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Illinois gun owners are still in something of a holding pattern, waiting for regulations to kick in that will enable them to carry handguns for personal protection in the wake of legislative action that overrode anti-gun Gov. Pat Quinn's veto of legislation that was mandated by the federal courts.

Quinn's delaying action on the concealed carry law for several days before lawmakers finally acted on it July 8 angered the Citizen's Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms.

Gov. Quinn, using his "amendatory" veto power on July 2, added his own provisions into the bill. Among the provisions added included ones which limited the places someone could carry their firearm, how a person could conceal the handgun and also how much ammunition they could have in the gun while concealed.

All of these provisions were in excess of the passed legislation, and CCRKBA Chairman Alan Gottlieb was furious.

"This isn't government of, by or for the people," he observed about Quinn's veto with amendments. "This is government by imperial fiat."

This bill came about as a result of a legal victory won by CCRKBA's sister organization, the Second Amendment Foundation, in federal court in the case of Moore v. Madigan.

Gottlieb further criticized the governor.

"Quinn has taken it upon himself to dictate the level of safety a citizen can enjoy by placing an undue limit on the right to bear arms," Gottlieb said. "Perhaps he should ask police officers to leave their spare ammunition at home."

One of Quinn's provisions was that no armed citizen could carry a spare magazine, or spare ammunition, and that the maximum number of cartridges allowed in a concealed handgun be limited to ten.

"He wishes to stigmatize legally-armed citizens by making it nearly impossible for them to dine out with their families, friends or business associates," he continued. "He puts the burden on business owners, churches and other venues to assure the court's mandates are followed regarding the carrying of firearms.

"Quinn is playing petty politics with the lives of his constituents," Gottlieb asserted at the time, "and we hope Illinois lawmakers have the intestinal fortitude to override him," and that is exactly what they did as both houses of the state's legislature resoundingly voted to override the amendatory veto.

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AS CHICAGO BODY COUNT CLIMBS, MAYOR BLAMES GUNS

Chicago's mayor raised the ire of the Citizens' Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms over comments he made regarding gun control as a way to reduce the number of shootings in the city this year.

Seventy-two people were shot over the July 4 weekend, and the following weekend, another 21 were shot, with five fatalities. The remainder of July was just as grim. The pattern is likely to continue through the summer. The city passed the 200 mark for homicides this year on July 10, and the bodies keep stacking up.

Anti-gun Mayor Rahm Emanuel, who served as President Barack Obama's White House chief of staff before running for mayor, told reporters that he believes the answer to solving the current gun violence problems in his city was to ban socalled "assault weapons," which, according to CCRKBA, appear not to be involved in many, if any, of the numerous recent shootings. Emanuel also suggested that "comprehensive background checks" would also help prevent violence, a notion which CCRKBA Chairman Alan Gottlieb called a "perpetuation of an urban myth."

"If the city could round up every one of these shooters," Gottlieb contended, "they would find that none of them acquired their guns through legal channels, and thus were never subject to a background check, and Emanuel knows it. For him to suggest, much less believe, that his city's crime problem would disappear by banning guns and expanding checks on law-abiding citizens is at best delusional."

"Mayor Emanuel knows that Chicago's problems are with gangs, not guns, and a criminal element that will ignore any new law or regulation Chicago enacts," Gottlieb observed.

There was one strategy the mayor advocated that Gottlieb felt made

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The *Chicago Sun-Times* reported the House passed the override 77-31, then the Senate voted 41-17 to toss out the governor's proposed changes. For Quinn, it was a major legislative defeat, showing him as weak at a time when he is facing a serious challenge in the primary race from Bill Daley, brother of former Chicago Mayor Richard Daley.

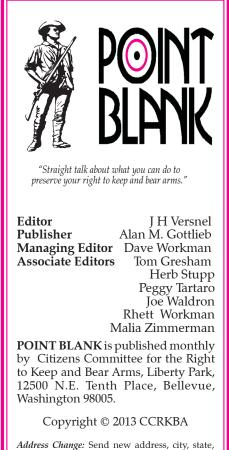
Passage of the bill has caused an enormous rise in interest by Illinois citizens in carrying firearms for personal protection. One firearm safety instructor in Peoria told a TV station there that he is fielding many phone calls from people interested in taking his classes.

However, in Chicago, authorities have already been trying to make it as difficult as possible for law-abiding citizens to have guns even in their own homes. It remains to be seen how smoothly the law will begin operating throughout the rest of the state.

