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NY SAFE Act



In the dark of the night our Emperor, Andrew Cuomo of NY pushed through the NY SAFE Act. Yes most Republicans as well as a few Democrats stood up for our rights, but the Emperor had a plan. In the end the Emperor and his henchmen had procured enough votes to pass the SAFE Act. He and NYC Mayor Bloomberg used the equivalent of 40 pieces of silver to persuade a handful of so called Republican Senators to join them. All quite legal of course. And the fix was in.

The new law ushers in gun registration, banning all sales of their current definition of "assault weapons", magazines and "so called" background checks for all gun and ammunition sales including private sales. What does this mean for NY gun owners? Well, this issue will try to break down what we currently know about the law as well as what is being done to stop it.

We are on that slippery slope. The current NY definition is much stricter than the earlier definitions NYS had or the Federal Government currently has. Just wait because sooner or later our NYS politicians will try to change it again to include even more models of guns.

The following is my opinion of the potential worst case scenario of how the law may be implemented based on reports from informational hearings, checking the NYS web page <http://www.governor.ny.gov/2013/gun-reforms-faq> and other sources.

The new background checks for all gun purchases including private ones and ammunition may enable them to compile lists of just what you are buying. Do your ammunition purchases match what they know you have? Are you buying large quantities of ammo? Is the ammo in military calibers? If it is, could you be hiding an unregistered (illegal) assault weapon?

In addition the ammunition check may take 10 minutes or more, not including the paperwork. What will happen to sales at gun shows? If a dealer is tied up for 10 minutes or more for each sale is it worth selling ammunition? The authors of this law knew this would lower the profits of gun stores and cause major problems for NY gun shows.

Many of the provisions are still being discussed by those charged to implement the new law, the State Troopers. They are still not clear as to how it will be enforced. In addition they are passing exceptions to this wide reaching law to exempt law enforcement from the restrictions.

Not that they should be exempt. Why should they be able to face a criminal with a hi-cap magazine when they respond to the call for that same criminal confronting you and your family. And of course your 10 round magazines must be loaded with only 7 rounds until next year when they must be modified permanently (not yet specified as to how) to hold only 7. Will the criminal have his magazine loaded with only 7 rounds?

Another consequence of the magazine ban will be on handgun sales. If gun manufacturers do not start making 7 round magazines to include with their guns by April 15, 2013 then with several exceptions, the only way you would be allowed to buy most new or used semi-automatic handguns will be without the magazine. Not very useful.

Renewable permits, every 5 years are another area we must see what they will require permit owners to do. Will it be by the County Clerk or by the nearest State Trooper location? Will you need to bring in your guns to physically show them (this happens in at least one NYS County already). Will you be reminded about your renewal or will they consider it a violation and confiscate your handguns if you forget to renew. And of course how much will this cost, I remind you the NYS Thruway was supposed to stop the tolls as soon as it was paid for a number of years ago. Today they are considering more

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The NYC Chapter's Meeting is no
longer being held at a Restaurant.
Part of our Monthly Meeting is a
visit to a gun store and/or a range.
Normally we're doing this on a
Tuesday evening, but that may
change depending on the hours of
our target location of the month.

Contact Dave Forgione at (646)
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**Membership
needs your help**

By Mike Mastrogiovanni, CNY

America has hit tough
times, not only economically but
gun owners in New York State
have been assaulted on every
front, state, local and soon fed-
eral. We need to join together
and fight back.

I am asking every mem-
ber in SCOPE to sign up a friend,
if they are a gun owner or not. If
this friend does not have the
money to join do it for him.

This small amount will
help Scope continue to fight the
good fight, resisting the anti-gun
politicians.

**Remember what Ben Franklin
said at the signing of the Decla-
ration of Independence: "We
must all hang together, or as-
suredly we shall all hang sepa-
rately."**

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rate hikes.

Barring an intervention by a higher power this law WILL NEVER BE REPEALED by a vote of our current political representatives. Not as long as we have a Democrat majority in the NY Assembly and Governors office as well as a weak NY Senate. For the time being our only hope will be to defeat it in court. This does not mean we forget the turncoat Republicans as well as Democrats who voted against our rights. We must do our best to exact a strong political price for those who voted for the law or they will pass even more strict gun control in the future.

The good news is there are two to three lawsuits filed or planning to be filed as you read this. The NYS Rifle and Pistol Association, James Tresmond a Hamburg, NY attorney and SCOPE. We will bring you more information as it is available on these.

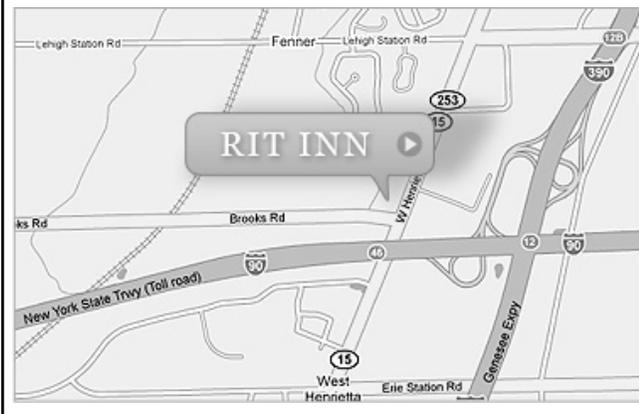
The lawsuits will take time and money, lots of money. It is unlikely we will win the first round or two and appeals will be filed to go through several levels of lower courts first before we have a real chance to prevail. This is because in NY the lower courts tend to be populated with Judges who are more revisionist than constitutionalist.

