



MAKING OUR COMMUNITIES SAFER

RICAGV Legislative Agenda 2018

As deaths by gun violence are creeping up (1), the Rhode Island Coalition Against Gun Violence knows it is important that Rhode Island continues to work to improve our gun laws. We will advocate for the following changes in Rhode Island law to enhance the safety of all Rhode Islanders:

- 1) **"SAFE SCHOOLS ACT" Restrict Concealed Carry in Rhode Island K-12 Schools - HB7591 Kazarian, Ajello, Fogerty, Knight, Hearn, SB2289 by Metts, Goldin, Quezada, Crowley, Calkin**
"We support restricting concealed carry in RI K-12 schools to trained peace officers. Current law allows undisclosed concealed carry permit (CCP) holders to carry weapons on school property without knowledge or consent of administration or members of the public. This allows guns to be carried on school property, buses, sporting events, teacher conferences, etc."
- 2) **"RI Assault Weapon Ban of 2018"- HB7766 by Knight, Ajello, Tanzi, Blazejewski, Dias SB2493 by Miller, Goodwin, Lynch, Prate, Coyne, Conley** A bill to ban the sale, transfer, manufacture and importation of military style weapons and high capacity magazines. Rhode Island should follow neighbors, Massachusetts and Connecticut (and 8 other states) to ban weapons of war for civilian use. This will not stop every mass shooting, but it will remove these dangerous weapons and start to reduce the supply in our state.
- 3) **"Ban High Capacity Magazines over Ten Rounds" HB7645 - Regunberg, Knight, Donovan, Ranglin-Vassell, Kazarian, SB2319 - Goldin, Coyne, Euer, Miller, Goodwin**
A person looking to inflict mass casualties favors weapons with high capacity magazines. Allowing magazines of up to 100 rounds increases the threat to our law enforcement. In the Sutherland Springs shooting, 26 were killed using an assault rifle, the dead ranged from 17 months to 77 years. When so many rounds are fired so quickly no one is spared with these weapons of war using high capacity magazines. **Currently, Rhode Island limits magazine capacity for hunting to 5 rounds for deer and 3 rounds for duck hunting.**
- 4) **"Red Flag Act"- HB7763 Ranglin-Vassell, Williams, Tanzi, McEntee, Knight** A bill to allow concerned family members or law enforcement officers to petition a court for an Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) in situations where there is sufficient evidence for a judge to find that an individual poses a danger to self or others, an ERPO temporarily prohibits the individual from purchasing or possessing firearms or ammunition and allows law enforcement to remove any firearms or ammunition already in the individual's possession.

(1): -(Page 93, 2014 RI stats)https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr65/nvsr65_04.pdf
-(Page 101, 2015, RI stats) https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr66/nvsr66_06_tables.pdf

- "The fact that we are seeing increases in the firearm-related deaths after a long period where it has been stable is concerning," Bob Anderson, chief of the mortality statistics branch at the health statistics center. "It is a pretty sharp increase for one year." (<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/11/04/us/gun-death-rates.html>)

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