Still, Gottlieb welcomed Illinois to the United States.

some sense. That is perhaps because it could be traced back to a program CCRKBA and other gun rights organizations advocated nearly two decades earlier, called "Hard Time for Armed Crime."

"Mayor Emanuel wants to lock up people for a minimum of three years when they commit crimes with firearms and make them serve at least 85 percent of their time," Gottlieb said. "That's a strategy that was developed by the firearms community. If he's going to steal our idea, he ought to at least give us credit."



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CCRKBA IN 'BATTLE OF INITIATIVES' IN WA

Pundits are calling it the "Battle of the Initiatives" in Washington State, and the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms is fully engaged, along with several other organizations that represent gun collectors, hunters and law enforcement.

Two initiatives to the Legislature are being promoted. Both proposals deal with background checks, but only one – Initiative 591, sponsored by an umbrella group called Protect Our Gun Rights (POGR) – is a simple measure that prohibits government gun confiscation without due process and also mandates that background checks be done in compliance with a uniform national standard.

I-591 has the backing of CCRKBA and the other groups, which are feverishly trying to raise money because they face something of a financial juggernaut in the form of the well-financed Washington Alliance for Gun Responsibility. WAGR is a Seattle-based group with upwards of \$1 million from well-heeled gun control supporters. Its primary financial backing reportedly comes from wealthy venture capitalist Nick Hanauer, but other contributors have ponied up contributions of \$50,000 and \$25,000, and there have been several \$5,000 donations.

WAGR's measure is the 15-page Initiative 594, which sets up a more complicated background check structure with very few exemptions. This measure also includes tax language, and would add significant time delays for delivery of handguns to people, stretching the waiting period for people who do not have concealed pistol licenses from five to ten business days. CCRKBA Chairman Alan Gottlieb also serves on the board of directors of the Washington Arms Collectors, and both organizations have endorsed I-591.

In addition, I-591 saw two significant groups throw their considerable influence behind the effort, the Hunters Heritage Council (HHC) and the Washington State Law Enforcement Firearms Instructors Association (WSLEFIA). Also, volunteers from the state's Open Carry movement are also gathering signatures, and I-591 petitions are in gun shops statewide.

HHC includes organizations that together represent some 55,000 hunters and outdoorsmen. WSLEFIA represents the firearms trainers in police departments all over the state.

In an open letter, WSLEFIA noted that I-594 is "a measure that would seriously hinder privacy and obstruct lawful firearms ownership without benefit to the citizens of Washington State."

On the other side of the argument, I-594 has already picked up support from anti-gun editorial pages in newspapers based in Everett and Vancouver.

It remains to be seen whether the word of police firearms instructors or anti-gun newspaper editorial boards carries more weight with voters.

And voters are what the POGR group is recruiting. Gottlieb noted that in conjunction with the initiative signature gathering campaign, there is also a strong effort to register gun owners to vote. Unbelievable as it may seem, Washington is home to many gun owners who have not registered to vote. The I-591 campaign has brought that fact to light, and now gun rights activists are working hard to change that.

Both initiatives need about 325,000 signatures for validation, so that they may be submitted to the Legislature in January 2014. In Washington, initiatives to the Legislature may be adopted as written, countered by a legislative initiative, in which case both measures would be on the fall ballot, or ignored, in which case the initiative goes on the fall ballot on its own merit.

With two competing initiatives facing possible legislative attention, Gottlieb anticipates that gun rights could easily be a key issue in 2014 and that state lawmakers, rather than come up with their own competing measure, would put both initiatives on the ballot. That is, provided they both get the qualifying number of signatures by the Jan. 3, 2014.

Out of that could come some interesting politics and legal wrangling. If both measures pass, they might wind up as subjects of a court battle over which takes effect or has the most weight of law.

Because I-591 will appear on the ballot first, if it qualifies, it is also possible voters will simply approve that measure. The worst case scenario would be for I-594 to be adopted because I-591 did not get enough qualifying signatures, or for I-594 to pass because there were not sufficient funds to mount an effective campaign.

In addition to CCRKBA, WSLEFIA and HHC, the I-591 campaign is also supported by the Washington Arms Collectors, Gun Owners Action League of Washington, and the Washington State Rifle & Pistol Association.

