

MARCH 11th: the future of GUNS and GUN CONTROL LEGISLATION in Maryland

Yes, once again some misguided elected representatives who most likely couldn't tell you the difference between a muzzle and the breech let alone accurately define a true assault weapon think they have a solution for crime and you will be the fall guy. Yes, the proposed bill to ban Assault Weapons in Maryland was withdrawn by the sponsor. However, the smart money feels that this was done so as not to dilute the efforts of Delegate Samuel Rosenberg and Senator Brian Frosh who have each sponsored an identical bill entitled the Firearms Safety Act of 2010 in their respective committees (House Judiciary Committee and Senate Judicial Affairs Committee).

Mark your calendars: We need an ALL HANDS turn out in Annapolis for "Gun Day" hearings on MARCH 11th! Those that would disarm us have changed strategy this year, and are holding both Senate AND House hearings on the gun bills on the SAME day.

This is being done in an effort to divide and conquer, and minimize the usual effect that our presence has, when large numbers of us show up. So, it is ABSOLUTELY CRITICAL that we have hundreds of people turn out for these hearings, as we'll have to divide up to attend both. Our failure to muster enough people at the hearings will have potentially catastrophic ramifications if the legislators pass the Firearms Safety Act of 2010 out of committee (HB 820 & SB 645). Check out these websites for detailed info on these bills: <http://www.associatedgunclubs.org/legislative.html> and <http://www.marylandshallissue.org/index.php?categoryid=29>.

Please contact the House Judiciary Committee and Senate Judicial Affairs Committee members to politely express your opposition to these bills. It is best to **time our emails and phone calls to correspond to the week**

of the hearing, for maximum effect. The *Maryland Shall Issue* website that follows provides info for quick and easy emails and phone calls: <http://www.marylandshallissue.org/index.php?categoryid=29>.

Remember, our failure to stop these bills **will result in our being licensed, fingerprinted, registered with the states for simply exercising our Constitutional rights.** So, please put **Thursday, March 11th** on your calendar and support the right to engage in your sport! The websites noted above provide info on parking, where the hearing rooms are located, and the hearing process.

March 11th Partial Hearing Schedule House Judiciary Committee

- HB 683 • Public Safety - Handgun Permits - Repeal of Finding Requirement (**STRONGLY SUPPORT**)
- HB 820 • Firearm Safety Act of 2010 (**STRONGLY OPPOSE**)
- HB 893 • Public Safety - Handgun Permits - Victims of Domestic Violence (**SUPPORT**)
- HB 905 • Criminal Law - Prohibitions on Wearing, Carrying, or Transporting Firearms - Exceptions (**SUPPORT**)

Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

- SB 167 • Regulated Firearms - Application for Dealer's License - Record-Keeping and Reporting (**OPPOSE**)
- SB 191 • Weapon-Free Higher Education Zones (**STRONGLY OPPOSE**)
- SB 645 • Firearm Safety Act of 2010 (**STRONGLY OPPOSE**)

Note: Maryland Public Television will be taping the Senate hearing for broadcast so please, dress appropriately... business or business casual attire...NO CAMOUFLAGE please. The supporters of these bills already think of gun owners as ignorant yahoos. Let's try to negate this stereotype.

2010 Coming Gun Shows

March 21st & 22nd

Timonium

Maryland Arms Collectors Assn Baltimore Show

Pikesville

Collectible Arms and Militaria Show & Sale

Harrisburg, PA

Mid-Atlantic Arms Collectors 1200 tables

Farm Show Complex

April 3rd

Silverado Gun Show, Frederick,

1 day only (Easter Weekend)

April 23rd, 24th & 25th

Nation's Gun Show, Chantilly

April 30th & May 1st & 2nd

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