citizens their right to public carry."*

Hochul's new burdens would seem to be such a denial of *"ordinary citizens their right to public carry."* That denial may, for the above reasons, hit minorities and women the hardest.

In response to Hochul's new gun control laws, State Sen. Andrew J. Lanza, R-Staten Island, pointed out that the laws are likely to impede the ability of individuals in minority communities, including New York City, to obtain a permit. For the required training, Lanza noted, the *"nearest place may be 100 miles away"* from Manhattan.

The new requirements may also prove especially difficult for working women and stay at home caregivers. According to the National Women's Law Center, 2.2 million women left the labor force between February and October of 2020, due to family needs during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Bipartisan Policy Center found that women were twice as likely as men to say they left work for care giving responsibilities due to childcare provider or school closures.



## Newspaper Opinion Piece

A recent Opinion Page in the Elmira Star-Gazette (Gannett Newspaper) had three “opinions” about gun laws; two were for gun control while the one pro 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment opinion was from SCOPE President Tom Reynolds, which is printed below.

*Bad decisions get made when emotional. NY just passed new gun laws to prove this.*

*We all want tragedies to stop but these new laws are ineffective, feel-good laws that will not stop these tragedies. They are aimed at law abiding gun owners and not the criminals who commit these crimes.*

*You will now need a license to use a constitutional right; to buy or take possession of America's most popular semi-automatic rifle, the Modern Sporting Rifle.*

*What's next? A license to use 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment rights to comment publicly about licensing laws? The answer is yes. Also passed was a law to monitor what you say. It created a task force on “Social Media and Violent Extremism”, which is a poorly disguised step to censor the Right, since NY doesn't even consider ANTIFA and BLM riots to be violent extremism.*

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*Acting in tandem with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco Firearms and Explosives, NY is increasing record keeping requirements to put gun stores in danger of losing*

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ment because he used the wrong pronoun. That's not judgment that's joining the “woke” cult.

A comprehensive approach that addresses mental health concerns, considers underlying factors related to gun violence and funds anti-gang violence initiatives that would more fully address the problems behind mass shootings and other gun crimes.

*their licenses over minor paperwork infractions.*

*If they wanted real change, the legislature would have done away with Bail Reform, Gun Free Zones and made District Attorneys, like Manhattan's Alvin Bragg, enforce the laws.*

*Per the FBI's 5 years statistics on homicides - which are available on line - all rifles, not just semi-automatics, are used less in homicides than: knives or blunt instruments (hammers) or hands & feet. Semi-automatic rifles are not the problem.*

*One minister asked how one could oppose abortion and still be for guns. Abortions kill a defenseless human being. Gun owners want to protect themselves and others so they do not become defenseless murder victims.*

*Our core problem is that the leftist culture is a culture without morals and ethics. A culture that denigrates American values and a culture without God. Murder is a sin but when is that aspect discussed? Change the culture not the laws.*

One anti-gun opinion threw in one of the left's favorite boogey men, it blamed white domestic terrorists for targeting non-white Americans, which ignores that non-whites are the overwhelmingly the killers of other non-whites. But hey, never let a leftist talking point go to waste, no matter how incorrect.

One of the pro-gun control opinions used Gary Cooper in the movie “High Noon” as the rationale why a rifle is not needed for self-defense. And there you have an example of the intellectual depth of the left, when they quote a fictional movie to defend their position.

Unfortunately, the lack of knowledge about guns, gun control and the Constitution fills the pages of the leftist media. How many people read these erroneous statements and accepted them as truth. Pro-gun defenders need to speak out with the facts.



America is home to at least 80 million law-abiding gun owners. Giving the government the power to invoke a Red Flag law is a significant threat to those Americans' Second Amendment rights.

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## Albany Responds: More GUN Control

By Don Smith

One-party tyrannical rule continues to fail us. NY's Governor and her majority party have again attacked the Second Amendment and their own law-abiding citizens. All New Yorkers should reject this action regardless of party affiliation. Our American mechanism for settling differences is via free speech and open debate in the public square. The continued use of government power to sidestep that debate only increases the divide between the two sides.

The Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) in the case "NYSRPA v. Bruen" tried common sense but, unfortunately, in doing so gave NY State a gun control opening that it will exploit. SCOTUS said that a state's licensing of firearms is not an infringement on that right as long as states stay within the much more common "*shall-issue*" systems. This requires pistol licenses be granted upon satisfying objective criteria, such as passing a background check, rather than "*may issue*" systems where arbitrary evaluations of need, such as "*proper cause*", may be required by local authorities in an autocratic manner.

New York Democrats leaped into this opening with a series of laws modifying existing sections of law covering concealed-carry of firearms. It was the majority party's knee-jerk reaction to the Supreme Court's decision.

Phony "Messages of Necessity" were used as legislators were called to an emergency session. They saw no drafted legislation until late on June 30<sup>th</sup> and were forced to study bills in the middle of the night, prior to votes on July 1. Amendments were not accepted nor was input allowed from stakeholders and law enforcement. Albany tactics like these are unwarranted and must end.

