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## 2018 Election Report

Well, the election has come and gone. How did we make out? Not well. As you know 2018 was a very busy year for our issue, the right to keep and bear arms. We made out very well, blocking all but one anti-gun bill, the Bump Stock and Trigger Crank ban. The primary reasons we did were the support from the membership and the Delaware Gun Rights group, as well as several other groups that believe in the right to keep and bear arms. Another factor was our supporters in the Senate. While the count was 11 Democrats and 10 Republicans, we always had Sen. Bruce Ennis there to support us 100%. That meant a great deal when it came down to vote counting.

After the smoke cleared on Tuesday, November 6th, the results were not in our favor. We lost Sen. Greg Lavelle up in New Castle County. Sen. Lavelle was instrumental in helping us stop many of the bills that would have infringed on our rights. Perhaps the most important one of all was the semi-auto ban, SB 163. His belief that the bill was unconstitutional was key. Based on his belief the bill did not get out of committee. That theme of the bill being unconstitutional was also seen when the sponsor, Sen. Brian Townsend, attempted a parliamentary maneuver that had not been done in the Senate in a hundred years. The vote to force the release of the bill from committee was in our favor. The bill then expired on June 30th.

What happened with the election? Personally, I would lay the blame on the hate Trump movement, especially in New Castle County. The Democratic Party, on a state and national level, energized their base by demonizing Trump. Millions of dollars were spent to tell their voters to vote against Trump and any Republicans that supported him or his issues. Voters were encouraged to vote a straight ticket no matter the qualifications of the candidate.

Out of state money poured into Delaware. Campaign finance reports show that unions from New Jersey donated over \$250,000 to the Democratic Party in Delaware in the last several weeks of the campaign.

Not only did we lose the Senate Minority Whip, Sen. Lavelle, Rep. Debbie Hudson was also a victim of this out of state campaign funding. While we were fortunate to hold onto a few of the other House seats in New Castle County, it is clear that the ideological makeup of the House is going to be far left. Many of the candidates elected from Wilmington, both in the House and Senate have beliefs that resemble those of newly elected Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York.

In Kent County the open Senate seat in the 17th district had Justin King running against Trey Paradee. The seat was vacant due to the retirement of Sen. Brian Bushweller (D). That is another district that union money from New Jersey found it's way to. The money was just overwhelming. The result is the district stayed Democratic. The irony is that until this year then Rep. Paradee was a huge supporter of the right to keep and bear arms. What happened? Apparently, he decided that our constitutional rights are not as important as toeing the party line and advancing his career. He went from an A+ rating to F in the space of a couple of months. So much for standing up for your principles. If he flipped on our issue, can he be trusted on any issue? It remains to be seen.

Things were very different in Sussex County. All incumbent Republicans retained their seats by a wide margin, and those running for the first time won by a comfortable margin. The only Democrat in Sussex County is Rep. Pete Schwartzkopf, who happens to be Speaker of the House.

Unfortunately, as most of you already know, New Castle County, being the most populous, pretty much controls what goes on in Dover. Now, with bigger Democratic majorities in the House and Senate and the Governor being Democratic, look out. Not only will our right to keep and bear arms be in jeopardy, many other issues we believe in will be under attack. Hold on to your wallets. As we all know, the Democrats have no problem spending our money and raising taxes to support progressive liberal issues.

As a result, things will be much different this next legislative session. With the numbers being 12 Democrats and 9 Republicans in the Senate and 26 Democrats and 15 Republicans in the House, our rights are in jeopardy. Even though the Delaware Supreme Court has upheld, on two occasions, that Article I, Section 20 of our state constitution is more expansive than the 2nd Amendment, look for the Democrats to ignore that and attempt to implement many of the bills that failed this past session. It makes no difference to them that none of the legislation they have proposed impacts crime or keeps criminals from illegally obtaining firearms. We all know that it only impacts law abiding citizens. We are the only ones that obey the law.

Your state association was more involved in this election cycle than ever before. We spearheaded efforts to assist those candidates that share our beliefs. In many cases we were successful, in some we weren't. That doesn't mean we will give up. What it means is, that we will try even harder this time.

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The DSSA has already begun looking at 2020 and gearing up for another fight.

Taking what we learned this election cycle, we are going to redouble our efforts. One thing I learned is that we need to make sure that not only are we registered to vote, but that we vote. There is no excuse. When people told me they didn't want to register to vote because they didn't want to be called for jury duty, or they didn't want to give the government any information, I was shocked. Serving on a jury is but one of our obligations as Americans. Not wanting to give the government any information, are you kidding me. In this day and age. Just by having a driver's license you have given the government more information than is required to register to vote. As I said, there is no excuse.

I also learned that liberty is not cheap. On one piece of legislation, the semi-auto ban, DSSA spent over \$70,000.00 on legal fees preparing for the fight in the Senate.

DSSA will not stand on the sidelines and play defense. We will continue leading in the efforts to protect your constitutional right to keep and bear arms.

