

Ammunition Sales Ban Legislation Heading to New Jersey Senate!

http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2006/Bills/A3000/2602_R1.HTM

SYNOPSIS: Regulates sale of ammunition.

Passage of this bill will most likely terminate the existence of NJ Summer Biathlon. Out-of-state participants who do not have a NJ Firearms ID card, would be prohibited from participating. NJ residents who currently participate, but do not have a NJ Firearms ID card, would not be able to participate. For more details on this legislation, read on.

Assembly Bill 2602 will ban possession and purchase of any and all ammunition by anyone who does not possess a valid firearms purchaser identification card (NJFID), a certified copy of a permit to purchase a handgun, a valid permit to carry a handgun, or a valid New Jersey hunting license.

New Jersey clubs and ranges will no longer be able to host any major regional or national shooting tournaments or competitions or attract business from across state lines. Under this bill, non-residents of New Jersey (or residents who do not possess a NJFID) will be prohibited from possessing ammunition in the state even if they are legally permitted to possess a firearm.

The bill prohibits transfer of ammunition to anyone who does not possess the required documents unless: "the transfer is made upon a firing range operated by a licensed dealer, by a law enforcement agency, a legally recognized military organization or a rifle or pistol club which has filed a copy of its charter with the superintendent and annually submits to the superintendent [of State Police] a list of its members." Almost none of our clubs or ranges are licensed dealers or otherwise meet these requirements. Therefore, in nearly all cases, transferring ammunition to family and friends who do not have a NJFID, even at a range, will be a violation.

Violators would be guilty of a crime of the fourth degree, which is punishable by a fine of \$10,000 and a term of imprisonment of up to 18 months or both. The stated purpose of this bill is to reduce gang violence, but its greatest impact will be on lawful gun-owners and competitive shooters.

For more information on how A 2602 will affect law-abiding New Jersey citizens, please use the "click here for alerts in your state" feature at www.nrila.org.

This bill has already passed the Assembly and is awaiting a hearing in the Senate.

Currently, the National Rifle Association is working together with many of your clubs, the New Jersey Sporting Clays Association, the Association of New Jersey Rifle and Pistol Clubs, the National Shooting Sports Foundation, and various other organizations to oppose this bill in the Senate.

Despite these efforts, your input is absolutely essential to help defeat this bill.

Please contact your State Senator immediately and urge him or her to OPPOSE A2602!

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