The Democrat majority did pass a permit law that removes a "special need" requirement for concealed carry (as per the SCOTUS ruling). But they also passed new requirements for licensing:

- three-year renewal (recertification) of licenses. (Previously five years);
- a police investigation, fingerprints, and four character references. (Previously three references);
- State Police are now in charge of all investigations for pistol permits;
- disclosure of an applicant's social media accounts going back three years. (Plus, the government can request any other information that is "*reasonably necessary and related*" to the process - which means any information, including, perhaps, ideological viewpoints);
- sixteen hours of classroom instruction, including two hours of live-fire training and qualification. (These will also be required of all permit holders before their permit is RE-certified);

- an in-person interview with the licensing officer;
- a monthly State Police audit of every license-holder to see if a reason exists to revoke a license. (What reasons will be used to revoke a license?)

Legislation was also passed making it illegal, as of September 1, 2022 - and a Class E Felony - to possess a firearm in the following locations:

- Any form of public transportation, including but not limited to: railroads, ride sharing services, transit services, subways, buses, air travel, taxies, any other public transportation service.

- Food and drink establishments.

- Large gatherings (a gathering of fifteen or more persons for amusement, athletic, civic, dining, educational, entertainment, patriotic, political, recreational, religious, social, or similar purposes. (Gun club & SCOPE meetings?))

The new laws create new hurdles to purchasing both guns and ammunition. In lieu of (or in addition to), the current federal instant NICS check, the New York State Police will be tasked with conducting the checks for every firearm and ammunition purchase made in NY State. Also, "*there shall be a statewide license and record database specific for ammunition sales*" and the legislation requires that firearms dealers record all ammunition sales in the database. (Does a 9 mm ammo purchase then designate you as the owner of a 9 mm pistol in the eyes of the state?)

How will the prohibition on large gatherings be enforced? By whom? Some members of those public "large gatherings" may be carrying (concealed) in an attempt to provide security for themselves and others. Yet they will now be guilty of a felony and law enforcement officers will be obliged to arrest violators.

Note that nothing is written in stone at this point and law suits have already been filed. But the laws have been passed and we can expect them to be enforced.

**The mission of  
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Protect,  
Restore and Expand  
the gun rights of all  
New Yorkers.**

## SCOPE Member Clubs

The following are clubs that are members of SCOPE. If you plan to join a club, please try to join one that is a SCOPE member. If your club would like to become a SCOPE club member please give SCOPE a call or drop us an E-mail.

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 Adirondack Federation of Sports Clubs  
 Alabama Hunt Club  
 Alfred Rod & Gun Club  
 Allegany County Federation of Sportsmen  
 Allied Sportsmen of WNY  
 Almond Rod & Gun Club  
 A-ON-DO-WA-NUH Sportsman Club  
 Assoc of Former NYS Troopers Inc  
 Baldwinsville Rod & Gun Club Inc  
 Barre Sportsmens Club  
 Barrington Rifle Club  
 Batavia Rod & Gun Club  
 Bath Rod & Gun Club  
 Bergen Rod & gun Club  
 Black Rock Fish & Game Club Inc  
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 Broome County Sportsmen's Assoc  
 Buckhorn Sportsmens Club Inc  
 Burlington Flats Fish & Game Club  
 Busti Trap & Skeet Club  
 Canajoharie Forest Fish & Game Club  
 Canandaigua Sportsman's Club Inc  
 Caribou Rifle & Pistol Club  
 Cattaraugus Rod & Gun Club  
 Chemung County Fed of Sportsmen  
 Chemung County Rod & Gun Club  
 Chesterfield Fish & Game Club  
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 Evans Rod & Gun Club  
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 Hidden Lake Conservation Association Hidden Valley Lodge  
 Hoisingtons NY Ranging Co 1776 Holley Rod & Gun Club  
 Honeoye Fish & Game Club Hornell Sportsman Club  
 Ilion Fish & Game Club Indian Lake/Blue Mtn Fish & Game Assoc  
 Iroquois Rod & Gun Club Junior Wilson Sportsmen Club  
 Lackawanna Conservation Lake Forest Sportsman Club  
 Lima Gun Club Lime Lake Sportsman's Club  
 Lodi Rod & Gun Club Long Lake Fish & Game Club  
 Lyons Rod & Gun Club Mendon Conservation League  
 Middleburgh Rod & Gun Club Middlesex Conservation Club  
 Millgrove Sportsmen's Club Millport Hunting & Fishing Club Inc  
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 Newfield Rod & Gun Club Niagara County  
 Sportsmen's Association North Star Sportsman's Club Inc  
 Northern Chautauqua Rifle & Pistol Club Northern Dutchess Rod & Gun Club Inc  
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 Conservation Association Oakfield Rod & Gun Club  
 Oatka Fish & Game Club Olean Rod & Gun Club  
 Ontario Rod & Gun Club  
 Outlet Rod & Gun Club  
 Painted Post Field & Stream Club  
 Pearl River Gun Club Point Rock Fish & Game Club  
 Pulaski Police Association Red Creek Conservation Club Inc  
 Ripley Rod & Gun Club Rochester Brooks Gun Club  
 Rochester Rifle Club Roslyn Rifle & Revolver Club  
 Safari Club Int WNY Chapter SaraSpa Rod & Gun Club  
 Scio Rod & Gun Club Second Amendment For EVER  
 Seneca Co Fed of Sportsmen's Clubs Shortsville Rod & Gun Club Inc  
 Sons of American Legion Squadron 734 South Bristol Fish & Game Association  
 South Seneca Sportsmens Club Sportsmans Coon Hunters Association  
 Sportsmen's Club of Clifton Park Springville Field & Stream Club  
 Square Deal Sportsmen Stamford Rod & Gun Club  
 Steuben Co Federation of Conservation Clubs  
 Syracuse Pistol Club Tonawandas Sportsmens Club  
 Trumansburg Rifle & Pistol Club Twin City Shooting Club  
 Vernon Rod & Gun Club Veterans of America Gun Club  
 Walden Sportsmen's Club Waterloo Rifle & Pistol Club  
 Wellsville Rod & Gun Club West Falls Conservation Society  
 Westfield Fish & Game Club Williamson Conservation & Sporting Club  
 Wolcottsville Sportsman's Club Wyoming County Conservation  
 Wyoming County Wildlife Federation Yates County Federation of Conservation Clubs  
 Yates County Sportsmens Association