CCRKBA RENEWS CALL FOR PIERS MORGAN TO LEAVE

Ratings are continuing to be a problem for one vehement anti-gun television host, and the Citizens' Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms again suggested that perhaps it's time for him to go home.

CNN's Piers Morgan appears to be on a downward spiral in the ratings game. His weeknight program reportedly pulled in the fewest viewers during the most recent ratings check since he replaced the Larry King in the 9 p.m. Eastern/6 p.m. Pacific time slot in January 2011.

CCRKBA Chairman Alan Gottlieb, noting Morgan's suggestion last year that he'd "deport" himself if the U.S. didn't enact new gun restrictions, said "the numbers speak for themselves."

"While Piers Morgan's ratings have hit a new low, gun sales continue to hit new highs," Gottlieb observed.

Nielsen, the major TV ratings service, reports that the network's

overall prime time lineup saw an increase in ratings despite Morgan's continuing drag on them, and CCRKBA suggested it's perhaps because of Morgan's attitude about gun rights.

"Piers Morgan has continued his habit of demonizing and insulting American gun owners," Gottlieb said. "His condescending attitude about our Second Amendment rights is out of place."

Evidence of Morgan's struggles in the ratings can be seen by looking at the daily numbers. According to the TVNewser website, Morgan's show was third-rated among cable news viewers on July 2, and finished lower among viewers than a show airing on CNN's sister network, HLN (the former Headline News).

Gottlieb offered some advice for Morgan.

"I would remind him that it was privately-owned firearms in the hands of American citizens that sent his ancestors packing back to England 232 years ago, which is why we have an Independence Day in this country," he said in a July 3 press release as the nation was preparing to celebrate its 237th anniversary since declaring independence from England. "It was American Doughboys who learned to shoot as youngsters who came to England's rescue in WWI, and it was Americans and their guns who rescued England again in WWII.

"Piers Morgan has forgotten his history and his manners," Gottlieb observed. "It is bad form to continually insult your host, so if he's looking to make a strategic exit, now would be a good time."

Gottlieb noted that had Morgan departed on Independence Day, he could have "gone out with a bang!"

CITIZEN ACTION PROJECT

In the aftermath of the Zimmerman "not guilty" verdict, an all out war has been declared on Florida's -- and other states' -- "stand-your-ground" laws.

32 states have some form of stand-your-ground statute on the books, and a few more, like Washington, have it via court decisions. Stand-your-ground is nothing more than an extension of the historic Castle Doctrine to protect any citizen who is otherwise going about his or her lawful business while outside the home. Last year Florida conducted statewide hearings on their stand-your-ground law. The 19-member panel, headed by then-Lieutenant Governor Jennifer Carroll found the law to be legitimate and appropriate as enacted. They did recommend prosecutors and peace officers be better trained in its application.

Now these activists and agitators are threatening to lobby state legislatures nationwide to repeal standyour-ground laws, ignoring the fact that they are nothing more than an affirmation of the fundamental right of self defense.

Even though most state legislatures have adjourned for the year, now is the time to contact your state legislators and ask them to defend stand-your-ground in the states that have it, or to pass it in those states that do not. Contact information for your state legislators can be found in the blue "Government" pages of your local telephone directory or by visiting either of the following web sites: http://www.ufaa.com/page/legislative/state_legislature_links.htm or http://www.natocentral.org/?page_id=449

MONTANANS GREET ANTI-GUN MAIG BUS

Using the "Guns Save Lives" slogan from the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms, Montana gun owners turned up at a Missoula event to counter an appearance by the "No More Names" anti-gun bus tour, sponsored by the Mayors Against Illegal Guns.

The turnout was organized by Gary Marbut and the Montana Shooting Sports Association. The Missoula event, at the University of Montana campus, was the second of two stops in Montana for the gun control bus, an effort bankrolled by billionaire New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg. Marbut asked gun rights activists to wear white hats and/or shirts, and red bandannas to distinguish them from people who may have turned out for the actual anti-gun rally. He wanted to make sure the local press did not lump everyone together as supporters of the gun control event.

The MAIG bus tour was on a 100day, 25-state excursion to push gun control legislation and build pressure on Congress to take some kind of action.

Marbut also encouraged his group to bring signs, with the message that "Guns Save Lives."

Perhaps not surprisingly, at many

of the events featuring the MAIG bus, there were more counter demonstrators and reporters than there were supporters.

