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Commonwealth's "Top Lawyer" Turns Against Pennsylvania Citizens



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Pennsylvania's turncoat Democrat Attorney General Josh Shapiro, who is supposed to enforce the law, is instead trying to gut

one of our most important Constitution rights: the Second Amendment. Shapiro has joined his comrades from more than a dozen other states in an ill-advised effort to get Congress to abandon legislation, backed by the National Rifle Association, which would further secure our rights by allowing concealed-carry gun permits issued in one state to be valid in all states.

The turncoat "top prosecutors" from left-wing states including New York, Iowa and California sent a letter to congressional leaders in both parties falsely warning that federal reciprocity proposals being debated on Capitol Hill "will lead to the death of police officers and civilians, the proliferation of gun traffickers, and acts of

terrorism and other mass violence," according to a pennlive.com report.

"With the worst shooting in American history fresh in our memory, we urge you and your colleagues to reject these ill-conceived bills," write the attorneys general in a letter organized by elitist New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman, pennlive.com notes.

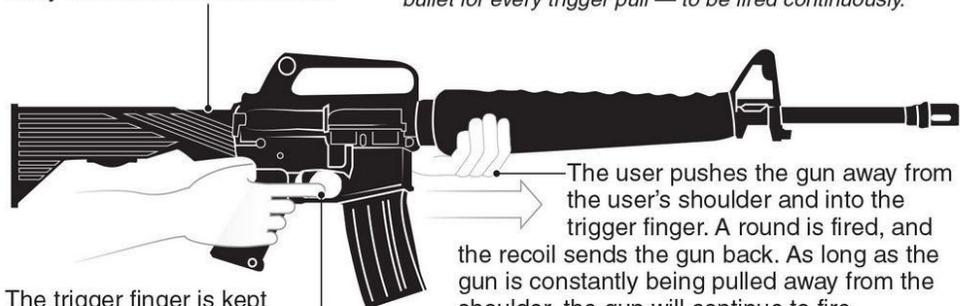
The fresh warning comes as the gun lobby, emboldened by complete Republican control of Washington, continues to press for looser gun restrictions. Following the recent Las Vegas mass shooting by a deranged man, momentum appears to be slowing for a separate federal measure that would outlaw devices, known as "bump stocks," which allowed the Las Vegas shooter's semi-automatic weapons to fire rounds marginally faster. But the National Rifle Association insists that the recent shooting has not softened its support for any its 2017 legislative priorities, which include legislation that would make it easier to buy gun silencers.

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Bump stocks

Although automatic weapons — those that continue firing as long as the trigger is pulled — have been banned in the U.S., modifications known as bump stocks or reciprocating stocks allow semi-automatic rifles — those that fire one bullet for every trigger pull — to be fired continuously.

The shoulder stock is designed to slide toward and away from the user's shoulder.



The trigger finger is kept stationary in front of the trigger.

The user pushes the gun away from the user's shoulder and into the trigger finger. A round is fired, and the recoil sends the gun back. As long as the gun is constantly being pulled away from the shoulder, the gun will continue to fire.

Source: U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Graphic: Tribune News Service

The Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017 already has more than 200 co-sponsors in the House of Representatives and "remains the NRA's top legislative priority," says Jennifer Baker, a spokeswoman for the NRA's lobbying arm. The measure, if approved by Congress, would allow people with concealed-carry gun permits in one state to bring their guns into any other, regardless of whether that state has tougher requirements for obtaining permits.

Baker said the current "patchwork of state and local laws" creates confusion that "often leads to law-abiding gun owners running afoul of the law when they exercise their right to self-protection while traveling or temporarily living away from home," according to the pennlive.com article.

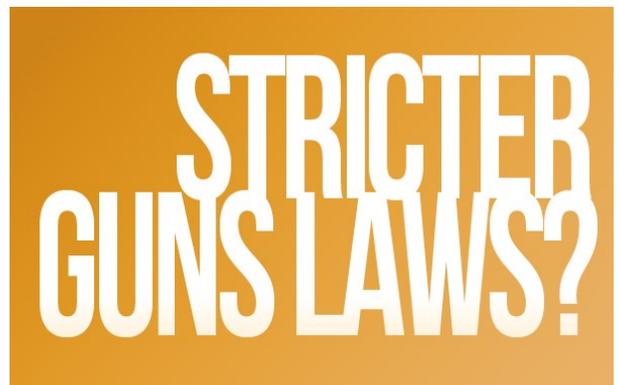
Supporters argue, for example, that the legislation would help protect truck drivers and women traveling across state lines alone at night.

Beyond the Democratic attorneys general, critics of enhancing our rights also include gun control groups such as Everytown for Gun Safety, which is backed by billionaire elitist and former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who vowed earlier in the year to spend "what it takes" to defeat the legislation.

The Democrat attorney generals argue that concealed-carry reciprocity would somehow empower gun traffickers, terrorists and other criminals—who don't obey the law anyway. And they say it would somehow help criminals avoid permit requirements altogether should

they assert residence in one of the 12 states that allow gun owners to carry a concealed weapon without a permit. This is despite the fact that Islamic terrorists and other criminals are not likely to care whether or not they actually have a carry permit when they carry out their attacks.