## SCOPE Chapter Activities

By Susan Maressa

To find your county's meeting information go to [SCOPENy2a.org/calendar](http://SCOPENy2a.org/calendar) or go to your chapter's page of the website [SCOPENy2a.org/chapters](http://SCOPENy2a.org/chapters).

As an election year, chapter activities are especially important as we need to regain control of the legislative branches from the radical left, who are intent on destroying 2A.

SCOPE is a 'boots on the ground' organization and we need your boots! We want a chapter in every county to work with our elected officials, to register and motivate voters and ultimately to regain and maintain our liberties. If your county does not have an active SCOPE chapter and you are willing to help form a County Committee and subsequently an active Chapter, please contact Don Smith at [don6027@gmail.com](mailto:don6027@gmail.com).

The following is an update of some of our chapter's activities.

**Allegany County:** Held their meeting at the Angelica Conservation Club on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

Chairman Jim Krywalski has secured an Amish rocking chair to donate to the silent auction being held September 17<sup>th</sup> at the SCOPE Annual Banquet. There will be a new Allegany Chapter SCOPE gun raffle; Jim will look into getting a 12 gauge shotgun and 2 boxes of ammo; tickets will go on sale in July, drawing to be held at the November Allegany SCOPE meeting.

There was a demonstration on the 4 basic rules of safe gun handling. Bridgette Tojek spoke about firearms courses. A discussion was held about Joe Biden and Kathy Hochul's visit to Buffalo after the Jefferson Street Tops Market shooting: Regardless of what happens, it will only harm good gun owners.

The upcoming Allegany County Fair was a topic of discussion at the June meeting; the Allegany Federation of Sportsmen (AFoS) has given Allegany SCOPE approval to use the AFoS Building during the fair; there will be a work day, to clean and repair the AFoS building at a date to be determined later.

The winning ticket for the Allegany SCOPE .270 raffle was drawn; Ticket #66: congratulations to the winner!

Allegany County S.C.O.P.E. has a new store member. We would like to welcome Inspire Precision. SCOPE members can receive a 10% discount, up to \$20, but the member must show their S.C.O.P.E. membership card. Please patronize and support all of our member businesses.

The next Allegany SCOPE raffle started; a Black Aces 12 Gauge Tactical Lever Action Shotgun and 4 boxes of shells.

A \$100 donation was approved for the 31<sup>st</sup> Andover Wetlands Kid's Fishing Contest which will be held August 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Cayuga County:** May 26th<sup>th</sup>, the Cayuga Chapter of SCOPE met at A.T. Walley's in Auburn. Chairman Jim Dishaw gave a report on the SCOPE annual member meeting held in Geneva on April 30<sup>th</sup>. He also reported on gun restrictions that Albany wants to impose in the wake of the recent shootings. Lastly, he reported on the redistricting in NYS and Cayuga County is now part of the 24<sup>th</sup> congressional district.

Lydia Patti Ruffini, Cayuga SCOPE Membership Chair and County Legislator from the 3<sup>rd</sup> district spoke on issues facing the county; in the last census, Cayuga county lost 3000 residents, which will reduce representation but not government.

The guest speaker was US Representative Claudia Tenney. She spoke on numerous topics, the main one being VOTE! If we sit home on election day thinking 'this is in the bag' we are not going to like the results. She is sounding the alarm that the 'red wave' is not as strong as some may think. Claudia stayed after the meeting and met with anyone who had additional questions.