At the time of the original billboard effort, CCRKBA Chairman Alan Gottlieb observed that, "Bloomberg is shooting blanks." He said the anti-gun mayor's real purpose was not to reduce crime or get illegal guns off the street, but to "convince Congress to implement New Yorkstyle gun control laws, ban most semiautomatic firearms, stretch background checks out to between six and nine months, and to put gun shows out of business."

ZIMMERMAN'S LAWYER AFFIRMS RKBA NECESSITY

In the wake of the not guilty verdict for Floridian George Zimmerman, his attorney, Mark O'Mara, told a reporter who asked whether his client would get his gun back and carry it, responded affirmatively.

O'Mara, who spoke at last year's Gun Rights Policy Conference (GRPC) in Orlando – an event cosponsored by the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms – observed, "Yes (he will carry)." The attorney added that Zimmerman has "even more reason now" to carry a firearm for personal protection. The interview was reported by the Huffington Post.

"There are a lot of people out there who actually hate him," O'Mara said of Zimmerman, who will not get back his 9mm pistol that he used in the fatal confrontation with 17-yearold Trayvon Martin. That's because Attorney General Eric Holder pulled a legal maneuver by placing a Justice Department hold on all the evidence in the case pending full federal review.

O'Mara, in an interview with ABC News, acknowledged that his client has worn soft body armor when he goes out in public, evidently mindful of the threats that have been made against him and his family.

"I think that he feels truly in his heart that if he did not have that weapon that night he might not be here," O'Mara told ABC News.

The attorney said he believes the beating being delivered by Martin would have continued despite Zimmerman's screams for help. Zimmerman's case is hardly the only incident in which an armed person shot an unarmed individual in self-defense and was acquitted of any charges. A case in Seattle, WA that unfolded in October 2006 involved a legally-armed African-American homeless man who was brutally attacked one Saturday in the late morning. In front of witnesses, the would-be victim was beaten and stomped but managed to draw his handgun, a .357 Magnum revolver, and shoot his attacker, a white man, fatally.

There was no known relationship between the two men, and it appears the attacker, Daniel Culotti, picked his victim at random. An investigation cleared the shooter in that case and no charge was ever filed.

FL GOV. SCOTT REFUSED TO SUCCUMB TO HYSTERIA

When protesters angry over the verdict in the George Zimmerman case demanded that Florida Gov. Rick Scott do something about the state's "Stand Your Ground" law, the Republican governor stood his own ground and said "No."

Stand Your Ground was not an issue in the Zimmerman trial and Gov. Scott knew that. He also realized that the country was watching, and it required some serious backbone to take a position that was hardly popular with the protesters or many in the media.

The governor met with several of the protesters. In a statement to the press following that meeting, Gov. Scott noted, "The protesters again asked that I call a special session of the Legislature to repeal Florida's Stand Your Ground law. I told them that I agree with the Task Force on Citizen Safety and Protection, which concurred with the law. I also reminded them of their right to share their views with their state legislators and let them know their opinions on the law."

Rather than succumb to government by mob rule, Gov. Scott gave the protesters a quick lesson in the real legislative process.

A video of the meeting that was aired by MSNBC had Scott telling the protesters, "If you believe that stand your ground should be repealed, tell them why and give them your experiences and why if you believe that it causes people actually to do the opposite of what was the intention, give me your examples."

Pressure on Scott started more than a year ago, leading him to do the right thing by appointing a task force to examine the SYG law. Public meetings were held around the state, and when it was finished, the task force concurred with the law.

A Navy veteran and graduate of the University of Missouri-Kansas City and Southern Methodist University law school, Scott is Florida's 45th governor.

GUN RIGHTS CONFERENCE IN HOUSTON

It's not too early to start planning for this year's Gun Rights Policy Conference, scheduled Sept. 27-29 at the Marriott Hotel Houston Airport.

Cosponsored by the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms and the Second Amendment Foundation, this annual event brings together many of the leading gun rights advocates in the country.

The preliminary agenda for this year's event includes panel discussions about proposed bans on semiautomatic sporting rifles and their magazines, "smart gun" technology, federal and state legislative threats, policies established by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, concealed carry, gun show regulation, international and UN activities and recent Second Amendment-related court cases.

Confirmed speakers include landmark Supreme Court *Heller* and *McDonald* attorney, Alan Gura, John Lott, best selling author and scholar and *Washington Times* senior editor and author of the upcoming book, "Emily Gets Her Gun".