It is imperative we fight them on all fronts or we will lose more of our rights. If you can make a donation to help the SCOPE lawsuit please use the form at the bottom of page 7.

SCOPE ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING, APRIL 13

Our SCOPE annual members meeting will be held on April 13th, at 11am at the RIT Inn & Conference Center **5257 West Henrietta Road, Henrietta, NY 14467.** (this used to be the old Henrietta Marriot) **Phone: (585) 359-1800 .**

All members are welcome to attend this meeting. This is the meeting where you may vote to fill the seats for the SCOPE Board up for election.





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Basic Points of the NY SAFE Act

By John Celso

Note by editor: Remember the old saying—"the devil is in the details" and the details of how this new law will be enforced is falling to the State Police. As you read this they are trying to figure out how to enforce this law. Costs, fines, waiting times, privacy of information all are as yet unknown. This is merely the framework that they will use to create the system that will be enforced.

The legislation (S. 2230) signed by the governor contains the following key components of significance to law abiding gun owners and pistol licensees.

Redefines and Bans "Assault Weapons

An 'assault weapon' is now defined as any semiautomatic rifle or pistol capable of accepting a detachable magazine with ONE military style feature (folding stock, pistol grip, thumbhole stock, second grip that can be held by the weak hand, bayonet mount, flash suppressor, muzzle brake, compensator or threaded barrel or grenade launcher); any semiautomatic shotgun with ONE of the following: folding or thumbhole stock; second grip that can be held by the weak hand; a fixed magazine in excess of seven rounds; ability to accept a detachable magazine; A semiautomatic pistol that can accept a detachable magazine and has at least one of the following: folding or thumbhole stock; second grip that can be held by the weak hand; capacity to accept a magazine that attaches to the

pistol outside of the pistol grip, threaded barrel, barrel shroud, weight of 50 oz. or more when unloaded.

Within one year, all "assault weapons" under the new definition (pre-1994 and now pre-2013 semi-autos as defined above) must be registered with the state police at no cost. This will trigger a NICS check. Current owners may transfer these semi-autos only to a dealer or sell them out of state. Intentional failure to register will be a class A misdemeanor. Unintentional failure will trigger a 30 day grace period to register, after which the gun will be confiscated. Knowing possession of an unregistered assault weapon will be a felony. The law does not distinguish between rimfire or centerfire firearms. Even .22s are covered by the law. The State Police has the ability to alter the list of guns defined as "assault weapons."

Exempt: the following are not 'assault weapons' and are not affected by this law: bolt action or pump rifles and shotguns; antiques (with NO modifications); revolvers; semi-automatic rifles that cannot accept a detachable magazine; semi-auto shotguns holding five or fewer shotgun shells in a fixed or detachable magazine.

Magazines

The law bans all magazines that hold in excess of ten rounds, including "pre-ban" magazines of 20 or 30 rounds previously possessed lawfully. High capacity magazines possessed lawfully must be disposed of out of state or to someone authorized to possess them within one year. Ten round magazines are grandfathered, but it will be a crime to load them in excess of seven rounds. Magazines older than 50 years old – curios and relics – are exempt. No new ten round magazines may be sold or possessed in New York.

Pistol licenses

All pistol licenses will have to recertified (not renewed) every five years. Licensees will have to confirm to the state police that their information is current and that their registered pistols are still the only ones possessed. Pistol licensees will be able to request that their names be withheld from public disclosure, and state police will compile a statewide database of pistol license holders.

Ammunition

All ammunition purchasers must undergo an instant background check at the point of sale. A buyer of pistol or revolver ammunition will need to show a valid NYS pistol license and a driver's license. Internet sales of ammo are banned except in the presence of a gun dealer where a NICS check is required. This will start in January 2014.

Gun sales

A NICS background check will be required for all private sales of long guns in New York, except transfers to immediate family members.

Gun storage

The new law requires the safe storage of guns in a house where the gun owners knows someone in the house is mentally ill, prohibited from possessing a gun, is a convicted criminal or subject to an order of protection.



Current NYS SAFE Act Banned Gun List as of 2/14/2013

SCOPE is trying to bring you the most up to date info. Because of the publishing time this may be dated as new information is released. Go to SCOPEny.org for the most recent information on this law.

Banned Pistols

A semiautomatic pistol that can accept a detachable magazine and has at least one of the following: folding or thumbhole stock; second grip that can be held by the weak hand; capacity to accept a magazine that attaches to the pistol outside of the pistol grip, threaded barrel, barrel shroud, weight of 50 oz. or more when unloaded. This bans the large Desert Eagle Semi-auto.