Jeff Hague, President

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## **Bridgeville Rifle and Pistol Club High Power Wrap-Up**

By Frank Nedza

### **Across-The-Course (XTC)**

Saturday November 3rd dawned wet and very blustery, but 17 hardy souls ventured out for the last XTC Match of the season at Bridgeville. The winds were howling, making 'awful hand' (offhand), just a little more awful (especially for the tall guys ☹), with the light drizzle doing its share as well. A slight drizzle delay allowed the second relay to shoot offhand a little more comfortably (no rain), but the wind didn't back down at all.

In spite of the wind and drizzle, the 200 yard offhand scores weren't too bad, with three 190's posted. Seated rapid was dry, but still windy. It didn't matter to Matt Slocum as he cleaned it anyway with a nice 200-4X. There were better X-Counts out there, but clean is still clean. Three hundred yard rapid prone saw Ron Siliani shoot a nice 200-12X, with several folks turning in upper 190's as well. The wind still hadn't backed off by the time we got to 600 yards, but Ron didn't seem to mind too much turning in a 197-11X followed by Matt Slocum at 197-7X.

At the end of the day, Ron 'the machine' Siliani was the match winner, with a 784-35X.

In the combined Master/Expert/Sharpshooter/Marksman class, Joe Wawrzaszek was the leader, with a solid 770-19X. Well done under tough conditions everyone! Hope to see you again in the spring.

### **Mid-Range Prone**

Sunday November 4th was a LOT more pleasant weather wise! A total of 34 shooters (26 sling, and 8 F-Class) braved the mild conditions to come out and shoot. Included in those 34 shooters were about 10 Midshipmen from the Naval Academy. It is nice to see some young folks on the firing line (and it is even nicer to have young people help tear down after the match...).

On the Sling Side, mild conditions probably didn't hurt, but Tom Snodgrass turned in a really terrific 600-34X perfect score for all three matches! It was Tom's first perfect day, and I hope he has many more up his sleeve. Obviously, he was the match winner, but Jon Howell was certainly nipping at his heels with a nice 599-39X.

There were a bunch of 198's and 199's and a total of five clean targets (200/200) as well. In the Master/Expert/Sharpshooter class, your author turned in a 587-21 (even a blind squirrel finds an acorn every once in a while), with Joe Wawrzaszek following up with a 585-17. In Marksman class, James Kubena fired a 558-11X for the win in his class.

In F-Class, Paul Duret (F-Open) fired a 590-24, and in F-T/R, Ramesy Abid lead the High Masters with a 588-21X, while Geof Slichter took the Master/Expert/Sharpshooter class with 570-13X.

We hope to see everyone again in the spring!

### **Long-Range Prone**

This two-day event was held on November 10th and 11th. A total of 27 shooters came out over the two days, with 10 sling shooters and 17 F-Class shooters attending. We even had two folks come up from Houston, Texas for the match!!

Saturday started out quite windy, with gusts at my level (5 feet and small change...) at 19-20 mph –who knows what was happening at 30+ feet up in the path of the bullets! In spite of the blustery conditions some good scores were shot with Jon Howell laying down 589-21X. In F-Open, Tim Vaught (Bayou Rifle Club in Houston, TX) led the way with a 569-6X, followed by Hugh Cropper with 567-14X. In F-T/R, Todd Strasavich led with 544-6X. I told you it was windy, didn't I!

Sunday's wind conditions were a LOT milder (but darned chilly) and the scores reflected that. Jon Howell led the way with a nice 597-21X, followed by Jeff Hague and Nate Guernsey who posted 590-27X and 590-23X, respectively. In F-Open, Don Diffey (Bayou Rifle Club in Houston, TX) led the way with a 586-22X, followed by Zach Donovan with a 582-21X and in F-T/R, Todd Strasavich led with 569-13X.

At the end of the weekend, Jon Howell took the Overall win and the win for the sling side, with a score of 1186-42X, while Tim Vaught (Bayou Rifle Club in Houston, TX) took the win for F-Class with a score of 1145-20X. Congratulations guys!!

This was the last match of the season at Bridgeville, and I would like to thank everyone for attending throughout the year, and I hope to see you all again next year, starting in March.

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## HEXTA Electronic Targets

This was the second year that Bridgeville has been using the Hexta electronic targets with good success. These targets have eliminated pit duty entirely, and have made matches quite a bit more efficient as well. Four relay mid-range matches that start at 9 AM are typically done by about 2:30 PM, so that leaves time for folks to go home and maybe cut the grass (I didn't say it was a perfect system...).

The targets have performed well, logging a total of 49,318 shots in the 17 months we have owned them. As we gain more experience using them I believe that the overall experience is only getting better –we now know better how to administer the targets and make the match experience a pleasant one, and the shooters have come a long way as well in being able to run the tablets effectively.

I also want to put in A HUGE Thank You to all the shooters who have helped set-up and tear down the targets for every match. There is no way we could do all this without your help!

Finally I want to thank everyone for coming out for our matches. I think we had a great time, and I can't think of a better weekend than one spent with friends on the firing line. For those who haven't come out to a match, what are you waiting for? I promise you will have a good time.

For those that are interested, you can find this year's match results at the link below;  
[http://bville-rifle-pistol.org/?page\\_id=3558](http://bville-rifle-pistol.org/?page_id=3558)

See you all in March!

