

LEFT-WING PA. COURT CRIPPLES GUN RIGHTS — BUT PATRIOTS TRY TO REVIVE ACT 192

The radical Pennsylvania Supreme Court recently ruled unanimously against Act 192, which allowed gun owners and organizations like the National Rifle Association to sue local municipalities that had enacted illegal gun-control rules, according to an article in www.phillymag.com.

The law, one of the last signed by former Gov. Corbett, made it easier to overturn illegally restrictive gun control laws in Pennsylvania. Act 192 let gun owners and organizations challenge the illegal laws regardless of whether or not they had been directly affected or harmed by the rules.

Pennsylvania, which has a strong tradition of hunting and gun ownership, has long prohibited its municipalities from enforcing firearms ordinances that regulate the ownership, possession, transfer or transportation of guns or ammunition. Gun-rights groups complained that scores of municipalities ignored the 40-year-old prohibition by approving their own gun restrictions.

The problem was that patriots didn't have enough cash to challenge the cities' actions. But Act 192 let the NRA and similar organizations provide compensation for attorney fees in such cases. Under threat of litigation, multiple municipalities repealed their overly restrictive gun control and confiscation laws.

Unfortunately, left-wing radicals in the state Supreme Court upheld a decision made last year



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by the gun-grabbing Commonwealth Court that overturned the law on a minor technicality.

Jim Kenney, the mayor of Philadelphia – a welfare city that drains our wallets, has one of the state's tightest restrictions against legal gun ownership and, consequently, has one of the state's highest crime rates – praised the state Supreme Court's decision, according to the phillymag.com report.

"This is a great victory for proper legislative procedure and for the ability of local governments to adopt common sense gun regulations without fear of financially crippling litigation," Kenney said in the statement.

But towns and cities might not be so quick to reinstate their illegal firearms measures.

That's because lawmakers in both the House and Senate have introduced bills that would once again permit organizations to sue, with the Senate version already clearing committee, according to a report on cumberlink.com.

Of course, Gov. Tom Wolf – a Democrat who has pledged to drive up our already high taxes even more to pay for his socialist welfare programs – has pledged to veto the measure if it reaches his desk.

The swift legislative action, coming amid state budget negotiations, took gun-control activists by surprise.

“Frankly, we didn't expect they were going to try to do it this soon. We were disappointed and wrong, and we are going to have to fight it,” whined Shira Goodman, according to cumberlink.com. Goodman is executive director of CeaseFirePA, a left-wing liberal gang.

She whined that towns and cities that might be inclined to impose gun restrictions would choose to “wait a little bit longer to see what happens” with the legislation.

Joshua Prince, an attorney for several pro-gun groups, put scores of municipalities on notice last year that they would be sued unless they rescinded their firearms ordinances. He promised similar legal action against Allentown and Easton if they go through with any new gun measures, saying he has clients in both cities.

“These ordinances are illegal now and have been illegal,” added Jonathan Goldstein, an attorney for the NRA. “To the extent you have municipalities saying they are going to reinstate these things, they are breaking the law.”

Like the recently overturned law, the House and Senate bills would give organizations the ability to sue on behalf of any Pennsylvania member, and gun owners would not have to prove they have been harmed by the local measure to successfully challenge it.

<http://www.phillymag.com/news/2016/06/21/pa-supreme-court-rules-nra-backed-law-unconstitutional/#6kiS22A4DImS0kl6.99>

http://cumberlink.com/news/local/state-and-regional/despite-ruling-pa-towns-might-go-slow-on-gun-laws/article_c0058528-90c7-54f7-8297-5cb9e571bb44.html

SENATOR PAT TOOMEY SIDES WITH NRA ON ILL-ADVISED GUN CONTROL PROPOSALS

After an Islamic terrorist slaughtered 49 people in a Florida nightclub, Barack Hussein Obama and his usual gang of left-wing liberal politicians reacted in the usual way: they again called for tighter restrictions on weapons.

But this time, Republican Senator Pat Toomey from Pennsylvania stood firmly with the National Rifle Association to defeat the latest Democrat attempts at gun control, according to a report on www.witf.org. Ohio Senator Rob Portman and Wisconsin Senator Ron Johnson also did the right thing and opposed the dingbat Democrats.