Advance Armament Inc. M-11
Bushmaster Pistol
Calico M-950
Encom MP-9 and MP-45
Intratec TEC-9
Military Armament Corp. Ingram M-11
RPB Industries Inc.
sM10 & sM11
Sites Spectre
Sterling MK-7
SWD Incorporated M11
UZI

Banned Rifles

Armalite AR-180
Beretta AR-70
Calico M-900
Century Arms MAS 223
CETME Sporter
Daewoo:
K-1, K-2, Max 1, Max 2,
AR 100, AR 110C

Fabrique Nationale:
CAL, F2000, SCAR, PS90,
FAL, LAR, FNC, 308 Match

HK-91, HK-93, HK-94, HK-PSG11
J&R ENG M-68
Norinco 84S, and 86S
Poly Technologies AKS and AK47
RPB Industries Inc. sM10 and sM11
SIG AMT, PE-57, SG 550, SG 551
Sterling MK-6
Steyer AUG
SWD Incorporated M11
UZI and Galil
Valmet, M62S, M71S, M78S
Weaver Nighthawk

Any AR-15 variant designed to fire ammunition in any caliber manu- factured by the firms listed below:

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Accurate Tool & Manufacturing
Adams
Acor
Addax Tactical
Ad-Tek
Aero Precision
AFM
AGP Arms
Alexander Arms
Ameetec
American Spirit Arms
American Tactical
Anderson Manufacturing
Anvil Arms
Ardel Engineering & Manufacturing
Arizona Armory
ArmaLite
ATI
Barnes Precision Machine
Barrett Firearms Manufacturing
Bartlett Enterprises
Battle Born
BCM
Black Heart International (BHI)
Black Hole Weaponry
Black Rain Ordnance
Blackthorne
BOHICA
Bushmaster Firearms International
C3 Defense
Carolina Mountain Tactical
Cavalry Arms
CD Defense

Centurion Arms
Century Arms
Charles Daly firearms
Christensen Arms
CMMG
Colt Canada (previously Diemaco)
Colt's Manufacturing Company
Continental Machine & Tool (CMT)
Core 15 Rifles Systems
Crusader Weaponry
Dalphon
Dane Armory
Daniels Defense
Dedicated Technology
Delaware Machinery
Del-Ton
Denny's Guns
Diamondback
Dlask RIFLES
Double Diamond
Double Star
DPMS Panther Arms
Dreadnaught Industries
DS Arms
DSC/J&P Dist.
DSG Arms
Eagle Arms
Essential Arms
Ferfrans
Firebird Precision
Floro International Corporation
FN
Frankford Arsenal
Fulton Armory
GATITO Arms
Good Times Outdoors
Gunsmoke
Head Down Products
Heckler and Koch
Hero-Guns
Hesse Arms
High Standard Manufacturing Com-
pany
Hogan
Hughes Precision Products
Huldra
Iron Ridge Arms
JD Machine Tech
JP Rifles, Inc.
Kaiser
Kies
Knight's Armament Company Land
Warfare Resources Corporation Inter-
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national (LWRCI)
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 LaRue
 Lauer Custom Weaponry
 Legion Firearms
 Les Baer
 Lewis Machine and Tool Company
 LMT
 Loki Weapons Systems
 Lone Wolf
 LRB Arms
 M2 Corporation
 Magpul Industries
 McKay Enterprises, LLC.
 Mega Machine
 MGI
 Mohawk Armory
 Mossberg
 New Frontier Arms
 Next Generation
 Nodak Spud
 Norinco
 Noveske
 Olympic Arms
 Ordnance, Inc
 Palmetto
 Para-Ordnance (Para-USA)
 Patriot
 PAW Arms
 Plum Crazy
 POF
 Predator Custom Shop RIFLES
 Professional Ordnance, Inc.
 PWA
 PWS
 Quality Arms
 Quentin Defense
 Red Jacket LLC.
 Red River Tactical
 Remington Arms
 RGM
 R-Guns
 Rip Tactical
 RND Machining
 Rock River Arms
 Rocky Mountain Arms
 Roggio Arsenal
 Sabre Defence/Manroy USA
 Schmeisser
 Seekins
 Sendra
 Sharps
 SI Defense

Sig Sauer
 Sionics
 SLR-15
 Smith & Wesson
 SMOS
 SOG Armory
 Spikes Tactical
 Stag Arms
 STI
 Stinger Arms
 Sturm, Ruger RIFLES
 Sun Devil
 Superior Arms
 Surplus Ammo& Arms
 Tactical Innovations
 Tactical Machining
 TNW
 United Defense Manufacturing Corporation
 USA Tactical Firearms
 Vltor
 Vulcan
 Wilson Combat
 Windham
 YHM Corp
 Z-M Weapons
 Zombie Defense

Any AK-47variant designed to fire ammunition in any caliber manufactured by the firms listed below:

AK Concepts
 AK USA Manufacturing
 American Arms
 Armory USA
 Arsenal
 Bulgarian Arsenal
 B-West
 Century Arms
 Cugir Arsenal
 Dragunov Sniper Rifles
 Ernst Thaelmann VEB – East Germany
 Ewbank Manufactureing
 Firing Line
 Firing line
 Global Trades
 Global Trades/Armory USA
 Hesse
 Hesse Arms
 Horn Custom rifle
 Hungarian Arsenal Inc

Inter Ordnance
 Izhevsk Factory - Russia
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 Krebs Custom Inc.
 Krinks
 Lucznik in Radom – Poland
 MAADI CO
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 Marshall Arms
 Mitchell Arms, Inc
 MLS99
 Norinco
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 Poly Technologies
 Polyany Arsenal - Russia
 PolyTech
 Precision Metal Works
 Red Jacket Firearms
 Robinson Armament Co.
 Romarms
 Russian American Arms
 Sadu Arsenal
 State Armory in Radom – Poland
 Styer
 Suhl Factory – East Germany
 Tapco
 Tula Arsenal - Russia
 Valmet
 Vector Arms
 Vulcan Arms
 WUM

Banned Shotguns

Benelli M-2 Tactical
 FN Herstal SLP MK1 TACT
 Franchi SPAS 12 and LAW 12
 RAAC MKA1919 SEMI AUTO
 Remington 81059 Versa Max Tactical
 Remington Model 1100 TACTICAL
 Remington Model 81404 Tactical
 Saiga semi-automatic shotgun
 SRM Tactical Semi-Auto Shotgun
 Striker 12
 The Streetsweeper type S/S Inc.
 SS/12

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 Stephen Aldstadt a call or drop us an E-mail.

Alabama Hunt Club
Alden Rod & Gun Club
Allied Sportsmen of WNY Inc.
American Legion Riders, Post 355
Attica Rod & Gun Club, Inc.
Buffalo Rod & Gun Conservation Club
Bailey Mountain Fish & Game Club, Inc.
Baldwinsville Rod & Gun Club, Inc.
Barre Sportsman's Club
Barrington Rifle Club
Bergen Rod & Gun Club
Bison City Rod & Gun Club Inc.
Black Rock Fish & Game Club Inc.
Blasdell Rod & Gun Club
Bog Trotters Rifle & Pistol Club Inc.
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Branchport Rod & Gun Club
Buffalo Revolver & Rifle Club Inc.
Buffalo Rod & Gun Club Inc
Burlington Flats Fish & Game Club, Inc.
Cal Shooting Club
Caledonia Rifle & Pistol Club, Inc.
Camillus Sportsmen's Club
Canaan Rifle Club, Inc.
Canandaigua Lake Duck Hunters, Inc
Canandaigua Sportsmen's Club, Inc.
Canastota Conservation Club
Chautauqua County Federation of Sportsmen
Chemung County Rod & Gun Club
Clarence Shooting Club
Clay Sportsman's Club
Clinton Fish & Game Club
Cloverbank Sportsman's Club Inc.
Conesus Lake Sportsman Club
Conservation Club of Brockport
Cooperstown Sportsmen's Association, Inc
Dansville Fish & Game Club
Delchenego Rod & Gun Club
Depew Rod & Gun Club
Dunham's Bay Fish & Game Club
E Aurora Fish & Game Club Inc.
Eden-North Collins Gun Club
Elbridge Rod & Gun Club
Elks Head Hunting & Fishing Club Inc.
Elma Conservation Club
Erie County Conservation Society Inc.
Evans Rod & Gun Club

Fin Feather & Fur Conservation Society, Inc.
Five Point Rod & Gun Club
Freeport Junior Club
George Washington Fishing & Camping Club Inc.
Glen-Coe Conservation Society Inc.
Gorham Coon Hunters
Gowanda Rifle Club
Hamburg Rod & Gun Club Inc.
Hartland Conservationist Club
Hawkeye Bowman, Inc.
Hill Top Gun Club
Himrod Conservation Club
Holland Rod & Gun Club
Holley Rod & Gun Gun Club
Honeoye Fish & Game Club
Hornell Sportsman Club
Hudson Valley Sportsmen's Association
Iroquois Arms Collectors Assoc of WNY
Lackawanna Conservation Club Inc.
Lake Keuka Chapter, Izaak Walton League
Lima Gun Club
Little Beard Club Inc.
Livingston Co. Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs
Lloyd Rod and Gun Club Inc.
Long Lake Fish & Game Club
MacDougall Sportsman's Club
Mad River Club Inc.
Mendon Conservation League
Mohawk Rifle & Pistol Club Inc.
Monroe Chester Sportsmen Club Inc.
Mt Morris Sportsmen's Club
Morgan Hill Game Association.
Neighbors Gun Club
Newark Rod & Gun Club
New York Houndsmen Conservation Association
New York State Muzzleloaders
New York State Sporterifle
Niagara County Sportsmen's Assn.
Niagara Frontier Pistol League
Niagara Frontiersmen Pistol Club
North Forest Rod & Gun Club
North Star Sportsmans Club, Inc.
Northern Dutchess Rod & Gun Club
Oatka Fish & Game Club
Olean Rod & Gun Club Inc.
Ontario County ABATE
Oswego County Federation of Sportsman's Clubs
Outlet Rod & Gun Club
Painted Post Field & Stream Club
Pathfinder Fish and Game Club, Inc.
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Polaris Shooting Club
Ramapough Sportsmen Association Inc.
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Walden Sportsmen's Club
Waterloo Rifle & Pistol Club
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West Falls Conservation Society Inc.
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Wilson Conservation Club Inc.
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CITIZENS OR SUBJECTS?