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## Judge Leaves Maryland Gun Owners Out to Dry Over MD's "Gun Oil Ban"

Submitted by William Bell

Maryland – (AmmoLand.com)- Last week United States District Court Judge James K. Bredar denied Maryland Shall Issue's motion for temporary relief against the State's ban on possession of "Rapid Fire Trigger Activators" by SB 707, signed into law by the Governor on April 24, 2018.

This means the law will go into effect as passed on October 1st, 2018. That's just two weeks from now. However, while the case is pending, the judge made it clear that he believes all that's needed to comply with the law is for the existing owner to send a letter applying for authorization to possess the "devices" covered by SB 707 to the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) by 10/01/2018. That is the "grandfather" clause contained in SB 707 and that was the clause that the judge seized upon in holding that MSI had failed to show the "irreparable injury" necessary for preliminary relief. As he said at the hearing, all you have to do is "apply" to the ATF by October 1 for "authorization to possess" the "device" in order to avoid prosecution for a year.

And to the judge, it simply did not matter that the ATF has refused to receive or process any such request for "authorization" because the statute merely required the owner to "apply," not for the ATF to actually accept the application.

But, here is the rub: The Maryland SB 707 is so vague that no one knows what it covers.

Every gun owner in the state may possess "Rapid Fire Trigger Activator(s), and not even know it. Such "device[s]" includes binary trigger systems, bump stocks, burst trigger systems, a Hellfire Trigger, a trigger crank, or a burst trigger system and copies thereof. But the banned items ALSO includes any "device, including a removable manual or power-driven activating device, constructed so that, when installed in or attached to a firearm: (I) the rate at which the trigger is activated increases; or (II) the rate of fire increases." Yet, virtually anything you do to your firearm may "increase" the "rate of fire" by some minute amount, including cleaning it. There is no definition for a "device" and the statute includes ALL firearms, not merely semi-automatics.

At the hearing, Judge Bredar remarked on the extreme vagueness of the State's law as he demonstrated how GUN OIL being used to lubricate a BOLT-ACTION RIFLE to "increase" the "rate of fire" of the rifle because the action could be worked more efficiently, meaning the trigger could be manually activated faster than it could before using the GUN OIL.

The judge thus warned the State that he had real problems with how vague the statute was. In short, we don't know what is covered by this language covering a "device" that increases the "rate of fire" and neither does the State, the judge or anyone else. The potential for arbitrary enforcement is quite real.

And that is a BIG problem. A conviction for the mere possession of an SB 707 "device" (whatever it means) will result in the loss of your Second Amendment rights for life. It doesn't have to be a bump stock or the other listed devices to be covered. And even you aren't convicted, you could still be arrested and jailed for such possession by an overzealous law enforcement officer. It doesn't matter when or where you bought it or whether it is installed or whether it has ever been used. It doesn't have to be a device for a semi-automatic firearm. Mere possession in Maryland is enough. Under the judge's ruling today, the only way any gun owner in this State can protect themselves from potential arbitrary arrest and/or prosecution under this law (SB 707) is to send in the attached letter to the ATF.

All you have to do is print off the form below, fill in the blanks and send it into the ATF at the address indicated. To be safe, the ideal way to send it is via US Mail, return receipt requested.

APPLICANT'S ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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SUBMITTED ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2018 Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives 99 New York Avenue, NE Washington, DC 20226 Re: Application for Authorization Pursuant to Maryland Law To Whom It May Concern: Pursuant to Maryland law, I hereby apply to the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, prior to October 1, 2018, for authorization to possess one or more: Rapid Fire Trigger Activator(s), including, but not limited to any device(s), including a removable manual or power-driven activating device(s), constructed so that, when installed in or attached to a firearm(s): (I) the rate at which the trigger is activated increases; or (II) the rate of fire increases, to include, but not limited to: a binary trigger system(s); a bump stock(s); a burst trigger system(s); a Hellfire Trigger(s); a trigger crank(s); and/or a burst trigger system(s). Pursuant to Maryland law, I hereby further apply to the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, prior to October 1, 2018, for authorization to possess one or more copy, copies or similar device(s) to those specified above, regardless of the producer(s) or manufacturer(s). Pursuant to Maryland law, I hereby further apply to the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, prior to October 1, 2018, for authorization to possess everything to which Maryland Senate Bill 707, Chapter 252 (signed into Maryland law on or about April 24, 2018) applies or might hereinafter be determined to apply. Please grant the authorizations sought herein before October 1, 2019, and please return said authorizations to the Applicant's address above. Respectfully submitted,  
Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

But by all means, send it any way you can (and keep a copy). Regardless of how you send it, it must be sent before October 1, 2018. Sending this letter does NOT mean that you are identifying yourself as owning a bump stock or any specific device. It just means that you (like we) don't know what is covered by the SB 707 ban on a "device" that "increases" the "rate of fire." The letter merely repeats the language set out in grandfather clause of SB 707. And note, even if you apply for "authorization" with the ATF, the prohibition imposed on possession by SB 707 kicks back in on October 1, 2019, if "authorization" is not actually received by that time. We already know that the ATF will not actually entertain such "applications" because it has publicly announced that it would not consider them. But that does not and will not matter until October 1, 2019. In the meantime, all you have to do is "apply" under the judge's ruling.

