



## GUN OWNERS of California

### ALL THESE DEADLINES: WHO'S ON FIRST?

By Sam Paredes, Executive Director

With the signing of last year's package of bills by Governor Brown known as *Gunmageddon*, and the statewide passage of the Ammo Grab (Proposition 63), there are a bunch of deadlines that will affect law-abiding gun owners. The question is *when*?

Let's untangle this mess by subject matter.

#### [LCMs \(So-called Large Capacity Magazines\) – Deadline WAS July 1, 2017](#)

Both *Gunmageddon* (SB 1446) and Prop. 63 had the same deadline dates for the possession of LCM's. They made the possession of any magazine capable of holding more than 10 rounds illegal no matter when and where they were acquired. The deadline for dispossessing of those magazines was December 31, 2017. The options for complying with the laws was to (1) sell or move the magazines out of California, (2) sell to a DOJ licensed LCM dealer, (3) turn them in to the police, (4) permanently modify the magazines so they could never hold more than 10 rounds, (5) disassemble the mags and never reassemble them as long as this law was in effect, or finally (6) destroy them. All of this had to be done BEFORE January 1, 2018.

Thanks to *Duncan v. Becerra*, a lawsuit filed by some of our pro-Second Amend-

ment partners, U.S. District Court Judge Roger Benitez ruled that the ban on the possession of LCMs was an unconstitutional violation of the 2nd Amendment, due process and a government taking. Judge Benitez ordered a stay, preventing the law from going into effect. Of course, California's anti-Second Amendment Attorney General Xavier Becerra has appealed Judge Benitez' ruling to the 9th Circuit Court asking for it to be overturned. The 9th Circuit Court has not set any schedule on when the case would be heard. It could be soon, or quite a while.

Bottom line is that for now, possession of legally acquired and owned LCMs is safe from the gun grabbers. You don't have to get rid of them, modify, sell or disassemble them. This situation is ever changing, so GOC will keep you *armed and informed* as things develop.

#### [California Assault Weapons/Bullet Button Guns](#)

As of January 1, 2017 all bullet button guns are considered California "Assault Weapons". As a result of SB 880 and AB 1135, anyone owning a gun with a bullet button was going to be required to either register the gun as a California Assault Weapon, move it out of the state, sell it to a licensed California Assault Weapons dealer, turn it in to law enforcement, reconfigure it to be California compliant, disassemble it and never reassemble it while the law is in effect, or destroy it before January 1,

2018. For whatever reason, the legislature passed a bill that extended the deadline to June 30, 2018. Thus, even though DOJ opened the registration process for these guns, you have until June 30 to comply. A lawsuit has also been filed on this issue (federal court, *Rupp v. Becerra*) that challenges the constitutionality of the statute and the proposed regulations issued by DOJ.

#### [Ammunition](#)

With regard to ammunition purchases, both *Gunmageddon* and Prop.63 make it illegal for ANYONE to import ammunition into California - by any means - including mail-order or driving it across the border beginning on January 1, 2018. The only way to mail order ammo is to have it shipped directly to a licensed ammunition vendor in California, yet a background check, registration, and fees still apply. The actual regulations on ammunition purchases, however, have not been released by DOJ as yet. Note to hand-loaders: it will still be legal to purchase via mail order or personally import all component parts including projectiles, powder, cases and primers. There is no law or regulation that affects hand-loading.

You can expect a lawsuit on this issue in the near future.

This is the tip of the iceberg. Depending on court actions, some of these dates might change. If you have any questions, give GOC a call at (916) 984-1400. If we do not have the answers, we will get them for you. Stay safe, you are now armed and informed.

## THE GAVEL SOUNDED – THE LEGISLATURE GOES HOME

The Legislature wrapped up the first half of the 2017-2018 session and won't return to wreak havoc until January. It remains to be seen what damage the Governor will do, because several bills made it to his desk that should never have seen the light of day ... but LET'S START WITH THE GOOD NEWS!

We **STOPPED SB 497 / PORTANTINO/ D** which limited firearm sales to one gun a month per individual – for ALL firearm types (now the bill just pertains to law enforcement storage) AND **AB 736 / GIPSON/ D** which authorized the Department of Justice to impose a civil fine for a violation of firearms licensing requirements committed by a licensed firearms dealer.

### THE FOLLOWING ARE ON GOVERNOR BROWN'S DESK; HE HAS UNTIL OCTOBER 15 TO SIGN OR VETO:

**AB 7 / GIPSON / D** – Prohibits open carrying of an unloaded long-gun in unincorporated areas. If a county wants to impose restrictions, they should do so, rather than mandate for the entire state – most of which is RURAL.

**AB 424 / MCCARTY/ D** – Removes authority of school officials to permit a CCW license holder to carry on school grounds. This bill undermines the intent of the initial bad bill banning CCWs on school grounds – McCarty thinks school administrators are irresponsible.

**AB 1525 / BAKER/ R** – Requires additional statements on the dangers of

*owning a gun to be printed on firearm packaging.*

**SB 464 / HILL/ D** – Requires firearm dealers to install security measures i.e. concrete pillars in front of stores/and or vaults that meet certain standards. **We mustn't forget Big 5 Sporting Goods worked out a deal to protect large retailers which put smaller dealers in financial jeopardy.**

**SB 536 / PAN / D** – Requires the Department of Justice to provide info on gun violence restraining orders to the anti-gun Firearm Violence Research Center at the University of California; permits DOJ to cherry-pick who gets what data.