By Budd Schroeder

The fight goes on concerning the new Cuomo anti-gun bill and the reactions of the honest and formerly law-abiding gun owners. I say formerly law abiding because the general temperament of those at the gun clubs and rallies is very negative about compliance. There is a great deal of resentment on the part of gun owners who are affected by this new "rammed down our throats" gun law.

It was literally passed in the middle of the night with little thought and lots of deals. Some tried to justify their vote for it saying it could have been much worse. One radio personality likened it to saying "we could have taken your arm, but we cut off only your hand." It is actions like that one that gives the term of compromise a bad name.

Even the Sheriff's Association was critical of the bill and warned the governor about the problems with compliance. In their letter, they agreed with the Murder One penalty for killing a first responder and that lists of pistol permit owners should not have their names and addresses available for publication.

They also made favorable comments about increased penalties for criminal misuse of firearms and recommended that the legislature consider limitations on plea bargaining involving gun crimes.

Regarding "assault weapons," they said: "Assault weapon ban and definition of assault weapons.

Food for thought: *Why is it that every time there is a shooting spree, the government tries to take away guns from the people who didn't do it?*

We believe that the new definition of assault weapons is too broad, and prevents to possession of many weapons that are legitimately used for hunting, target shooting and self defense. Classifying firearms as assault weapons because of one arbitrary feature effectively deprives people the right to possess firearms which have never before been designated as assault weapons. We are convinced that only law abiding gun owners will be affected by these new provisions, while criminals will still have and use whatever weapons they want."

On the subject of magazine capacity they said: "The new law enacts reductions in the maximum capacity of gun magazines. We believe based on our years of law enforcement experience that this will not reduce gun violence. The new law will unfairly limit the ability of law abiding citizens to purchase firearms in New York. It bears repeating that it is our belief that the reduction of magazine capacity will not make New Yorkers or our communities safer."

The final statements are: "Sheriffs understand their Constitutional obligations and the concerns of constituents. Sheriffs and other law enforcement officers are not called upon by this new legislation to go door-to-door to confiscate any weapons newly classified as assault weapons, and will not do so."

"Sheriffs represent all the people and we take an oath to uphold the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New York. Sheriffs will continue to enforce all laws of the state and will protect the rights of all citizens, including those rights guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New York."

This is the attitude of most law enforcement officers who are not political appointees and will make compliance to these unfair draconian laws difficult to

enforce by the governor and politicians. The politicians may also find their vote for this law to be a handicap to their efforts to be reelected.

There appears to be a groundswell in the gun fraternity to push for a recall and referendum provision in state law. When politicians take Constitutional rights from those who treasure them and are imposing opinions rather than solutions on the public, there is an outcry for justice and change. There is an old saying: "When the government fears the people, there is democracy. When the people fear the government, there is tyranny."

Upstate citizens have seen first hand that their lives can be dominated by downstate politicians and it is causing resentment and unrest. They are organizing rallies and are contacting their legislators to make their concerns known. Hopefully, there can be a peaceful solution to this unrest, but if Cuomo insists on keeping this law on the books the future can look ugly. We hope it won't happen, but even law-abiding honest gun owners can be pushed too far. Hopefully the politicians will find a way to correct their mistakes.

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Carrying On About Carrying

By: Johnathan Celso
Certified NRA Instructor

Keep It Secret. Keep It Safe.

There is much to be learned by Gandalf the Grey when it comes to being the responsible possessor and carrier of a source of extraordinary power. What typically makes a great lie believable is when there is a little truth mixed in, and what generally makes for a great fiction novel is when the reader can relate to the principles off of which it is built. J.R.R. Tolkien's main character in the Lord of the Rings Trilogy, the wizard Gandalf, understood some very real obstacles when it came to an ordinary person being given

an extraordinary tool that tips the balances of strength and ability compared to that of their fellow man. Here, Gandalf is leaving a small hobbit with the single most sought after possession in Middle Earth and in all of his wisdom conjures up a few simple words that summarizes everything the bearer will need to know for the rest of his life, "Keep it secret. Keep it safe."