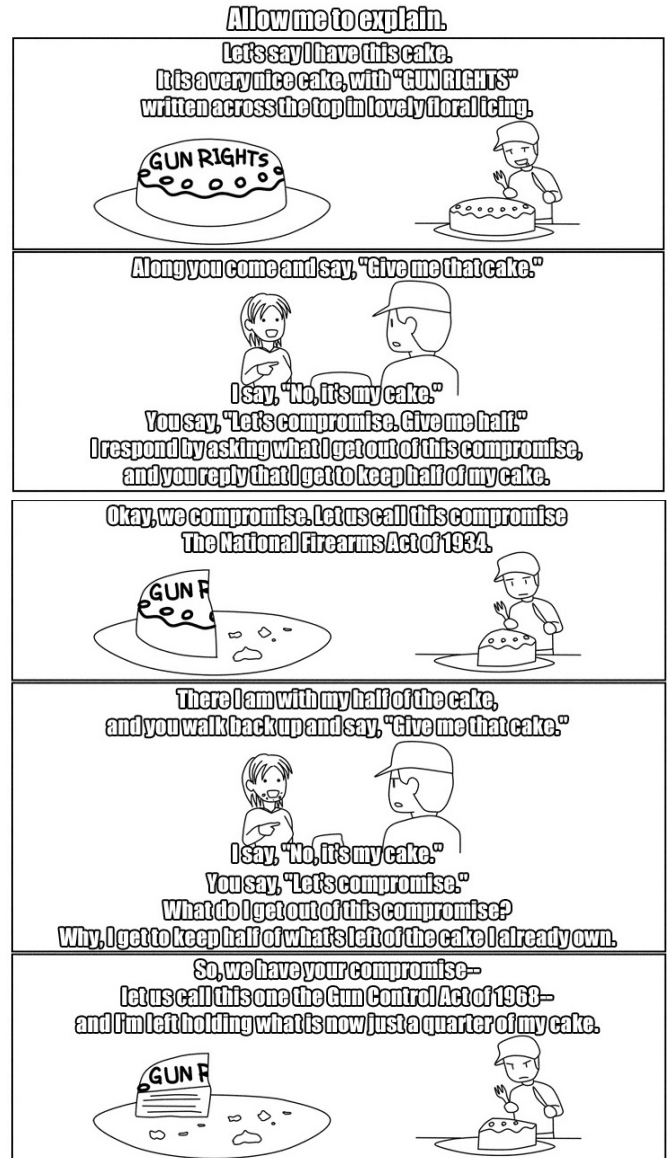
The case is not over by any means. All the judge did was deny preliminary relief. He did not address the merits in his ruling (other than to warn the State that they had a problem on how vague the statute was). We are encouraged by some the judge's remarks made at the hearing. Maryland Shall Issue will continue the fight but in the meantime, it is absolutely essential that you send this letter to the ATF as soon as possible.

Legally, it is the only way you can protect yourself from this vague statute under the judge's ruling today. Hopefully, the case will be over by October 1, 2019 (at least in district court), so we will know more before then.

## Gun Control Explained

Submitted by John Sigler

The following captioned analogy explains how gun control started in the US.



## Cuomo's campaign to 'bankrupt' NRA by targeting insurance program spreads to more states

By Fred Lucas | Fox News  
Submitted by Vickie Prickett

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo is finding new allies in his campaign to "bankrupt" the National Rifle Association, as three additional states follow his call to take legal action against the gun-rights group's insurance program.

And an ethics watchdog anticipates more states could join.

"It is troubling that we have seen the government targeting individuals and organizations to silence them based on their political positions," Kendra Arnold, executive director of the Foundation for Accountability and Civic Trust (FACT), told Fox News.

She cited similarities to the 2016 discovery that state AGs were cooperating to target skeptics of climate change. In the latest case, FACT has filed freedom of information requests with 21 states including the four publicly targeting the NRA – New York, New Jersey, California and Washington state – in search of evidence that might show such coordination here.

The requests seek communications with "any other Attorney General, Governor, or state insurance official ... that mention the 'National Rifle Association' ... or 'Carry Guard Insurance.'" "Carry Guard" is an NRA-sponsored insurance policy for gun owners who use a firearm in self-defense but face civil or criminal liability expenses. State officials have specifically targeted the Overland Park, Kansas-based Lockton Affinity and the Chicago-based Illinois Union, a member of the Chubb group, which were involved in marketing and selling the NRA insurance plans. The New York Department of Financial Services in May levied a combined fine of more than \$8 million against the two companies.

