



PRIORITY LEGISLATION THIS WEEK - MARCH 25

This is a BIG week for firearm legislation!

These are the bills we are following this week. All are scheduled for committee votes. Please read through them and contact the members of the committees voting on them. Let legislators know how you want them to vote by sending a quick email or phone call (you can even leave a voicemail after hours). When referencing a bill, please remember to refer to the bill number. You are also encouraged to come to the hearings. They are all held in the Cordell Hull Building located at 425 5th Avenue North in downtown Nashville.

HB1224/SB1025, our domestic violence legislation, will be before both the [Senate Judiciary Committee](#) and [House Constitutions and Sentencing Subcommittee](#) this week. *The bill is very straight-forward and will cost the state nothing to implement. It will help to protect domestic violence victims and their families by creating much needed accountability for third parties who take possession of domestic violence offenders firearms. If possible, please consider sending individual, personalized emails to committee members. Contact information for the two committees can be found in the links above.*

[You can contact members of both committees using our Advocacy Action page.](#)

There are several VERY important domestic violence-firearm bills up this week.

Senate Judiciary Committee | Tuesday March 26th at 3:00 | SHR I

[SB1025](#) by Yarbro

[HB1224](#) by Potts

Dispossession and Third Party Accountability -- SUPPORT --

As introduced, requires the court to order that a defendant convicted of domestic violence who transfers possession of firearms to a third party must have the third party complete and return to the court an affidavit certifying that the third party is not prohibited from possessing firearms, acknowledges receipt of firearms from the defendant, and accepts their responsibility under this section.

-- Safe Tennessee Project bill --

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[SB0865](#) by Bowling

[HB1447](#) by Moody

Domestic Violence Offender Permit Surrender -- SUPPORT --

As introduced, requires a handgun carry permit holder convicted of domestic assault to surrender the permit to the court within 48 hours of conviction to be forwarded to the department of safety for revocation.

[SB1178](#) by Dickerson

[HB1446](#) by DeBerry

Red Flag Law -- SUPPORT --

As introduced, allows a law enforcement officer or person who has a relationship with the respondent to

petition a court for the issuance of an extreme risk protection order based on clear and convincing evidence that the respondent poses a significant risk of causing personal injury to the respondent or others by possessing a firearm.

[SB1341](#) by Massey

[HB1295](#) by Farmer

Eliminates Firearm Dispossession Form -- OPPOSE --

As introduced, requires the domestic violence coordinating council, in coordination with the administrative office of the courts, to revise the affidavit of firearms dispossession form to require only a signature from a defendant convicted of domestic violence. **** This bill would get rid of a firearm dispossession procedure and form that convicted domestic violence offenders currently complete after they have dispossessed their firearms following conviction.****

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Please contact Senate Judiciary Committee Members and urge them to SUPPORT SB1025, SB865, and SB1178 - and to OPPOSE SB1341.

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House Constitutional Protections and Sentencing Subcommittee | Wednesday March 27th at 8:45 | HHR II

[HB1224](#) by Potts

[SB1025](#) by Yarbro

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[HB1428](#) by Stewart

[SB1011](#) by Gilmore

Make it illegal to transfer firearms to someone prohibited from possessing -- SUPPORT --

*As introduced, creates the Class A misdemeanor offense of illegal transfer of a firearm to a prohibited possessor; prohibits the intentional transfer to a person who is known or should be known to be prohibited from purchasing or possessing a firearm. **** It is currently NOT illegal to transfer a firearm***

to a person known to be prohibited from purchasing or possessing a firearm. This bill would close this dangerous loophole. **

[HB1427](#) by Stewart

[SB1010](#) by Gilmore

Expands background checks to all gun purchases -- SUPPORT --

As introduced, requires, when neither the seller nor purchaser of a firearm is a licensed gun dealer that the transaction be completed through a licensed gun dealer, and that the dealer perform the same background check required for purchases from licensed gun dealers.

-- Safe Tennessee Project bill --

[HB1476](#) by Hardaway

[SB1312](#) by Kyle

Child Access Prevention - Vehicles and Boats - SUPPORT

As introduced, creates a Class A misdemeanor of leaving a firearm or ammunition in a motor vehicle or boat without the firearm or ammunition being stored in a locked cabinet, safe, vault, case, or secured with a firearm locking device if the vehicle or boat is left unattended or with a person under 18 years of age; directs fines collected be deposited in the criminal injuries compensation fund and the domestic violence community education fund.

[HB0409](#) by Griffey

[SB1275](#) by Pody

Strengthens Stand Your Ground -- OPPOSE --

*As introduced, confers criminal and civil immunity upon a person who uses or threatens force in self-defense, defense of another, or defense from a person **committing a criminal offense**, unless the person against whom force is used is a law enforcement officer during discharge of the officer's duties and the person knows the person is an officer.*

Please contact House Constitutional Protections and Sentencing Subcommittee Members and urge them to SUPPORT HB1224, HB1428, HB1476 - and to OPPOSE HB409.

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House Judiciary Committee | Wednesday March 27th at 8:00 | HHR I

[SB1401](#) by Bell

[HB0545](#) by Boyd

No Punishments For Carrying Gun Where Prohibited - OPPOSE

As introduced, increases from 21 to 30 the number of calendar days within which a person granted an order of protection may apply for a temporary handgun carry permit from the department of safety after an order of protection has been granted. ***AN AMENDMENT WAS ADDED TO THE BILL THAT REWRITES IT - THE AMENDMENT SAYS THAT A PERMIT HOLDER CARRYING A GUN IN A PLACE THAT PROHIBITS THEM CAN SIMPLY BE ASKED TO LEAVE AND NOT FACE ANY CONSEQUENCES.** **In committee hearings, the sponsor admitted that he is aware of no instances of this law ever being enforced. In other words, this legislation is a solution seeking a problem and will likely lead to people knowingly ignoring posted signs because they know there is no penalty.**

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