**Genesee County:** Met on June 14 at the Sportsman's Coon Club.

Two successful events: The Firing Pin's WNY Shooting Sports Recruitment and the Memorial Day parade were discussed. A big thank you went out to everyone who volunteered for those events. Quite a few upcoming events will also need people to volunteer to help; The Alexander Gun Show, the Alexander Flea Market, the Genesee County Fair and the Alexander Steam Show.

As a civic project for an Elba High School student, Glenn and Chairman Jim Tuttle participated in an interview via zoom: Red Flag Laws and NYS redistricting were discussed. Genesee County is part of the 24<sup>th</sup> district; Mario Fratto will be running against Claudia Tenney. Everyone needs to get out and vote.

**Oneida-Herkimer:** Held their May meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> at the Ilion Fish & Game Club (IFAGC).

A motion to donate \$100 to the IFAGC Youth Fishing Derby was unanimously approved. The chapter will have a table set up at the upcoming Herkimer Trap & Gun Show.

The speakers for the evening were: Bob Hollum, Herkimer County Legislator from District 4, a spokesperson from Elise Stefanik's office (US Congresswoman 21<sup>st</sup> District), and New York State Senator Peter Oberacker (Senate District 51) who spoke about the NYSRPA law-suit, and pistol permit insurance.

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**Schuyler County:** Legal updates for June have been posted; included is a list of ten new bills passed to tighten New York's gun laws. At a federal level, Biden's push for National Red Flag laws, 'Assault Weapons' ban, gun storage laws and the ability to sue gun manufacturer's are discussed.

'Supreme Court strikes down Concealed Carry Restriction' is the topic of the July legal updates; followed by the NY Senate's sweeping legislation in response.

*What sportsmen should know about ammo, 'Extreme Risk' orders to seize guns, Red Flag Laws* and a myriad of other topics can be found in these updates.

For all of these Legal Updates, go to: <https://scopeny2a.org/Schuyler>

**Seneca County:** On June 1<sup>st</sup> the North Seneca Sportsman's Club, hosted Gubernatorial Candidate Rob Astorino. Attendees included many members from surrounding counties.



L to R: John O'Connor, Bill McGuire, Ron Pesta, Seneca Chapter Chair Frank Capozzi, Rob Astorino, Scott Buisch, Cayuga Chapter Chair Jim Dishaw, Rob Schoffel

**Steuben County:** On May 16<sup>th</sup>, held their meeting at the Bath Rod & Gun Club.

The guest speakers were Steuben County Sheriff James Allard, and Undersheriff John McNelis. Topics discussed were:

- Buffalo shooting will be used for more gun laws in the state.
- Personal pistol permit training recommended for all new permit holders.
- Bail reform, and how it greatly increases crime. Repeat offenders are released immediately after committing a crime.
- Red flag law is not effective because Mental Health information is not being released to law enforcement to investigate possible violent individuals.
- When buying Marijuana, your information is recorded and

can be used to revoke your pistol permit.

At the June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, topics of discussion were micro-stamping technology, gun shop requirements for not allowing ammo to be accessible to customers on shelves, and ammo tax increases.

Congressional Candidate Joe Sempolinski joined us. He and SCOPE President Tom Reynolds talked about redistricting, the upcoming August primaries and the importance of getting out to vote.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. The Annual **Fall Raffle & Roast** is going to have an even better list of prizes and many more side raffles!

**Wayne County:** Met on May 10<sup>th</sup> at the Marion American Legion.

Pistol permit recertification information was put on the Wayne County page of the SCOPE website: [www.SCOPENy2a.org/Wayne](http://www.SCOPENy2a.org/Wayne)

A list of upcoming Wayne County SCOPE events which need volunteers was gone over:

- Williamson Apple Blossom Festival: May 21<sup>st</sup>
- Lyons Peppermint Days: July 16<sup>th</sup>
- Brantling Festival: July 30<sup>th</sup>
- Wayne County Fair: August 8<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>
- Walworth Lumberjack Festival: September 10<sup>th</sup>
- Marion Harvest Days: September 10<sup>th</sup>

Wayne Chapter Chairman Don Smith attends the monthly meetings of the Wayne County Sportsman's Federation. Don tries to coordinate local SCOPE and Federation activities, as well as activities sponsored by Federation member clubs. Wayne Co SCOPE strongly supports Federation activities involving the youth of Wayne County; these include hunting, fishing and camping activities. Members are encouraged to contact Don if they wish to also attend these Federation meetings.

SCOPE President Tom Reynolds attended both the Chemung County Rod & Gun Club and the Chemung County Federation of Sportsmen's meetings. He spoke about the upcoming elections and the recent gun laws passed by NY State and the federal government. He emphasized the need to get occasional or non-voting gun owners motivated to show up and vote in elections.