Keep it secret

There are two points to be made here regarding the carrying of a handgun for personal protection: one, it should always be concealed to prevent unnecessary alarm; and two, it should always be concealed to keep the element of surprise on the carrier's side. Imagine yourself as a non-carrier. You go to get your weekly groceries, fill your cart, try your best to keep items from magically appearing in

your kids' pockets, find a short line at the check-outs, discover the person ringing you out is a new hire, do a quick check to make sure your kids are still with you, and then notice a man is standing behind you with nothing but a basket as he sets it on the conveyor belt. As you turn around he smiles at you saying hello, and as you happen to glance down towards his side you see – a gun! What do you think? What do you do? How do you react? What do you say? How comfortable would you feel?

When we look at it from the point of view of the non-carrier, it's easy to see how one would answer, "Not too comfortable." We might even realize that some could quickly draw the inaccurate conclusion that, "Only a mad man would bring a gun in public," (as happened to

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Eric Scott, 39, at a Costco in Nevada resulting in his unnecessary death.) Most likely, only when a badge is also seen with the exposed gun would the non-carrier's feelings be calmed. How can such a generalized statement be made about people's reactions to the sight of a firearm? There are thousands of documented reports of road patrolmen and women across the country who react to the display of a firearm (either visually or verbally) by a licensed carrier when performing a traffic stop by drawing their firearms and holding the person at bay until backup arrives. Now here is a member of society who is supposed to know the legal rights of the average citizen and reacts to the sign of someone else carrying a firearm legally as being a threat to their life. They're just not comfortable with it!

Can anything be done to change people predisposed this way? No. What can be done, however, is we can change ourselves. The change that is necessary is realizing that our decision to get a concealed carry license, and the State's agreement to issue it, gives us a legal ability to carry a firearm in and around the public without them knowing about it. Therefore we should do everything in our power to make sure it is kept a secret. This affords us the opportunity to prevent unnecessary alarm to those around us; including law enforcement. You are under no legal obligation to inform a police officer in New York that you are carrying a firearm and it would be far better to not let them know. There is no need to unless you are being placed under arrest. You're a law-abiding citizen who is of no threat to a police officer. There is no need to inform them of your handgun other than self-satisfaction that you have. Remember, you carry because of the possibility of an attack, not the probability; otherwise, you would hardly carry at all. Because of this very reason for carrying, we can conclude that we're going to be exposed far more to the unarmed, unfamiliar, uncomfortable, non-threatening populace than we ever will to an assailant! The benefit of preventing unnecessary alarm concealed carry offers far outweighs the deterrence factor having a gun in the first place has and is why it should be kept a secret.

The other benefit to keeping your firearms completely concealed is the element of surprise. An attacker who is dedicated enough will not care whether you have a gun or not when he reveals his intentions. The assailant knows that much can be gained from surprising his potential victims. As such, you need that same resource. The attacker should always be forced to react to your plan. Concealed carry not only provides the benefit of having the element of surprise, it also provides the benefit of allowing the carrier to choose who and when they want to protect, if at all, after carefully considering all the circumstances and variables. They

have complete control over whether and when they act without being pressured by those around them to decide. The last thing you'll want when faced with a lethal encounter is others screaming at you, "You have a gun!!! Do something!!!" This can be avoided completely when your firearm is completely concealed.

Once your gun is seen by the general public, their feelings of discomfort will quickly turn to feelings of fear and terror at the sight of an attempt at harming their lives by an assailant. Your gun will now make you a billboard for "Come to me! I'll save you!" in their mind. You don't want that. A police officer in uniform also is that billboard to the public. But they have a level of intimidation to criminals that citizens do not, because a police officer comes backed with state funded insurance, legal defense, and training, as well as, laws that protect them from assault, resisting arrest, and termination of employment and/or incarceration because they "made a mistake." They will get a slap on the wrist and you will be tried hard and true. Do you have such resources backing you? Are you trained adequately enough to assume such responsibility? Do you have enough liability insurance to cover you when you shoot the wrong person? Do you have a source of (relatively speaking) unlimited funds for your legal defense and civil suits? This should motivate any carrier to keep their firearm a secret.

So how does one make sure they are properly concealing the firearm? The following considerations should be taken to ensure that it is kept secret:

1. Use a strong side hip holster whenever possible. A hip holster allows for the following strengths over other style holsters: easiest access from the authorized user, ease of presentation, and firearm accessibility doesn't suffer when being bear hugged, held on one's back, or sitting in the seat of a car. Time to first hit is always faster with a strong side hip holster as well (ladies apparel will be addressed shortly.)
2. Use a holster that holds the gun tightly to the body. Whether inside the waistband or outside the waistband, the gun should add as little to your body's width dimension as possible. Today's holster technology allows us the opportunity to easily carry a medium to large framed handgun without having to substitute it for a pocket pistol because they "stick out to far," as is so commonly used as an excuse. Keeping it tight to your body's natural width also helps with going around corners or hip-high obstacles like tables and countertops where the firearm might bang into them, making a noise that would give away their presence.
3. Avoid apparel where the gun can be made out through the clothing. This is called "printing" and basically

reveals you have a firearm. Wearing solid, dark colored shirts that are not see-through helps with this. Stripes distort in the area where the firearm is being carried and show the outline of the gun. If striping must be worn, vertical stripes print less.

