

## ON HEELS OF TRUMP VICTORY, PA. GOV. SIGNS PRO-GUN LEGISLATION

Maybe Gov. Tom Wolf is beginning to get the message that Americans are in favor of legal firearms. In late November, Wolf, who has been known for his opposition to the Second Amendment, signed House Bill 263 into law, making Pennsylvania the 49th state to allow semi-automatic rifle hunting.

HB 263, as amended, will eliminate the prohibition on semi-automatic rifles for hunting and allow for the Pennsylvania Game Commission to regulate these sporting rifles for all game species in accordance with season and bag limits, according to a report by the NRA Institute for Legislative Action.

Although the use of semi-automatic shotguns for hunting has been legal for decades in the Keystone state; the use of semi-automatic rifles for hunting was prohibited in Pennsylvania as well as the neighboring state of Delaware. “Semi-automatic rifles simply give hunters a much greater ability to fire a timely and accurate follow-up shot, which can be the huge difference between wounding or quickly taking a game animal,” notes the NRA-ILA report. “Larger calibers, including the popular .30-06 and larger, generate significant recoil that some shooters may not handle well. Gas-operated semi-automatics have less recoil, making them more user-friendly.”

But the Pennsylvania Game Commission was quick to remind deer hunters that rifles used during the current season must still be manually operated.



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Even though new bill gives the Pennsylvania Game Commission the ability to regulate the use of semiautomatic rifles and air rifles for hunting, the Game Commission has not yet made any changes to the lists of lawful arms and ammunition for any hunting season.

For deer hunters in the current firearms deer season, “that means all centerfire rifles, handguns and shotguns to be used must be manually operated,” according to a Game Commission posting. “Semiautomatic rifles generally are not permitted for any type of hunting in any part of the state at this time.”

But things could change in the coming months.

At its upcoming meetings, the Pennsylvania Board of Game Commissioners will be discussing the newly signed legislation and the possibility of adding semiautomatic rifles and

air rifles to the lawful arms and ammunition list for various hunting seasons. But any changes must follow the schedule dictated by required procedure, the agency noted.

“With the board’s next quarterly meeting scheduled for January, no allowances for hunting with semiautomatic rifles or air rifles could be approved before April 2017. The Game Commission will issue a news release announcing any changes at the time they are made.”

<https://www.nraila.org/articles/20161121/a-huge-victory-in-the-keystone-state-governor-signs-critical-semi-automatic-rifle-hunting-legislation>

<https://www.facebook.com/PennsylvaniaGameCommission/posts/1283166051715284>

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## LEFT-WING LIBERALS STILL CALLING FOR GUN CONFISCATION

The Left is still howling over the fact that a pro-gun Patriot will finally occupy the White House. But even in the midst of their sorrow, the red-faced whiners still have the strength to scream about one of their favorite causes: gun confiscation.

CeaseFire PA is one of the groups that continue to push for gun control laws in Pennsylvania, according to a story on abc27.com.

“We can’t demonize guns, but nor can we treat it as hands off because of the Second Amendment,” says Shira Goodman, executive director of the radical, anti-gun rights organization.

On the other side of the issue are patriotic groups like U.S. Law Shield, a membership-

driven organization that caters to and provides legal counsel for law-abiding gun owners.

“There are certainly many people out there that feel that the Second Amendment is under attack,” says Michael Giaramita, an attorney for U.S. Law Shield of Pennsylvania, according to the article. “Many people look at gun owners as paranoid and all kinds of labels, but the fact of the matter is many of the people that I encounter just want to protect their family”.

Giaramita points out that there are already plenty of laws on the books regulating firearms. Other organizations, like the NRA, have also pointed out that Leftists like Barack Hussein Obama call for tougher laws, but refuse to enforce the laws that are already on the books.

“The untold secret in Washington is that he has all the laws he needs to stop the bloodshed now. Under the existing federal gun laws, he could take every felon with a gun, drug dealer with a gun and criminal gangbanger with a gun off the streets tomorrow and lock them up for five years or more,” says NRA CEO Wayne LaPierre in 2015.

“In Pennsylvania, I think there are certainly a lot more laws on the books than people understand,” Giaramita says, according to the abc27.com article. “Sometimes being exposed to the amount of laws that are on the books can be daunting for people, whether they are firearms owners or not.”