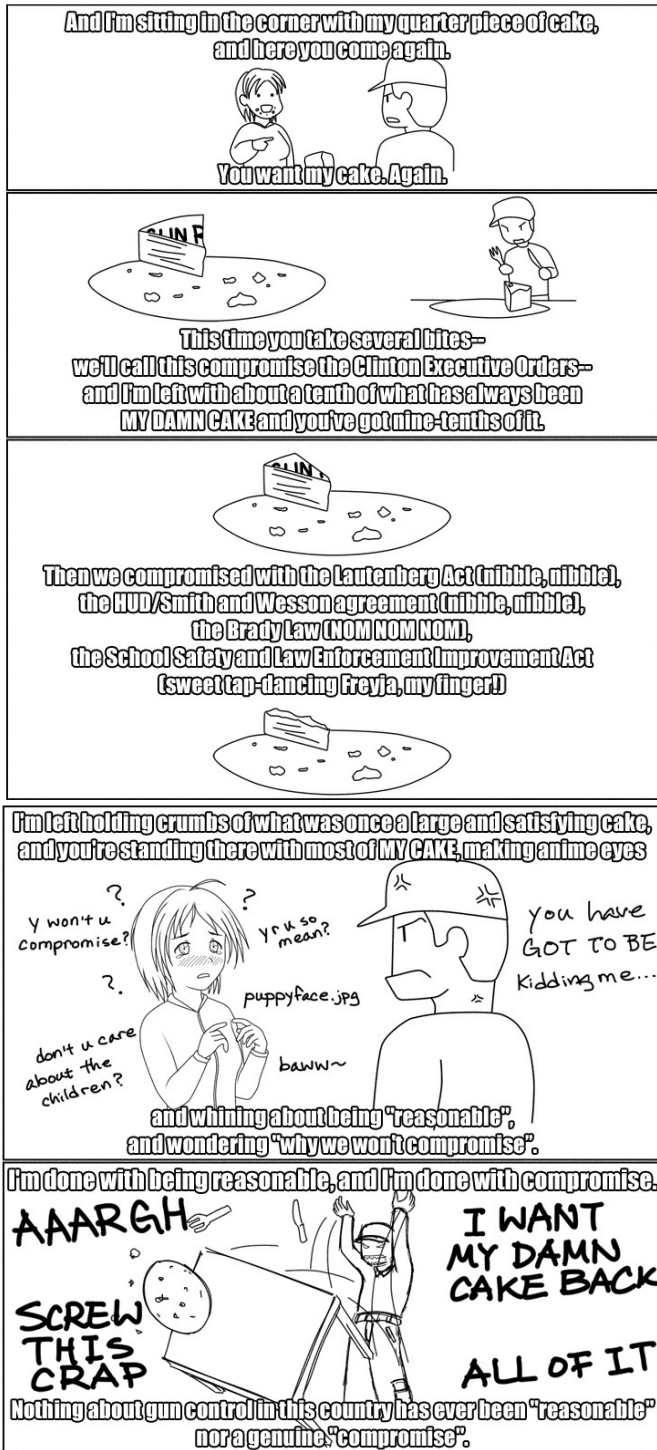
On Aug. 4, Cuomo said: "I am calling on states across the country to join New York to outlaw this absurd program that insures intentional criminal conduct. ... If the NRA goes bankrupt because of the State of New York, they'll be in my thoughts and prayers."

The Democratic governor followed up in a letter to fellow governors requesting action against the NRA.

Cuomo is up for re-election in November, facing Republican opponent Marcus Molinaro, the Dutchess County executive.

Among his allies in this cause, Washington state Insurance Commissioner Mike Kreidler commenced an investigation after issuing a cease-and-desist order in April against the NRA concerning Carry Guard.

"The Washington state Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) was in touch with the New York state Department of Financial Services after it sent a letter on Aug. 7 to our commissioner, Mike Kreidler," Steve Valandra, a spokesman for the insurance commissioner, told Fox News in an email.



**Editorial Comment:** The final push for gun control is coming to Delaware in this year's legislative session. Get ready to obey.

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“We found the policies sold by the NRA Carry Guard program were done without an insurance producer license, a violation of Washington insurance law,” Valandra said. “That investigation began in 2017 following a consumer complaint. “The Department of Insurance is not working with any other authority regarding the NRA’s compliance issues with the sale of Carry Guard,” California Department of Insurance spokeswoman Nancy Kincaid told Fox News.

She said the state “insists on full compliance with the California law that requires persons who solicit the purchase of insurance in California must be appropriately licensed to do so.” Kincaid said the NRA has not complied with that requirement, which “led to the administrative action to address the illegal conduct in California.”

The New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance also is investigating the NRA, a probe that began in August after Cuomo’s invitation to other states. A spokesperson from the New Jersey department did not respond to inquiries from Fox News.

Last month, the California Department of Insurance also issued a cease-and-desist order against the NRA insurance, alleging the NRA marketed the product without a license to do so in the state.

NRA lawyer William Brewer pushed back on the state claims, though, telling Fox News the NRA conducted reviews to ensure compliance with state laws where Carry Guard is sold.

The NRA filed a First Amendment lawsuit against New York state that claims the policy restricting financial activity with pro-gun organizations amounts to viewpoint discrimination. A U.S. Northern District of New York judge is mulling a motion to dismiss by the Cuomo administration. For now, the NRA is not focused on any other litigation beyond New York, Brewer said.

“Any state that makes an inquiry into the Carry Guard program, the NRA will be quick to provide information as required, unless we see the NRA’s constitutional rights being violated,” Brewer said.

Both the NRA and FACT, the ethics watchdog, want to see whether New York and other states have made a concerted effort to target NRA finances.

“We are interested in going into discovery in our case,” Brewer said. “You don’t have to look far to see Gov. Cuomo reaching out to other states asking them to take action against the NRA.”