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Munnsville, NY 13409  
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Remove or cross out your name and address  
and drop it off at any of the waiting rooms you  
may visit; doctor, dentist, barber shop, mechanic  
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City / State / Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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## PROPOSED FEDERAL GUN RELATED LAWS HOUSE, SENATE

### HR0645, SB0045 OPPOSE

Educational institutions receiving Elementary and Secondary Education Grants may not use these grants to procure firearms or train in the use of firearms.

### HR0748, SB1235 OPPOSE

Requirement for storage of firearms in residences if someone under 18 or someone ineligible to possess a firearm could possibly gain access to the firearm. Fines or a crime depending on circumstances. DOJ will give preferences to states enacting similar laws. The wording is similar to the SAFE Act.

### HR0825, SB1028 .OPPOSE

Authorizes the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to conduct or support research on firearms safety or gun violence prevention. Puts aside \$50 million per year from 2022-2027

### NONE, SB0183 .OPPOSE

Inform FBI about people investigated for terrorism who submit NICS check. To provide appropriate information to Federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies, pursuant to investigating terrorism, and for other purposes.

Note: definition of "investigated for terrorism" and "for other purposes" could be easily abused by DC Swamp.

### NONE, SB0292 .OPPOSE

Mandates that states have Extreme Risk Protective Orders for up to 12 months. The wording in this bill is duplicated in the NYS Safe Act.

### NONE, SB0525 .SUPPORT

Revises criminal provisions related to interstate transportation of firearms & ammo. The bill prohibits the arrest or detention of an individual for a state or local firearm or ammunition violation unless there is probable cause. This bill facilitates interstate transportation of firearms and ammo.

### NONE, SB0529 .OPPOSE

Establishes new background check requirements for firearm transfers between private parties (i.e. unlicensed individuals). It prohibits a firearm transfer between private parties unless a licensed gun dealer, manufacturer, importer first takes possession of the firearm to conduct a background check. The prohibition does not apply to certain

firearm transfers, such as a gift between spouses in good faith.

### NONE, SB0591 .OPPOSE

Prohibits a licensed gun dealer from transferring a firearm to an unlicensed person. Current law permits an FFL to transfer a firearm to an unlicensed person if a submitted background check remains incomplete after three business days.

### HR8, NONE .OPPOSE

Background checks act of 2021. Expands NICS background check to every firearm sale and transfer, even temporary transfers. Very partisan Democratic bill.

### HR0030, SB878 .OPPOSE

Gun Trafficking Prohibition Act. Limits 3rd party firearm purchases. Existing laws cover this.

### HR0038, NONE .SUPPORT

Concealed Carry Interstate Reciprocity Act. Facilitates Concealed Carry between states.

### HR0095, NONE .SUPPORT

Hearing Protection Act. Removes suppressors / silencers from the definition of firearms under National Firearms Act

### HR0121, NONE .OPPOSE

Gun Violence Reduction Resources Act of 2021. Hire an additional 200 BATFE agents.

### HR0125, NONE .OPPOSE

Not Sorry Act of 2021. Modifies firearms-related background check requirements for transfers involving a semi-automatic firearm, suppressor, armor-piercing ammunition, or large capacity ammunition magazine. 7 day waiting period on transfers of semi auto's (and others).

### HR0127, NONE .OPPOSE

Sabika Sheikh Firearm Licensing and Registration Act. Federal licensing of firearms ownership. Establishes a publicly available database of firearms. Also prohibits the possession of certain ammo and large capacity ammo feeding devices. DOJ shall issue a license if the individual is 21 years of age or older and undergoes criminal background check and a psychological evaluation and completes a certified training course and has an \$800 annual premium insurance policy.

### HR0130, NONE .OPPOSE

Kimberly Vaughan Firearm Safe Storage Act. Establishes a federal statutory framework to regulate the storage of firearms and ammo on residential premises.

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**HR0135, NONE**

**NO POSITION**

Accidental Firearms Transfers Reporting Act of 2021. Requires the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to report to Congress on the number of firearm transfers when an FFL submits a background check through the NICS System and NICS fails to respond within three business days and the licensed gun dealer completes the transfer.

**HR0167, NONE .OPPOSE**

To prohibit the transfer of a firearm at a gun show by a person who is not an FFL. Only FFL's could transfer firearms at gun shows.

**HR0194, NONE .SUPPORT**

Report on NICS check denials of:

- (1) firearm transfer denials issued by the NICS that are referred to the BATFE for investigation.
- (2) prosecutions resulting from such investigations
- (3) firearms recovered by the BATFE in cases in which a denial was issued by the system after a firearm was transferred.

**HR0225, NONE .SUPPORT**

Allow interstate transportation of firearms or ammo. Comprehensively address the interstate transportation of firearms or ammo

**HR0355, NONE .SUPPORT**

Illegal Alien NICS Alert Act. Notify ICE if illegal alien submits a NICS Check. Requires the NICS system to notify enforcement agencies when the NICS system indicates that a prospective firearm transferee is illegally or unlawfully in the United States.