Compare that to the radicals at CeaseFire PA.

“I don’t think current laws do enough,” Goodman whines. “I think it is pretty easy to get a gun in Pennsylvania. We don’t have waiting periods, we don’t have a license or

registration, and we don't have limits on how many guns you can buy a month."

Goodman would like to see restrictions on certain types of semi-automatic rifles.

"I don't know why we need them," she screeches. "We know that they are the weapons of choice for mass shooters. You can kill a lot of people really quickly. We know that many criminals use them against cops. We think they are military-style assault weapons."

But Giaramita from U.S. Law Shield quickly demolished her argument.

"I don't think it's an accurate term at all because I don't know how you would accurately describe an assault rifle," Giaramita says. "I know what an AR-15 is. I know what modern sporting rifles look like. I know what their capabilities are. When you talk about a broad brush assault rifle, I am not quite sure there is a way to technically describe that."

Is the term assault weapon used because it sounds scarier?

"I don't know. Why would they use sporting rifle? Because that doesn't sound scary," Goodman complains. "There is always going to be issues about jargon and issues about marketing and what is the message."

No matter what you call them, Goodman believes restricting the magazine size or even banning certain types of semi-automatic rifles could save lives.

Would a ban really help?

"I don't know," Goodman whines. "If not a ban, higher regulation. Could we do a deeper

background check? Could we have a waiting period? I think we can explore different ways to do it."

But Giaramita pointed out that Islamic terrorists and others don't need guns to commit their massacres.

"It is a fact that folks who commit violent crimes will use several different tools that they have at their disposal," Giaramita said. "We saw in France they used a truck. We saw in Boston they used a pressure cooker. Nobody can deny the fact that people willing to commit violent crimes will use means other than firearms."

Giaramita also points out how the left-wing media only reports negative news about guns.

"In the United States, there are over 2,000 defensive gun uses a day, and that's on the low end. There are studies that show even more than that, but you don't hear about them," he said.

"I would say 85 to 90 percent of the murders we see here in Dauphin County are gun-related," points out Johnny Baer, Chief Deputy District Attorney of Dauphin County, notes, according to the abc27.com article. But Baer says most of the cases he prosecutes involve illegal gun owners.

"There are so many laws out there and the government has a limited amount of resources to devote to these laws," Giaramita adds.

<http://abc27.com/2016/11/16/does-pennsylvania-need-more-gun-laws-or-better-enforcement/>  
<http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/nras-lapierre-rips-obama-chicago-for-not-enforcing-gun-laws-third-world/article/2575043>

## LAW-ABIDING GUN OWNER TAKES OUT PIZZA SHOP ROBBERS

In yet another case of “good person with gun saves innocent lives,” a Philadelphia-area pizza shop customer shot and killed one robber and injured another after they tried to hold up the restaurant according to foxnews.com.

The incident took place at Porfirio's Pizza and Pasta in Levittown, about 25 miles northeast of Philadelphia.

Police said the customer shot both men after they allegedly pistol-whipped him.

“The two male robbers apparently told the employees and the customer to get on the ground. They began pistol-whipping the customer. At that point, the customer produced a handgun and shot both of the robbers,” Middletown police Chief Joseph Bartorilla said, according to the foxnews.com report.

One of the robbery suspects was pronounced dead at the scene after being shot in the chest. The second was in serious condition after suffering injuries in the neck and shoulder. The robber was being transferred to a hospital in Philadelphia, according to Levittown Now.

Police said the customer and two pizza shop employees were the only people in the restaurant when the two armed suspects walked in.

Police said the customer's gun was properly registered, but they're unsure if he had a concealed carry permit. Levittown Now reported that the suspects were local residents, but further details weren't released.

The report did not say if the radical anti-gun group CeaseFire PA had any complaints about this latest example of good people with guns saving innocent lives.

<http://www.foxnews.com/us/2016/11/16/officials-say-1-killed-1-wounded-in-pennsylvania-pizza-shop-shooting.html>

**Editor's Note:** The article states “Police said the customer's gun was properly registered” however gun owners should know that in PA there is no registry and that governments and police are actually prohibited from having a registry. [18 Pa.C.S. § 6111.4.](#)

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### 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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#### US Constitution 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.”