Toomey, Portman and Johnson supported a NRA-preferred measure to deny a gun sale to a known or suspected terrorist, but only if prosecutors could convince a judge within three days that the would-be buyer was involved in terrorism. Currently, people have

almost no ability to challenge their inclusion on the terror watch list.

Yet even as president Obama guts the Constitution with lists like this, he wants to flood our shores with unscreened “refugees” from Muslim countries in a bid to impose Sharia law in America.

The three Republicans also helped to defeat a Democratic-sponsored bill to close the gun show “loophole” and expand background checks, according to the www.witf.org bulletin.

<http://www.witf.org/news/2016/06/gop-senator-pat-toomey-sides-with-nra-on-gun-votes.php>

PA RESIDENTS RESPOND TO TERROR ATTACKS: WE WANT MORE GUNS

In the face of increasing Islamic terror attacks, Democrats, led by “president” Barack Hussein Obama, are trying to pave the way for the imposition of Sharia law by taking the first step of trying to strip of us our Second Amendment rights.

But even as the left-wing mass media lies about the public’s supposed “support” for gun confiscation, people like Sam Stelitano, the owner Memories Sportsman Shop & Taxidermy Studio in Sharpsburg, say that since the mass shooting at an Orlando night club, “he’s seen more customers” pour through their doors, according to a posting on wesa.fm.

Tony Urbanek, 46, is a regular at the store. He said he bought his first gun for self-protection when he was young, according to the article.

“The second gun I bought was an AR-15 assault rifle,” Urbanek said. “(It) was just for sport, for shooting, and then I got into shooting trap, which is skeet shooting.”

He considers himself a collector. He owns 30 or 40 pieces, but wants a little bit of everything, he said. But Urbanek said he is also thinking about long-term goals outside his personal collection.

“It’s an investment perspective on my part now with all the shootings,” he said. Urbanek said he expects the price of long-arm guns to go up, especially if lawmakers implement bans.

Earlier this week, the U.S. Senate voted on four gun control proposals that would tighten or expand background checks. All four measures failed. Stelitano said emotions and fear of firearm bans can become major market forces. He said he saw that in action when the national conversation turned to gun control after the 2012 shootings at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn.

Now since the Orlando shooting, business has spiked again. But when customers request purchases and trades, first he has to pick up the phone and request an instant background check.

“I’m number nine,” he said, waiting on the phone. “Ninth caller waiting for a quick check.”

That backlogged system is the Pennsylvania Instant Check System, also known as PICS, for firearms transactions. There’s a national system, but the state opted for its own to access more of purchasers’ personal information. All licensed dealer purchases and

trades, and personal handgun transfers, get checked.

Major Scott Price, bureau director of the Pennsylvania State Police Bureau of Records and Identification, said demand changes constantly, according to the wesa.fm article. In 2013, more than one million PICS requests were initiated, about 100,000 more than the year before. Price said year-over-year, PICS numbers are climbing.

The cause is two-fold, Price said. People fear more gun control, but also fear for their safety and buy protective weapons. As far as concerns about access to long arm guns, or so-called "assault weapons," Price said as of right now, most 18 year olds can legally purchase them.

"If that individual's not prohibited, they can buy a rifle whether it be bolt action or a gas operated semiautomatic or a lever action," he said. "In Pennsylvania law, a rifle is a rifle is a rifle."

<http://wesa.fm/post/how-mass-shootings-nationwide-drive-pennsylvania-gun-sales#stream/0>

MEMORIZE THESE SAFETY RULES

1. Always treat all guns as though they are loaded
 2. Always keep your firearm pointed in a safe direction
 3. Always keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot
 4. Be sure of your target and what is beyond it
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QUOTABLE QUOTES

Having a gun and thinking you are armed is like having a piano and thinking you are a musician.
- Col. Jeff Cooper (U.S.M.C. Ret.)

Only a virtuous people are capable of freedom. As nations become more corrupt and vicious, they have more need of masters. - Benjamin Franklin

The only way I know to drive out evil from the country is by the constructive method of filling it with good. — Calvin Coolidge

The communist party must command all the guns, that way, no guns can ever be used to command the party.- Mao Zedong

Amateurs practice until they get it right. Professionals practice until they never get it wrong. – unknown

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US Constitution 2nd Amendment

"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."

PA Constitution Article 1 Section 21

"The right of the citizens to bear arms in defense of themselves and the State shall not be questioned."