The letters' authors also include attorneys general from Massachusetts, Oregon, Virginia, Rhode Island, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Maryland, Connecticut, New Mexico, North Carolina and the District of Columbia.



Predictably enough, Democrat Senator Bob Casey used the Las Vegas tragedy to call for more restrictions on our Second Amendment rights, demanding a limit on "the size and capacity of magazines;" and he wants to put in place universal background checks that would only ensnare law-abiding individuals.

http://www.pennlive.com/news/2017/10/dem_attorneys_general_unite_ag.html

<http://www.phillymag.com/news/2017/10/02/casey-gun-control-las-vegas-mass-shooting-paddock-mandalay-bay/>

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."

Pa. Law-Enforcement Officials Update Citizens On Self-Defense Rights



If someone breaks into your home, you can fatally shoot the intruder under the state's "castle doctrine," according to law enforcement officials who spoke to hundreds of citizens at the Luzerne

Borough fire hall during a recent seminar on the laws and regulations pertaining to guns and the use of force in Pennsylvania, according to a report on citizensvoice.com.

If someone attacks you on the street with a lethal weapon, you can use deadly force in most cases under the law's newer "stand your ground" provision. Open carry is legal in Pennsylvania, but private businesses can

ban the practice if they choose, according to Luzerne County's sheriff and two top prosecutors.

"Your home is your castle, and within your home, you have certain protections. One of them is the right to use deadly force," District Attorney

Stefanie Salavantis said, according to the article. The "castle" law includes attached porches and decks, along with temporary lodgings like a camper, hotel rooms or even a yacht. But a detached garage wouldn't count, they said.



Prior to 2011, Pennsylvanians had a duty to first attempt to retreat if attacked in public, but Gov. Tom Corbett signed the "stand your ground" provision that allows people to use deadly force if confronted by a



person with a lethal weapon, First Assistant District Attorney Sam Sanguedolce said.

He stressed, though, that you need to be in danger and the attacker must have a deadly weapon.

"If it's a giant orange Nerf sword, you will have a hard time explaining that to the police," he said, notes the article.

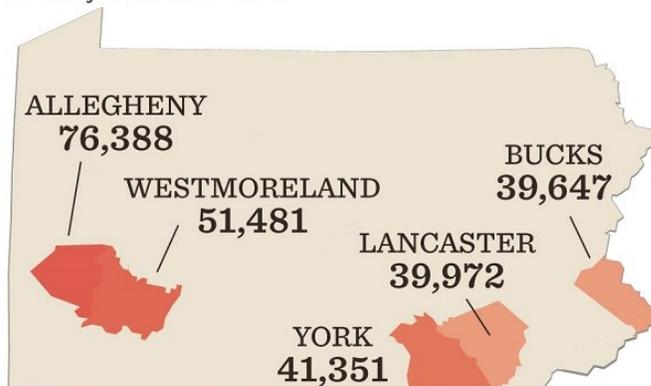
Shooters who are the initial aggressor are not covered. Neither are those who knew or should have known their target was a police officer, he said. The prosecutors said people are often confused about whether they need a license to carry a concealed weapon.

Sanguedolce said someone without a permit recently told him he places his gun on a seat

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By county

Pa. counties that issued the highest numbers of licenses to carry from 2010-2014.



SOURCE: PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE FIREARMS ANNUAL REPORTS

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when he's in his car. But that doesn't make it legal, he noted. "If you get in a car, it's concealed. Period," he said.

Sheriff Brian Shumsky said those who have concealed carry permits must show the permit to law enforcement when asked. And even if you have a permit, you are not allowed to have a gun on federal property and in courthouses. Private property owners can make their own rules if guns are allowed, he said.

Shumsky told the crowd they could get a permit through his office at the county's courthouse, then listed some of the things that could forbid someone from getting a license, like having a felony conviction.



He then projected photos of a famous rap musician and also a celebrity homemaker who ran afoul of the law.

"Snoop Dog could get a license. Martha Stewart cannot," Shumsky said, according to the article.

Pittsburgh-Area Teacher Discovers That Guns Are Not a Laughing Matter



A suburban Pittsburgh school district says a teacher's Facebook post about "buying a gun" caused parents to keep about 60 students home from school or pick them up early from an elementary school recently, according to a lancasteronline.com

report. KDKA reports students at Moore Elementary in the Brentwood School District were also kept inside and borough police were notified, according to the article.

It seems the unidentified teacher posted that, "I'm going shopping sat. Who wants to go. I'm buying a gun. Watch out world. Hahahaha."



The district isn't identifying the staffer who posted the comment or saying what might happen to him or her, although it

promised to inform parents of the results of a continuing investigation.

http://lancasteronline.com/news/pennsylvania/pennsylvania-district-police-review-teacher-s-gun-post/article_05322c56-8067-558d-aeb9-a387e732fd7a.html

