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## **PA.-based Dick's Sporting Goods Gets Hammered for Anti-2A Stand**

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Dick's Sporting Goods may be based in Coraopolis, Pa., but the turncoat company doesn't have a Pennsylvania attitude about our Constitutional rights: the retailer will no longer sell so-called assault weapons or "high capacity magazines," and will restrict the sale of any firearms to buyers 21 or older.

Dick's Sporting Goods "better hope the gun control crowd buys a lot of sneakers," according to an article in [www.westernjournal.com](http://www.westernjournal.com).

"The Pennsylvania-based retailer has been lapping up a lot of free publicity from the mainstream media thanks to its over-the-top response to February's mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida," the article notes. "But its turncoat activism against the Second Amendment rights of American citizens is starting to hit hard in the business world."

Dick's reportedly also hired the Glover Park Group, a Beltway-insider operation, for "lobbying related to gun control."

But patriots are fighting back. First, one of the largest gun manufacturers in America, Springfield Armory, announced it will no longer do business with Dick's. Then, the board of governors of the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF), the country's umbrella association of firearms-related businesses, unceremoniously voted to kick out Dick's.

Predictably enough, the left-wing media praised Dick's. A [Washington Post](http://www.washingtonpost.com) headline, "Dick's Sporting Goods took a stand on gun sales — and made a big statement," is a good example of how

the mainstream media lionized the company, reported the [www.westernjournal.com](http://www.westernjournal.com) article. "Well, the gun rights side can make a pretty big statement when it wants to, too. And the National Sports Shooting Foundation's statement on Friday kicking Dick's out was pretty emphatic."

The NSSF recognizes that "business decisions should be individually made" — that's how America operates. But Dick's isn't just changing its inventory system by not stocking what the mainstream media calls "assault weapons." And it isn't just alienating potential customers by instituting age requirements for firearms purchases where they're not required by law (and could **well be unconstitutional** where they are required.)

"With the hiring of the Glover Park Group, Dick's has actively joined the gun control debate on the side that's aiming to restrict the constitutional rights of American citizens," according to the [www.westernjournal.com](http://www.westernjournal.com) report. "Maybe it's a decision of conscience, as the Washington Post would have it. Maybe it's a business decision aimed at pandering to the social justice warrior crowd while deliberately snubbing American gun owners, and the market for sporting goods they represent. Either way, Dick's bosses have made their choice. They just better hope that gun-control crowd buys a lot of sneakers."

<https://www.westernjournal.com/ct/dicks-hit-with-brutal-consequences/>

<https://www.westernjournal.com/ct/massive-gun-maker-refuses-to-back-down-hits-ar-boycotters-with-brutal-news/>



## Sheep In Wolf's Clothing Tries To Slash 2A Rights



**When Tom Wolf ran for governor, he made no secret of his distaste for the Second Amendment.** With his latest move, the Democrat is following

through on his pledge to try to curtail our Constitutional rights.

Wolf recently asked the Legislature to pass a measure expanding background checks on firearms in Pennsylvania and end an exception for shotguns, sporting rifles and semi-automatic rifles that are sold at gun shows, according to an *observer-reporter.com* article.

“The Democratic governor appeared at a news conference in his Capitol office with officials from the Pennsylvania State Police supporting his call for action as lawmakers consider firearms-related measures in the wake of February’s Parkland, Fla., high school shooting that killed 17 people,” according to the report. “In a news conference with Pennsylvania State Police officials, Wolf called for the passage of ‘commonsense’ gun safety laws ‘so that we can give back the fundamental expectation of safety, a fundamental right to all Pennsylvanians so we can prevent further needless violence.’”

Fortunately, patriots in the Republican-controlled Legislature has long resisted these kinds of illegal gun-control measures and appears unlikely to expand background checks or ban certain devices, such as assault-style weapons or bump stocks, despite the governor’s support.

Those bills have languished in committee without action.

Following through on his attempt to disarm law-abiding citizens, Wolf falsely claimed that, “Universal background checks are one of the best ways we can keep weapons out of the hands of threatening individuals.” Currently, background checks cover all sales of handguns, except for transfers within families.

The Senate last month unanimously passed a bill to force people with a domestic violence ruling against them to more quickly forfeit their firearms, notes the *observer-reporter.com* article. “Gun-rights groups dropped their opposition after negotiating last-minute changes to the bill, and Wolf on Monday renewed his call for the House to pass it and send it to his desk.”

“I’m ready to sign this bill,” Wolf said. “I’m ready to do my part in ensuring that we are doing all we can to close dangerous loopholes and protect victims of domestic abuse.”