**HR0405, NONE .OPPOSE**

Lead Endangers Animals Daily Act of 2021. No lead ammo on federal lands. Directs the Department of the interior to issue final regulations prohibiting the discharge of any firearms using lead ammo on all waters under the jurisdiction and control of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

**HR0647, NONE .OPPOSE**

Interstate Firearms Sales Act. No interstate long gun sales. Restricts the sale or transfer of shotguns and rifles across state lines

**HR0716, NONE .SUPPORT**

To promote accountability and transparency in future executive orders. 30 day public notification and reporting on Executive Orders concerning gun rights. President must notify Congress and the public before issuing executive orders relating to the constitutional right of law-abiding

individuals in the United States to own, carry, and use firearms.

**HR0880, NONE .OPPOSE**

Firearm Safety Act of 2021. Put firearms under Consumer Product Safety Commission. Allows the Consumer Product Safety Commission to issue safety standards for firearms and components.

**HR0882, NONE**

**NO POSITION**

Keeping Guns From High-Risk Individuals act. Prohibit sale / transfer of firearm to high-risk individuals. Expands the categories of persons who are prohibited from shipping, transporting, receiving, or possessing firearms or ammunition.

**HR0933, NONE .SUPPORT**

Home Defense and Competitive Shooting Act of 2021. No funds for anti 2A research. Remove short barrel rifles (rifles of less than 16 inches in length) from the definition of firearms for purposes of National Firearms Act.

**HR1004, NONE OPPOSE**

Firearm Risk Protection Act of 2021. Requires liability insurance to buy firearm. Establishes requirements for gun purchasers and gun owners to be covered by a qualified liability insurance policy.

**HR1006, NONE .OPPOSE**

Gun Show Loophole Closing Act of 2021. NICS check on all gun show sales. Establishes new requirements regarding firearm transfers at gun shows.

**HR1027, NONE .SUPPORT**

Safe Bases Act. Permits armed forces to carry concealed on military bases. Provides statutory authority for the Department of Defense (DOD) to allow a service member to carry a concealed firearm while on any military installation.

**HR1446, NONE .OPPOSE**

Enhanced Background Checks Act of 2021. Expands NICS check deadline beyond 3 days. No NICS response can suspend a gun sale from 20 days to indefinitely.

**HR1454, NONE .OPPOSE**

Ghost Guns Are Guns Act. Firearm assembly kits to be considered firearms. Broadens the definition of firearm for purposes of federal firearms laws. Specifically, it includes as a firearm any firearm kit from which a firearm may be readily assembled.

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HR1477, NONE .OPPOSE  
Undetectable Firearms Modernization Act. Modernize undetectable firearms act of 1988. Revises the federal statutory framework regulating the manufacture, possession, sale, import, shipment, delivery of firearms detectable by walk-through metal detectors after the removal of grips, stocks, and magazines.

HR1567, NONE .SUPPORT  
Police Officers Protecting Children Act. Allow L E O's & retired L E O's to carry firearm in school zone. Specifies that certain active and retired law enforcement officers who are authorized to carry firearms are not subject to the federal prohibition on possessing (or discharging) a firearm in a school zone.

HR6225, NONE .OPPOSE  
Federal Firearm Licensee Act. Adds significant bureaucratic security and reporting requirements to FFL's.

HR3960, NONE .SUPPORT  
Brian A. Terry Memorial Eliminate the ATF Act. To eliminate the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and remove firearm restrictions on lawful gun owners and provide funds to surviving families of border patrol agents killed as a result of Operation Fast and Furious.

NONE, SB675 .OPPOSE  
Requires the Department of Justice to notify state and local law enforcement authorities following a firearms-related background check that results in a denial. Also requires reports on denials to Congress.  
Note: Opens door to investigating all NICS denials even though 90%+ are later overturned.

HR7493, NONE .SUPPORT  
Modifies federal bankruptcy laws to allow debtor to exclude from their estate one or more firearms up to a value of \$3,000. Also specifies that

firearms are household goods and not subject to liens in bankruptcy.

HR1715, NONE .SUPPORT  
2nd Amendment Guarantee Act. Prohibits a state or local government from establishing a regulation, prohibition, registration or licensing requirement - with respect to a rifle or shotgun - that is more restrictive (or imposes a

greater tax or penalty) than a federal law.

**VOTE**

## HUNTING ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTIONS

According to a survey conducted by Southwick Associates, (funded by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Multi-state Conservation Grant Program), these are the key survey highlights of how much money was spent on hunting and how it contributed to the economy of New York State and Nationwide. (From the March 11, 2022 issue of New York Outdoor News.)

### **Jobs Supported:**

NY State = 22,700, USA = 688,542

### **Salaries & Wages:**

NY State = \$1.3 billion, USA = \$32.2 billion

### **Contributions to GDP:**

NY State = \$2 billion, USA = \$58 billion

### **State & Local Taxes:**

NY State = \$265 million, USA = \$5.4 billion

### **Federal Taxes:**

NY State \$310 million, USA = \$8.3 billion

### **Total Multiplier Effect:**

NY State = \$3.8 billion, USA = \$109.9 billion.