4. Use a belt of proper grade that will both support the weight of the firearm and conform to your hips so the firearm is pulled tightly to your body more efficiently.
5. Check yourself in a mirror or ask your significant other to check you out for situations where the gun might sneak out or print. Situations like bending over or squatting, reaching or carrying heavy objects, or sitting in a wooden chair and not banging up against the backrest.

Keep it safe

As important it is to make sure no one knows of the firearm on your hip, it is equally important to make sure the firearm is properly secured on your person. The following considerations should be taken to keep your firearm as safe as possible:

1. Use a holster that is appropriate for your firearm. Be wary of holsters advertised as a "one fit for many" solution. If it fits many models slightly, it doesn't fit any model perfectly.
2. Use a holster that properly retains the firearm. It does not have to be a cop style holster with three different locking mechanisms to keep unauthorized users from drawing it off of you, but it should hold the gun tightly enough to facilitate running with it and preventing it from making noise when it is stowed.
3. If possible, choose a holster made of kydex or laminate leather as they tend to not shrink and expand for any given humidity and temperature. This will maintain the level of retention you are trying to accomplish through most environments.
4. Use a holster that adequately protects the trigger from being manipulated. Some holsters, believe it or not, will make enough contact with the trigger to cause an unintentional discharge.
5. Remember when carrying that it is not lawful for you to carry in some places. Have a backup plan for storing of the firearm while visiting such places. Simply throwing it under the seat of your car is never a good option. If you are not going to be around the firearm anyways (i.e. going inside the post office), then unload it and lock it up in a way that prevents unauthorized access. Unloading it ensures that if someone does steal it, they are delayed in using it.

That is all for now. Be safe out there.

Andy 'il Duce' Cuomo's UN S.A.F.E. Law, and its putsch

By Paul Rusin

The first act of the new state congress was to pass sweeping "reforms" for gun control. Whether they will have any impact on crimes, such as the school shooting at Newtown, the theater shooting in Aurora, CO, and others, remains to be seen, but given past incidences involving crime, and terrorism, I doubt there will be any lasting impact. As we know, criminals do not obey laws.

Former Rep. Gabby Giffords, the shooting victim at her Arizona rally, was trotted out as the spokesgal, along with her husband Mark Kelly. Both decried the Newtown shooting. Both asked for tougher laws on guns at the federal & state level.

One of those laws provisions will be registration of long guns considered AW's, and turning in, or otherwise disposing of weapons which are over the required limit(s). That same registration for AW's that Andy 'il Duce' Cuomo, pushed through our state congress this past January, he did so under the false presumption that this was a "immediate necessity." While each and every one of the provisions enacted have been bandied around in the state congress for years, if not decades, none was a pressing necessity, else, they would have been passed long ago. None demanded immediate implementation, but they were quick to jump on their pal, Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel's quote, "Never let a good crisis go to waste." This should be ever present in our minds since he made it as 'unconstitutional president' Barack Obama's (aka Barry Soetoro), aide de camp. With that statement I will be called a racist, and have been in the past, but it is not Barry Soetoro's skin color that I have a problem with, but

his fascist Marxist tendencies which border on National Socialism, and his not being eligible constitutionally, because he does not, and can never, meet the requirement of being a "Natural Born Citizen (NBC)," it being his father was not an American citizen. A NBC has to be the son, or daughter, of two American citizens, born in this country, or naturalized before the birth of the heir. Besides his birth parentage, his divorced mother then married an Indonesian citizen named Lolo Soetoro. Lolo adopted Barry when his mother moved them to Indonesia, and Barry attended Christian school while being taught as a Muslim student, which is why he told an Egyptian audience that he adored the Islamic call to prayer. That would make Barry a dual nationality citizen which, also, disqualifies him for the office.

That being said, and gotten out of the way, Barry Soetoro, aka Barack Obama, Jr., is calling for similar measures to what Andrew Cuomo putsched (see NAZI Germany under Hitler) here in NYS, despite the fact that his A.G., Eric Holder, touted, back in the 1990's when he was an Assistant to Janet (Waco murderess) Reno that schools brainwash the children to abhor guns: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RGWhRAccEuE>.

Barry, also said he can understand why in some out of the way places people "cling to their God, and their guns," in essence knocking those of rural heritage. We can't all come from the privileged Marxist background that Barry enjoyed as a drug addled teenager, and young man, tooling around Hawaii in his "choom wagon" with his buddies, smoking 'reefer' and "snorting cocaine." However, one of the first acts of this presidency, through the auspices of the BATFE, the very organization tasked with preventing sales of guns to people who are not legally eligible, was to start selling guns to foreigners (Mexican nationals), who then exported them to Mexico resulting in the deaths of hundreds, if not thousands,

of Mexican nationals. If any offense required impeachment, for both A.G. Holder, and the president, it was that fact, it being that he, i.e. his administration, was responsible for murder of foreign nationals in another country, something that could, also, presumably, be taken up with the International Criminal Court (ICC). By the way, both Barry and Eric Holder, had said that one way to promote anti-gun policies was to assure that mayhem was committed by abusing the system, and releasing onto the streets these types of guns. The operation was called Fast & Furious, and when push came to shove, Barry declared everything regarding it off limits, using "presidential privilege" to stop all inquiries. What is privileged about selling guns used to murder hundreds, if not thousands of Mexicans, many, also, children. Where was/is the outrage over this in the media, in 'il Duce' Cuomo's office, in the NYS legislature?