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## **Medical Malpractice Deaths over 500 Times Higher than Accidental Gun Deaths**

By Awr Hawkins  
Submitted by Hank Maier

A Johns Hopkins University study covering eight years of data found there are at least 250,000 malpractice deaths in the

U.S. annually. CNBC reports the Johns Hopkins University study presents malpractice deaths on the low end, since other studies show malpractice deaths exceeding 400,000 a year. On the other hand, accidental gun deaths hover around 500 a year.

For example, the Los Angeles Times reports there were 489 accidental gun deaths in 2015, making medical malpractice deaths over 500 times higher than deaths resulting from accidental firearm discharges.

The number of overall gun deaths in 2015—accidental, homicides, and suicides—was approximately 36,000, two-thirds of which were suicides. So 250,000 malpractice deaths is nearly seven times higher than gun deaths, even when counting intentional gun deaths.

In 2014, gun control groups were seizing on firearm-related child deaths as a way to push gun control. But Breitbart News reported that more children were accidentally killed via fire and water than were killed by firearms.

Gun scholar John Lott used Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) tables to show that 36 children under the age of ten were killed in firearm-related accidents in 2010, while the number of children under the age of ten killed in “unintentional fire/burn deaths” was 262, and the number killed in “unintentional drowning” incidents was 609. This means the number children unintentionally killed in fire-related deaths was over seven times higher than the number of children killed in unintentional gun-related deaths, and the number of children killed in unintentional drowning deaths was sixteen times higher than the number of children killed in unintentional gun-related deaths.

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## **Man facing charges after punching Starbucks employee in attack thwarted by licensed gun owner, authorities say**

By Bradford Betz | Fox News  
Submitted by Vickie Prickett

A concealed carrier in a Utah Starbucks fired one shot into the chest of a man last week who police said had just assaulted a barista.

The carrier was in his late 60s, police said. His identity was not released.

“He witnessed the assault against the clerk,” UPD Detective Ken Hansen said. “And his response, because apparently after the assault the guy came after him, and so he shot the man in the chest.”

The suspect, identified as Benjamin Scott Overall, 37, set off a panic alarm around 6 a.m. Oct. 4 inside a 7-Eleven store in Millcreek, a suburb of Salt Lake City. A responding officer approached Overall, who then allegedly fled to a nearby Starbucks.

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Overall then allegedly attacked a female employee. A police "probable cause" statement said he punched her, hit her in the head with a metal basket, and kicked her.

"She couldn't get away from him, and he continued to strike her on her head, face, neck and shoulders," criminal charges stated.

The employee, Shelby Hamilton, 24, said she thought Overall was going to kill her.

"He just came in the door and ... hit me in the back of the head from behind," Hamilton told the Deseret News. "I was the first one he saw."

Overall then "aggressively approached" a customer who happened to have a concealed weapons permit, according to the criminal charges. The customer shot Overall in the chest before he could attack, police said.

A restaurant employee who works next door to the Starbucks said the area has a problem with transients.

"I give kudos to the guy who shot the man in the chest," the employee told KUTV.

Police interviewed the permit holder after the shooting. They said he was cooperative. Hansen doesn't know if he will face charges but said it is likely the shooting will be interpreted as self-defense.

Hamilton said the permit holder is a regular customer.

"I never would have expected that from him," Hamilton said. "He just seemed like a very meek guy. So I was surprised, but also very grateful. I was very grateful that he was there. And I was glad it was somebody we see regularly so that hopefully, in the future, I can thank him."

Overall was charged Tuesday with aggravated assault and criminal trespass, according to court records. He remained hospitalized through Wednesday, recovering from his gunshot wounds, KSL-TV reported.

A police affidavit cited by KSL indicated that Overall attempted to go into a hotel room that was not his earlier this year. He was convicted of intoxication in Salt Lake Justice Court in May, according to court records.

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## **Study: 97.8% of Mass Shootings Since 1950 Occurred in 'Gun-Free Zones'**

By Awr Hawkins

Findings from the Crime Prevention Research Center (CPRC) show that 97.8 percent of mass shootings over a 68-year period occurred in "gun-free zones."

The study covers 1950 through May 2018. Otherwise, it would also include the November 7, 2018, mass public attack at Borderline Bar & Grill, in which 12 were killed. The November 19, 2018, attack at Chicago Mercy Hospital, where three were killed, would not be listed because it does not meet FBI criteria for a mass shooting, but it should, nevertheless, be noted that Borderline Bar and Mercy Hospital were both state-mandated gun-free zones.

According to CPRC, 97.8 percent of mass public shootings from 1950 to May 2018 occurred in gun-free zones. These include the Virginia Tech University attack, which killed 32 (April 16, 2007); the Fort Hood attack, which killed 13 (November 5, 2009); the Aurora movie theater attack, which killed 12 (July 20, 2012); the Sandy Hook Elementary School attack, which killed 26 (December 12, 2014); the D.C. Navy Yard attack, which killed 13 (September 16, 2013); the Chattanooga military base attack, which killed 5 (July 16, 2015); the Umpqua Community College attack, which killed 9 (October 1, 2015); the San Bernardino attack, which killed 14 (December 2, 2015); the Orlando Pulse attack, which killed 49 (June 12, 2016); the Parkland high school attack, which killed 17 (February 14, 2018); and the Santa Fe High School attack, which killed 10 (May 18, 2018).