**SB 620 / BRADFORD/ D** – After failing, this one got a second chance and passed. It's dangerous, giving courts the discretion **to NOT issue mandatory sentencing provisions for the felony use of a firearm.**

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### LAW ENFORCEMENT LEADER TOM FERRARA

The County of Solano has a lot to crow about – it has a Sheriff with a wealth of experience, an unwavering dedication to the safety of his community, **plus he supports the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment!**

During his almost 40-year law enforcement career, Sheriff Tom Ferrara has earned the respect of his fel-

low officers as a natural leader and man of integrity. Plus, his extraordinary reputation for being fair-minded extends from the Department to the community at large. We have enjoyed the Sheriff's company and support at our annual Vacaville Crab Feed and we look forward to seeing him again this year!

**THANK YOU**, Sheriff Ferrara for your support of your community, your officers and our 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights. We need more like you!

### CHALLENGES IN THE COURTS

We are under no illusion that we will change the direction of the California State Legislature until we change the make-up of both the Senate and the Assembly. That doesn't mean that we won't fight for our rights in the Capitol. We will continue our undaunted efforts and we will win some victories such as the recent defeat of the *one-gun-of-any-kind-a-month* provisions of SB 497 authored by anti-gun Senator Anthony Portantino.

Our clear road to significant victories stands with the courts. Here is an update on some of the most recent cases filed by our California partners in the fight to protect the Second Amendment which we are following and/or supporting with an amicus (friend of the court) brief:

**Villanueva v. Becerra** – Filed September 8, 2017 in the California Superior Court in Fresno and challenges DOJ regulations on Assault Weapons.

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## CHALLENGES IN THE COURT... CONT.

**Rupp v. Becerra** – Filed on April 24,, 2017 and challenges California's Assault Weapons restrictions. To be heard in Federal District Court.

**Duncan v. Becerra** – Filed May 17, 2017 and challenges California's "large capacity magazine" laws. Federal District Court Judge Roger Benitez ruled that the California laws were unconstitutional and prevented them from going into effect. Attorney General Xavier Becerra is appealing the ruling to the 9th Circuit Court.

**Silvester v. Becerra** – On September 1, 2017, a brief was submitted by our friends to the U.S. Supreme Court to accept this case and rule on the constitutionality of California's 10 day waiting period.

Rest assured that we will be bringing you more information about additional lawsuits soon to be filed challenging all of California's unconstitutional gun laws. No one can do this alone; that is why we are partnering with groups who are willing to press this battle in the courts – AND we can't do it without you.



## GOC CHANGES LEGISLATIVE RATINGS

*The following article by GOC Executive Director Sam Paredes recently appeared in Breitbart:*

There's been a lot of talk recently about suppressors on guns, but we need to be equally concerned about suppressors on elected officials. Something is seriously wrong when legislators who've pledged support of the Second Amendment act as if they have been silenced when an anti-gun bill comes before them. And this is not just in California, folks – it's a problem everywhere.

Politically correct garbage has polluted what Americans hear in the media, especially when it comes to guns. We give big kudos to those who stick their necks out for the Constitution but really, they are few and far between. The gun community has really taken it on the chin, and we're frustrated when our friends remain silent, offering little to no support when the 2nd Amendment is literally being pulled like a rug from beneath us.

Gun Owners of California (GOC) thinks it's time to play a little hardball – with our friends. We are switching things up for 2018 – and it might be painful for those politicians whose support of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment has been *unenthusiastic*.

That's why GOC is making a shift in how our legislative scorecard is calculated. Why? Because each election cycle, we field countless requests for endorsements from legislators and candidates who voice their fist-pumping, fiery commitment to the 2nd Amendment. But once elect-

ed, it seems much of the enthusiasm wanes – and while there are a decent number of legislators who have solid voting records, there are very few willing to stand with us when the going gets tough – and that's precisely when we need it most.

**GOC has decided no legislator gets an "A" unless they either introduce and move pro-2nd Amendment legislation forward and/or vocally stand up for us – for you. Talking the talk just isn't enough anymore. They should walk the walk.** We are sick and tired of hearing other issues are more important.

In the final weeks of session, the silence was deafening when no one rose in California's Assembly to oppose a bill that places outlandish security requirements on firearm retailers. This is like giving the left a free pass to violate us.

Our new policy will likely annoy some, but given the leftist structure of the legislature, there is no room for the politically lukewarm. The 2nd Amendment is as important today as when our nation was founded – in fact, it guarantees the First Amendment and every amendment that follows. Gun Owners of California will never just **"go along to get along."**

This policy shouldn't be exclusive to California. The left has its eyes on every state – no matter how red or blue. In the words of Abraham Lincoln, **"I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be true. I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to live by the light that I have. I must stand with anybody that stands right, and stand with him while he is right, and part with him when he goes wrong."**

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~ Assembly Republican Leader  
Brian Dahle, 1<sup>st</sup> Assembly District

*Gun Owners of California is at the vanguard standing up for our right to "keep and bear arms." Always has been. Always will be.*

~ Senator Jim Nielsen,  
4<sup>th</sup> Senate District

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Military Arms Channel (MAC) is donating \$15 from the sale of every Smith & Wesson 4006 TSA (CHP Trade-In) to GOC in an effort to support and defend the Second Amendment in California. Even though they are located halfway across the country, MAC is supporting your Constitutional rights. They see the irony in the fact that these guns were made specifically for the California Highway Patrol, but we as Californians cannot buy them, because they are not on the Safe Handgun List. By defending the Second Amendment in California, they are helping gun owners across the country!

We can't thank Military Arms Channel enough for their support and willingness to help defend the Second Amendment not just in California, but nationally, too. If you have family or friends outside of California, send them to [www.coppercustom.com](http://www.coppercustom.com) to purchase the S&W 4006 TSA in support of the Constitution.

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To learn more, go to:  
[www.gunownersca.com/get-involved/goc-patriots/](http://www.gunownersca.com/get-involved/goc-patriots/)



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