(The Multiplier Effect is the salaries and wages connected to jobs directly supported by those sportsmen. )

If hunting were a company, it would fall just shy of the top 50 on the Fortune 500 list. (Per survey conducted by Southwick Associates for the Sportsman's Alliance.)

## New - New York Laws

By Tom Reynolds

In three 2nd Amendment cases (D.C. v Heller, McDonald v Chicago, NYSRPA v Bruen) the Supreme Court (SCOTUS) has repeatedly stated that the purpose of the 2nd Amendment is self-defense.

In her abyss of wisdom, unelected Governor Kathy Hochul disagreed with SCOTUS and the constitutionally protected right of self-defense, so she called an emergency session of the NY legislature to pass quickly-developed, poorly thought-out laws under a "Finding of Necessity" - which is only supposed to be used for true emergencies.

Actually, these laws are only poorly thought out if you believe their purpose was to protect NY citizens. If you believe their purpose was to destroy the 2nd Amendment, then they were smart...unconstitutional...but smart.

New York's legislature and its governor declared war on self-defense and the U.S. Constitution. Do Hochul and her Democrat counterparts care that much of the laws passed violate the three SCOTUS decisions referenced? They will care only if it costs them victory in the next election. That is the only action to punish Hochul and her friends that believers in the U.S. Constitution have available. Sue the Democrat leadership or Hochul and New York State defends them on the taxpayers' dime. If Hochul and company lose, NY State pays the damages and Hochul and company continue in office.

Since they are effectively immunized from any retaliation except by the vote, Hochul and company are free to fight to neuter-the-2nd-Amendment. They are attacking on many fronts under their newly passed laws.

### **Make the financial cost of a gun too expensive for most people:**

The new laws require *16 hours of training including 2 hours of live fire with proficiency standards*. Estimates vary but figure on \$400 for the training plus ammunition. Already a concealed carry permit holder? You will also have to complete this course.

Most will probably have to take time off from work to fulfill these bureaucratic requirements.

The requirements to be a trainer have yet to be established but - let's go out on a limb and say that - NRA instructors need not apply.

*"No person shall store or otherwise leave a rifle, shotgun, or firearm out of his or her immediate possession or control inside a vehicle without first removing the ammunition from and securely locking such rifle, shotgun, or firearm in an appropriate safe storage depository out of sight from outside of the vehicle."*

If you leave your gun in your car, it must be in a safe storage container and out of sight. Costs start at \$150 and go up.

You must use a "safe storage depository" with a key, keypad, or some other locking mechanism. Retrieve the gun in a timely fashion in an emergency? Not likely.

Keep the stored gun out of sight? What if the gun is a rifle or shotgun? Not so easy and maybe impossible.

*Microstamping* will be required, even though it is ineffective and easily defeated by criminals. But it will add to the cost of the gun

Note: there are numerous other proposed laws to add to the cost of owning a firearm such as an \$800 yearly liability insurance premium and a 1,000% tax on firearm sales! So much for self-defense being practiced by the poor.

### **Make the licensing process so bureaucratic that applicants will not try:**

Licensing now requires an in-person interview with the licensing officer. Who is the licensing officer? Sheriff? Judge? Licensing clerk? NY State Trooper? Whoever it is, expect that they will work nights and weekends to make things easy for the applicant. (Sarcasm intended.)

*"Four(4)character references who can attest to the applicant's good moral character and that such applicant has not engaged in any acts, or made any statements that suggest they are likely to engage in conduct that would result in harm to themselves or others."*

Who will be willing to attest (not saying "to the best of their knowledge") about every act or statement you may have made? And if you should happen to commit a crime at some later date, can these people be sued by the victim?

Recertify every 3 years instead of the current 5 years.

A list of all social media accounts for the last three years and "...such other information requested by the licensing officer that is reasonably necessary". An anti-2A interviewer would never dream of jumping into an opening like "...such other information" in order to legally harass you. (Sarcasm again intended.)

A misdemeanor driving while intoxicated conviction within the last 5 years may not cost you your driver's license but it will cost you your firearms permit. Apparently, Hochul believes it is better to run over people than shoot them.

A license is now required to purchase or take possession of a semi-automatic rifle and you must be 21 years of age. However, if you are not 21, you can still vote, have an abortion and decide to change your gender.

I could go on, but you get the idea.

### **Drive retailers out of business so fewer legal places exists to buy a firearm in NY while driving up prices in gun stores that remain open:**

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*“...firearms, rifles and shotguns shall be secured, other than during business hours, in a locked fireproof safe or vault on the dealer's business premises or in a secured and locked area on the dealer's business premises.”*

The dealer must remove dozens of firearms from display and store them in some secure area every night and then put them back on display in the morning. (Will this encourage retailers to stay open 24/7/365 as a cheaper alternative?)