For the purposes of highlighting errors in a report by Michael Bloomberg-funded Everytown for Gun Safety, CPRC also shows figures for a condensed time frame, from January 1998 to December 2015, demonstrating that even in that shorter period, 96.2 percent of all mass public shootings occurred in gun-free zones.

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## **The NRA Will Have Its Day in Court**

The Wall Street Journal, November 14, 2018

Lost in the recent coverage of congressional elections and the resulting reallocation of power in Washington is some welcome news for those hoping to restrain the power of government everywhere. A federal judge in New York is allowing a critical case for personal liberty to move forward.

Some members of the press corps enjoy describing President Trump as an authoritarian, but no elected official in the country has more aggressively sought to limit free speech rights than Gov. Andrew Cuomo (D., N.Y.). Now he will have to answer for it in court.

Last week the New York Law Journal reported:

The National Rifle Association's lawsuit against New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo and a state agency will move forward after a federal judge rejected part of the state's motion to dismiss the group's First Amendment claims Tuesday evening.

U.S. District Judge Thomas McAvoy of the Northern District of New York said in a lengthy decision that the NRA's claims that actions by Cuomo and Department of Financial Services Superintendent Maria Vullo stifled its free speech rights were sufficient enough to be evaluated at trial.



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"The allegations of direct and implied threats to insurers and financial institutions because of these entities' links with the NRA, and the allegations of resulting harm to the NRA's operations, are sufficient to make out plausible First Amendment freedom-of-speech claims," McAvoy wrote. "While the NRA may not be able to establish the factual predicates for these claims, it has presented sufficient allegations to allow them to go forward."

In May this column described how Mr. Cuomo was using the state's financial regulatory agency to intimidate insurance companies, banks and other firms into turning down business with the NRA. The gun-rights group sued Mr. Cuomo after he ordered the state's Department of Financial Services to tell the firms it oversees "to review any relationships they may have with the National Rifle Association and other similar organizations. Upon this review, the companies are encouraged to consider whether such ties harm their corporate reputations and jeopardize public safety."

The same day as Mr. Cuomo's announcement, New York's chief financial regulator Ms. Vullo sent out a bulletin urging companies to manage their "reputational risks" related to organizations like the NRA. She claimed that "in this area society, as a whole, has a responsibility to act and is no longer willing to stand by and wait and witness more tragedies caused by gun violence, but instead is demanding change now." Ms. Vullo and her agency have also been sued by the NRA.

In a single stroke, Mr. Cuomo was not just attacking cherished rights described in the Constitution's first two amendments; he was simultaneously corrupting financial regulation.

Theoretically, Ms. Vullo's job is to ensure the soundness of the firms under her supervision, and to protect customers against fraud—not to enforce a political agenda and deem any business the governor dislikes a "reputational risk." The tenth anniversary of the 2008 panic, which inspired the creation of Ms. Vullo's agency, is a reminder of the consequences when regulators fail to focus on their core missions.

According to Judge McAvoy's opinion, "The allegations in the Amended Complaint are sufficient to create a plausible inference" that actions by the Cuomo administration "constituted implicit threats of adverse action against financial institutions and insurers that did not disassociate from the NRA."

The Judge adds that regulatory actions against two insurers suggests that the State of New York was using its financial regulatory apparatus to punish people for their beliefs:

The Amended Complaint contains sufficient allegations plausibly supporting the conclusion that Defendants' actions were taken in an effort to suppress the NRA's gun promotion advocacy. Moreover, the NRA's allegations that Defendants' enforcement actions against Lockton and Chubb impeded the NRA's ability to enter contracts for lawful affinity insurance plans, but did not take similar action against other membership organizations that did not engage in gun promotion advocacy provides a plausible basis to conclude that Defendants sought to impose a content-based restriction

on NRA-affiliated businesses based on viewpoint animus that serves no substantial government interest.

There is an enormous interest for all Americans in making sure that a politician like Mr. Cuomo cannot abuse his authority to silence law-abiding citizens with whom he disagrees.

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## Washington DC Carry Permits Skyrocket After Dismissal of 'Good Cause' Regulation

By Awr Hawkins

Washington, DC, concealed carry permits are skyrocketing following the dismissal of the District's "good cause" restriction for permit issuance.

On July 25, 2017, Breitbart News reported that the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia ruled that D.C.'s "good reason" requirement for concealed carry permit issuance is unconstitutional. The ruling was handed down in *Wrenn v. District of Columbia*.

According to the Daily Caller, the District's "Metropolitan Police Department confirmed ... Tuesday that 1,896 concealed carry permits were issued by MPD for the calendar year to date 2018." That represents a "1,440 percent" jump in the number of permits which were issued while the "good cause" restriction was in place.

New Jersey continues to artificially limit the concealed carry permit issuance by requiring applicants to show a justifiable need for carrying a handgun. And California continues to limit concealed carry permit issuance via a "good cause" restriction.

California's requirement is so restrictive that as of December 26, 2017, only 197 permits had been issued in all of Los Angeles County. The county has 10.2 million residents.

