

## PENNSYLVANIA PREEMPTION BILL CLEARS FIRST HURDLE

The Senate Local Government Committee recently passed important preemption legislation, Senate Bill 5, by an 8-3 vote, according to a report issued by the NRA-Institute for Legislative Action on [www.nraila.org](http://www.nraila.org).

SB 5 will now go to the Senate floor for consideration. Sponsored by state Senator Wayne Langerholc, Jr. (R-35), SB 5 would further clarify existing law to ensure that firearm and ammunition laws are consistent throughout the Keystone state. The NRA-ILA is asking Second Amendment supporters to contact your state Senator and urge them to support SB 5.

The bill would prevent the state's 2,500-plus municipalities from enacting gun ordinances stricter than state law. A similar measure was earlier introduced in the House.

"Municipalities must realize these local ordinances and regulations are in direct contravention with existing state law and severely impact the rights of law-abiding citizens of this commonwealth," said Sen. Wayne Langerholc, Jr., according to a report that was posted on [guns.com](http://guns.com). "Senate Bill 5 is about uniformity across the state and ensuring the laws enacted by the General Assembly are taken seriously and followed."

More than 30 years ago, the Pennsylvania Legislature enacted state-level firearms preemption to avoid the possibility of a complex patchwork of regulations across the state that



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would make it difficult for responsible firearm owners to ensure they are following the law (similar to the way some left-wing liberal states have enacted illegal restrictions on the possession and use of firearms and ammo). However, in recent years many local governments in Pennsylvania have enacted gun control ordinances in violation of Pennsylvania's preemption law.

"Citizens with no criminal intent should not be placed in jeopardy of running afoul of local restrictions they don't even know exist simply because they have crossed from one municipality to another," notes the NRA-ILA. "Gun owners continue to be unduly burdened by local ordinances which violate the current state firearm preemption law. SB 5 would correct this problem by ensuring that laws regarding firearms and ammunition are uniform across the state."

Similar legislation was signed by former Governor Tom Corbett in 2014, but was struck down by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court last year for a violation of the “single subject” rule for legislative process. “It is imperative that SB 5 passes this year to ensure that gun owners and sportsmen across the state are protected by its strengthened preemption laws,” says the NRA-ILA.

Unfortunately, our state’s left-wing liberal governor, Tom Wolf, announced he will veto a preemption bill aimed at firearm regulations should it get to his desk, according to a report on [www.guns.com](http://www.guns.com).

Minority Committee Chairman Sen. John Blake, D-Lackawana, delivered the veto news on behalf of the administration as he urged a no-vote on the legislation.

“Quite simply because I think this bill is doing something unprecedented in allowing a membership organization to sue a local government and allow injunctive relief,” said the left-wing Democrat. “When I consider the things our local governments are facing, I don’t know why we are considering this.”

<https://www.nraila.org/articles/20170328/pennsylvania-preemption-legislation-passed-committee>

## PA. RANKED NO. 31 FOR GUN INDUSTRY IMPORTANCE

Guns generated nearly \$7.4 billion in state and federal taxes last year and more than \$51 billion for the economy nationwide, according to a WalletHub study quoted in a [lancasteronline.com](http://lancasteronline.com) article.

The study considered the economic impact of gun sales, and ranked the states that are most reliant on the gun industry.

Pennsylvania came in at No. 31 out of 51 (the list included the District of Columbia).

Rankings were based on: Gun prevalence; Gun politics, which referred to contributions to politicians from both gun confiscation and gun rights groups; Firearms industry, including jobs and strictness of gun laws.

For Pennsylvania, the study found that:

- The average wages and benefits in the firearms industry in Pennsylvania \$50,0520.
- Pennsylvania has a 27 percent gun ownership rate.
- There are 89.46 gun sales for every 1,000 Pennsylvania residents.
- The bad news is that \$7.82 is donated per every 100,000 Pennsylvania residents to members of congress in the interest of gun confiscation.
- But the good news is that \$2,966 is donated per every 100,000 Pennsylvania residents to members of congress in the interest of gun rights.
- Pennsylvania was ranked 36th for gun prevalence, 23rd for gun politics and 34th for its firearms industry.
- Alaska came in first place in terms of gun industry dependence, and Rhode Island came in last.

[http://lancasteronline.com/news/pennsylvania/pennsylvania-ranked-no-on-list-of-states-most-dependent-on/article\\_ab17576e-09b7-11e7-9aa9-ff9cf6d4164b.html](http://lancasteronline.com/news/pennsylvania/pennsylvania-ranked-no-on-list-of-states-most-dependent-on/article_ab17576e-09b7-11e7-9aa9-ff9cf6d4164b.html)

## DEM AGAIN TRIES FOR GUN GRAB

Since the first time he took office in 2001, left-wing liberal Pennsylvania State Representative Angel Cruz has made it a point to advocate for gun control. But some say his latest efforts show how desperate the movement is to cram infringements down gun owners' throats at the state level, according to a report on bearingarms.com.

Cruz introduced House Bill 610, which is also known as the Firearm Registration Act. The subversive legislation aims to give the Pennsylvania State Police the right to maintain a registry of all guns and gun owners in a central database.

In part, the restrictive bill, which would severely damage our Constitutional rights, states: "No person within this Commonwealth may possess, harbor, have under the person's control, transfer, offer for sale, sell, give, deliver or accept a firearm unless the person is the holder of a valid registration certificate for the firearm," according to the bearingarms.com report.

A re-launch of 2016's expired House Bill 503, Cruz's HB 610 would also force Pennsylvanians to abide by the following gun laws:

- A photo ID specifically for gun ownership
- Fingerprinting of every gun owner
- Separate, state-issued, \$10 certificates for every gun owned by an individual
- Annual renewal of gun registrations
- All guns to be unloaded and disabled, unless in the immediate possession of the owner

The bill was referred to the House Judiciary Committee on Feb. 24, 2017.

"If you live in Pennsylvania, please contact your State Representative today and tell them you do not support HB 610," notes the bearingarms.com report.

<https://bearingarms.com/jenn-j/2017/03/13/pa-democrat-re-launches-effort-create-gun-registry/>

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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."

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