*“...ammunition shall be stored separately from firearms, rifles and shotguns and out of reach of customers.”*

Another separate nightly secured storage area for ammo? During store hours, add another clerk to wait on customers who formerly waited on themselves.

*“The dealer's business premises shall be secured by a security alarm system that is installed and maintained by a security alarm operator properly licensed pursuant to article six-D of this chapter.”*

Add several thousand per year extra costs for this but...a windfall profit for security system operators. (Is it possible there was some greasing-of-palms to get this included? Nah. Never in New York. [Sarcasm intended again.])

And after the firearms dealers invest thousands to meet these requirements, NYS will now start inspecting their paperwork along with BATFE. Dealers can lose their license over a minor paperwork error or a clerk's unintended mistake. Thousands of dollars and a business at risk over a minor paperwork error.

“The Gun Writer” reports that in the years before the Biden-Harris administration took over the White House, the ATF usually revoked an average of 40 Federal Firearm Licenses per year. But, in the 18 months since Joe Biden declared war on “rogue gun dealers,” the ATF has revoked 273 FFLs.

**Free speech used to include the right to be silent.**

Per NYS: A person is guilty of criminal possession

of a weapon in a restricted location when such person possesses a firearm, rifle, or shotgun and enters into or remains on or in private property where such person knows or reasonably should know that the owner or lessee of such property has not permitted such possession by clear and conspicuous signage indicating that the carrying of firearms, rifles, or shotguns on their property is permitted or has otherwise given express consent.

All private property in New York is now a gun free zone. Private property owners must now affirmatively declare firearms are welcome in order to NOT be a gun free zone. Firearm possession on that private property is a class E felony. The NYSRPA decision specifically addressed this and Hochul and company just spit in SCOTUS' eye and dared them to do something.

This put non gun retailers in the middle of something not of their choosing, when they only want to sell their product. If a retailer posts a pro-2A sign, they may anger the anti-2A element. Not post a sign, and gun owners may be angry.

The Gun Clubs will now have to post a sign that guns are welcome or members have committed a crime by bringing a gun to the gun club.

Also included is a long list of areas that are specifically labeled gun free zones. For instance, the NY City subway system is filled with crime, including violent assaults. But everyone, including the elderly and women, will just have to take the beating and then testify later in court - if they dare and are still alive

Have any of these geniuses in Albany noted that shootings happen in gun free zones?

**You are a felon and don't know it:**

An old business saying is, “*Don't think of it as a problem, think of it as an opportunity.*”

Violate most of these new laws and you become a criminal, probably a class E felon. The “opportunity” to become a felon might discourage one from getting a firearm, since there are now so many “opportunities”.

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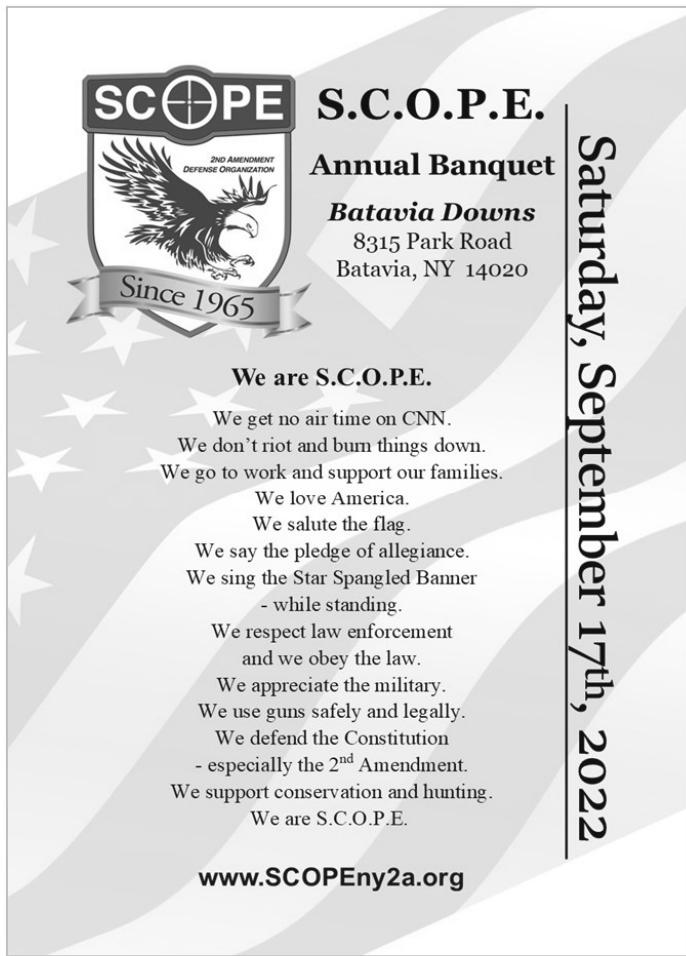
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