But, "immediacy" was used as the catch phrase to push through a system of gun control onto the unsuspecting NY'ers. Of course, if they had been listening, especially the Democratic enrolled gun owners, they would have known what was in the works, and warnings to the contrary, I first hand witnessed the protestations by at least one that no such thing could ever happen. Well, now that his blessed duck loads will be taxed (\$10 fee to purchase, for the background check), and regulated (no one yet knows what the limit to purchase may be set at), plus the background check previously mentioned--imagine if the limit was 10 bullets, or shotgun shells, and the fee of \$10 cost each person \$1 per shell--he is upset. How long before there is a black market for ammo in NYS? Who will be tasked with finding the offenders when the current police are overburdened, and can't even stop the illegal gun sales happening on our, mostly, inner city streets?

The fact is, it is the gun owner Democrat upstate voters who

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Why we fight the SAFE Act

By Jim Nowotny

You were warned! You have been warned! Now it is time to warn others.

First of all let's get one thing straight! The S.A.F.E. Act does nothing to improve the safety of any New York citizen. It is an acronym for Secure Ammunition and Firearms Enforcement Act. and has nothing to do with safety. None the less, the governor and his henchmen recently held SAFE ACT Town Hall meetings across the state. And in the power point the presenters read at us the statement was made (spun) "The intent of the law was to improve the safety of New York citizens and blah blah blah.

These were grown men with law degrees making statements that do not have one bit of truth. They are either liars or too stupid to hold the jobs they are in.

They expected to quietly slip into towns from Buffalo to Long Island,

read the power point for the media and slip out of town. They underestimated the level of anger that the SAFE Act has created.

In January Governor Cuomo made a statement "Confiscation is an option" followed by register your guns and you can keep them.

This threat of confiscation was just that. What did the Governor get? Registration!

Why did he stick his neck out for such an unconstitutional threat? Registration was his original goal.

Why, you ask is registration so important to these people! You need only look at California. California has had registration of so called "assault rifles" for a long time. Now, California is introducing legislation that would eliminate the "grandfather clause" of existing, registered rifles. The grandfather clause of existing so called "assault rifles", is now considered a "loophole" that MUST be eliminated says Asm. Rob Bonta, Democrat from Oakland Ca. This would begin the conversation on ending the grandfathering of existing weapons which are now illegal to

purchase but are still legal to possess. "State laws on the books currently restrict the purchase and sale of assault weapons and large capacity magazines, but almost all laws only apply on a going forward basis and exempted weapons remain on our streets," Bonta said. "With AB 174 we will closely examine this loophole and do what's right for the children and people.

This is why we fight! It is not nor has ever been about "safety, or crime reduction, or even the need to own an AR-15 or semi automatic rifle. It is about freedom and the inalienable rights of the US Constitution. New York and California have made the decision that the US Constitution does not apply in their states and it is up to "we the people" to say "Oh yes it does!"

If you think the fight is over in New York, because the Governor got what he wanted, you could not be more mistaken. There are many more so called Gun Bills on the 2013 agenda. SCOPE has information and position statements on these bills at SCOPEny.org

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have allowed this law to be implemented, because they most likely voted for several upstate Democrat senators offering the Democrats control of the Senate, and the result is what has happened. For anyone who thinks repeal is likely, think again. The only repeal that ever happened, of which I am aware, of any gun laws, in NYS, was the repeal (defunding) of CoBIS by Cuomo, but he has other ambitions now for the presidency in 2016, and thus, the 'UN'S.A.F.E. Law went far beyond simply the registration of pistol & their ammo. It now makes it a felony to possess any AW, and the definition of AW has changed from 2 of 5 criteria, to 1 of those 5. Anyone owning such a rifle, or shotgun, as the case may be, will have to register it with the "fascist" state. Also, possession on school grounds, or other denied areas is a felony, where prior it was a misdemeanor. How many willing to die will obey this laws asinine provision?

Other provisions for the 'UN'S.A.F.E. Law can be found online here: <http://ypdcrime.com/penal.law/newgunlaw.htm> <http://www.governor.ny.gov/press/01152013-outline-of-nys-groundbreaking-gun-legislation>

Questions about the Act may be answered here: <http://www.governor.ny.gov/2013/gun-reforms-faq>, or through the 1-855-LAW-GUNS hotline.

Why should we worry about Red China, or the former Soviet Union, or an emerging Democratic Socialist Europe, when we have devout Marxists, fascists, and National Socialist (NAZI) right here in our own country at the highest echelons of NYS, and federal governance?(To be continued)

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