The House is eyeing similar measures, including one that would create an “extreme risk protection order” that allows a law enforcement officer, a family member or a household member to petition a judge to order the immediate, if temporary seizure of someone’s firearms.

The petition would have to be accompanied by allegations that the person represents a danger of suicide or “extreme bodily injury” to another person.

Under the Senate’s domestic violence bill, defendants in final protection-from-abuse cases would have to hand over their guns in 24 hours. Current law leaves forfeiture to a judge’s discretion, and the bill’s backers say judges order the forfeiture of firearms in 14 percent of protection-from-abuse cases.

In addition, people convicted of a domestic violence crime would have 48 hours to give up their firearms.

Under current law, people convicted of domestic violence have 60 days, although a person charged with a domestic violence crime typically loses their firearms well before a conviction, either as a condition of bail or of a temporary restraining order, defense lawyers say, the article noted.

Another provision would narrow the definition of who may keep the firearms of someone who is convicted of a domestic violence crime or who is the subject of a restraining order.

Under current law, that person can give their guns to a relative, friend or neighbor, as long as they don’t live in the same home. The bill would remove that provision and limit custodians to a law enforcement agency, a federally licensed firearms dealer or a lawyer, according to the *observer-reporter.com* report.

[https://observer-reporter.com/wolf-pushes-to-end-gun-show-exception-to-background-checks/article\\_0413ccdb-5b85-5736-8457-c61c2d345576.html](https://observer-reporter.com/wolf-pushes-to-end-gun-show-exception-to-background-checks/article_0413ccdb-5b85-5736-8457-c61c2d345576.html)

## State AG Shapiro Adds 2 States, Drops 1 From Conceal-Carry Reciprocity List



Abington Township Police Chief Pat Molloy

**Gov. Wolf's traitorous state attorney general** has added two states to the list of those whose concealed carry permits are recognized by Pennsylvania, but he also removed one.

As a result, Idaho and Alabama are now in and Virginia is on its way out, according to a [www.pennlive.com](http://www.pennlive.com) article. Virginia's requirements for obtaining concealed carry permits "fall too far below Pennsylvania's, so the Virginia permits will no longer be accepted as valid here," according the article, which noted that AG Josh Shapiro made that announcement during the launch of a new online site that tells Pennsylvania concealed carry permit holders which other states will recognize those permits as legal under reciprocity agreements. The reciprocity list is on the AG's web site, [www.attorneygeneral.gov](http://www.attorneygeneral.gov).

There are 29 states on that roster whose concealed carry permits are recognized by Pennsylvania, one more than when Shapiro ordered his staff to review Pennsylvania's concealed carry reciprocity deals with its sister states 10 months ago. Shapiro said 32 states accept concealed carry permits issued by Pennsylvania.

Idaho and Alabama were added to Pennsylvania's reciprocity list because they require background check as comprehensive as those Pennsylvania conducts before issuing permits, Shapiro said. As a result, the permits issued to Alabama and Idaho residents will be accepted here and vice versa, he said, according to the [www.pennlive.com](http://www.pennlive.com) report. "Virginia's removal from the list is due to that state's omission of mental health, juvenile delinquency, character and protection from abuse order checks on its background investigations for permit

applicants," Shapiro said. In April, he noted that a 30-day notice was being issued by his office advising Virginia officials that their permits will no longer be accepted as lawful in Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania permits will continue to be recognized in Virginia, however, he added.

Shapiro said he commissioned the reciprocity exam "to resolve confusion for the public and for law enforcement," according to the article." He noted that last year his office received more than 100,000 inquiries on the interstate reciprocity issue.

For police, the online list will provide a rapid reference as to whether someone might be carrying a concealed gun illegally. "It gives law enforcement the tools at their fingertips...to make sure they get answers very quickly in the field," the AG said.



Attorney General Josh Shapiro speaks during a news conference to unveil an on-line listing of states that recognize concealed firearms carry permits issued by Pennsylvania. (Matt Miller/PennLive)

Shapiro showed his true colors, though, when he took a swipe at a measure under consideration in Congress, the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act, that would allow anyone with a concealed carry permit to tote a hidden gun anywhere in the U.S., regardless of state laws.

"The proposed law, I believe, is terrible policy," Shapiro said. "If we have a national standard you are accepting the weakest standard. And in the case of some states, no standard at all."

[http://www.pennlive.com/news/2018/04/can\\_i\\_carry\\_a\\_concealed\\_gun\\_he.html](http://www.pennlive.com/news/2018/04/can_i_carry_a_concealed_gun_he.html)

## 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

***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.”

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