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## DSSA and Bridgeville R & P Club v. Garvin, et al. Update

The case is finally over. As you know, Superior Court Judge Jeff Clark issued his opinion on October 11, 2018 agreeing with most of our arguments. The final date to appeal his decision was November 12th. Neither DNREC nor the DOA elected to file an appeal. They told our attorney, Francis Pileggi, that they were, for the most part, satisfied with the decision and would be issuing final regulations shortly. Judge Clark actually amended the existing regulations to reflect his opinion and made them part of his opinion. It is believed that DNREC and DOA will use that language when the new regulations are promulgated.

It has been a long haul. The case has been in the courts for almost two years. It started in the Court of Chancery, was transferred to Superior Court in Sussex County which ruled against us. DSSA and the Bridgeville Rifle & Pistol Club subsequently appealed to the Delaware Supreme Court, which



issued a ruling in our favor on December 7, 2017. DNREC and the DOA then issued emergency regulation, on December 26th, which in our opinion, largely ignored the Supreme Court's majority opinion. The departments followed up with a set of proposed regulation, after which several workshops and a final public hearing were held. DSSA and Bridgeville both strenuously objected to almost all of the regulations at these workshops and the public hearing, which the departments ignored when they issued their final regulations in May of this year.

DSSA and Bridgeville appealed the regulations to Superior Court and after an expedited briefing schedule and oral arguments, Judge Clark issued his ruling upholding almost all of our objections.

This decision is yet another confirmation of your constitutional rights under the Delaware Constitution. It is just unfortunate that it takes two years and a great deal of money to have the courts confirm that. This is the third time in recent history where we have had to fight to have our rights upheld. The government fought us all the way in every case. It goes to show that we must be ever vigilant in protection our constitutional rights.

Thanks,

activities. Stereotypes of a lady shooting only the weakest chambered firearms has been replaced with female competitors using modern firearms, techniques and training to compete with and many time out compete with men.

**SASS STATE MATCH NJ 2018  
SASS CHAMPIONSHIP NJ Ladies 2018**



The shooting sport of Cowboy Action Shooting (the SINGLE ACTION SHOOTING SOCIETY) is but one example of this great revolution. Unlike some competitions where a shooter uses or masters but one type of firearm, the Single Action Shooting Society (SASS) uses handguns in revolver, semi-auto, rifles in lever action and pump and shotguns in the guise of a side by side, lever action or pump action. A competitor essentially has to master within their own ability three or four different types of firearms, as compared to say a Sporting Clays shooter who basically uses one type of firearm. A typical competitor has to use two handguns, a rifle and a shotgun in a normal course of fire, with each shooting scenario being different in targets and sequences for 24-30 rounds per scenario. Oh yeah... forgot to mention 'costuming'... and done in period clothing from the 1800's or "B" Western movies. That includes many times if the shooter wishes, shooting while wearing spurs, chaps, cowboy boots, hat and scarf.

The typical shooter may use black powder ammo or smokeless ammo. Targets may be stationary or moving or reactive. Majority of the time the shooter is required to move between firearms used. Example: Shooter draws handgun(s)

**NC SASS State Championship Match 2018 HAZEL PEPPER  
[aka Karen Bell]**



**SASS STATE MATCH NY 2018**

The Shooting Sports continue to grow with women participating as a force to be reckoned with.

Today's modern shooting sports is very diverse. Once solely dominated by male competitors, today's modern woman has taken up what used to be traditional 'men's'

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*Executive Director*  
*NRA's Institute for Legislative Action*

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and shoot a sequence of targets, re holsters, moves to another position and shoot a rifle target sequence, then moving to acquire shot gun targets (usually reactionary targets) safely while being timed. Shooters choose what 'category' they compete in based on either age, type of firearms or equipment used or while shooting one handed or two handed. Ladies may wear typical trousers or dresses while shooting all within 'period' guidelines.

We are extremely fortunate in the state of Delaware to have at our disposal the Bridgeville Rifle Range where SASS matches (Paden's Posse) are held on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Our SASS sister club is located in Suddlersville, MD (Easdern Shore Renegades) just east of Dover, DE on the 1st Saturday of the month. The ladies are well represented in these matches and are dedicated to the shooting sports. The SASS Organization and Clubs in each state hold State Championships... while regions host area clubs for Regional Championships and of course the national or "End of Trail" held in NM and "Winter Range" matches held in AZ, which bring competitors from around the world to compete.

"Hazel Pepper" [aka Karen Bell], that is her SASS Alias... everyone in SASS gets an alias that they pick and a unique number, is a SASS success story and female competitor. During the past 3 months, she has won the NEW YORK STATE, the NEW JERSEY STATE and as recently as this week the NORTH CAROLINA State SASS championship in her division. She also enjoys shooting the GLOCK Competition, IDPA and Skeet as well as continuing training in classes such as the MAG 40 (Massab Ayoob) courses. Besides shooting in the local matches, she travels to neighboring states to compete and to Florida, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Illinois, New York for example. She also encourages others to participate in the shooting sports and is a great ambassador and defender of our gun rights. Come on out and check out the Ladies of SASS and be sure to bring the family along as well.

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## **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

The 2019 Annual Meeting of Members will be held on Sunday, January 27, 2019, at the FOP Lodge on Kitts Hummock Road south of Dover ADFB in Dover.

### **MEMBERS ONLY.**

Doors will open at noon. The business meeting will begin at 1 pm.

Please come and join us.