Please see the back page of *Point Blank* or visit ccrkba.org for more information and to sign up.

Scott married his high school sweetheart, and the couple has two daughters, Allison and Jordan, and a grandson, Auguste.

The governor not only has a law degree, he also has a degree in business administration from UMKC.

He worked at the Johnson & SwansonlawfirminDallasandstarted Columbia Hospital Corporation with his wife. He also started the Conservatives for Patient's Rights organization.

The governor has considerable experience working tough issues, and perhaps none have been so politically volatile as the aftermath of the Trayvon Martin shooting by Zimmerman, who was found not guilty of second-degree murder in July. That trial and verdict set off a chain of events that included protests and demonstrations across the nation. Florida's self-defense laws fell under the spotlight, with the focus of anti-gunners being squarely on SYG, which had nothing to do with the actual case, but became a convenient target because the Left dislikes armed self-defense.

But after occupying his office for more than a day, the governor finally met with protesters and told them he would not go along with their proposal to bring back the Legislature to deal with the law.

The right of armed citizens to defend themselves in any place they have a right to be is a cornerstone of self-defense. More than half of the states have such laws, and Gov. Scott made it clear he would not throw his state law under a political bus. It was a courageous move that earns him recognition as the Defender of the Month.



Michigan State Senator Tom Casperson has proposed legislation that, according to WLUC-TV in Michigan's Upper Peninsula region, would create a class of land use zoning called "Arms Related Manufacturing." Such zones could then be formed to provide tax breaks and other incentives which would be designed to attract firearms manufacturers to the state.

Rhode Island's Legislature has wrapped up for the year. The Associated Press reported that among the anti-gun bills which failed to pass muster included bans on so-called "assault weapons" and original capacity magazines, despite support for those measures from several high-profile state politicians, including Gov. Lincoln Chafee.

Lawmakers instead passed measures such as one that would increase the amount of time someone could spend in prison for possessing a stolen firearm, and making it illegal to possess a gun without a serial number.

Gun rights activists in Georgia recently took on the state's Department of Revenue. Why? License plates and what can be engraved on personalized ones.

WAGA-TV in Atlanta reported that activists took their concerns to the state during a public meeting July 9 regarding a proposal to make permanent a state ban prohibiting references to firearms in addition to drugs, alcohol and people's sexual orientation on personalized license plates in the state.

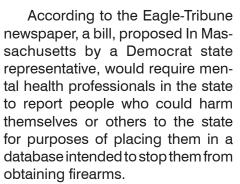
WAGA reported that a final decision would come at a later date.

The New Philadelphia Times-Reporter said the Newcomerstown, Ohio school district's board, approved the new policy, which will permit designated employees to carry on campus. To be allowed to carry, an employee will have to undergo training and be certified by the local county sheriff each year, and also be in possession of a valid state CCW permit, the newspaper said.

WBOC-TV, citing county officials, report nearly 700 people in Sussex County, Delaware had applied for a concealed carry permit as of early July, eclipsing last year's data, which shows that in all of 2012 just 435 permit requests were filed.

The county told WBOC a little over 2,600 residents are currently licensed to carry concealed within their borders.

The Associated Press, citing a story out of the *Natchez Democrat* newspaper, reported that a city alderman in Natchez, Mississippi asked the city's attorney for his opinion about whether the city could post signs banning guns at city facilities. The attorney, according to the AP, said the city has a current law that bans the discharge of guns within the city except by police, but would not advise the aldermen they could go ahead and post such signs, citing state pre-emption.



The bill, according to the newspaper, also calls for that information to be updated yearly and limits access to the list to certain law enforcement officials.

According to the Associated Press, Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon vetoed a bill that would have prevented federal gun laws from being enforced in Missouri. The AP reported that it would have made it a misdemeanor for federal agents to enforce those laws, and also had sought to throw out some of those laws within the state.

The law also would have made the publication of the names of gun owners a criminal offense. The AP reported the governor was concerned that would have violated free speech rights.





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The full roster of GRPC 2013 speakers has not been set. Past speakers include Alan Gottlieb, Joseph Tartaro, Eugene Volokh, Wayne LaPierre, Michael Reagan, Larry Elder, Bob Barr, John Fund, John Lott, Dave Kopel, Sandy Froman, Massad Ayoob, Tom Gresham, Alan Gura, G. Gordon Liddy, Larry Pratt, Alan Korwin, Emily Miller and many others. Check our websites – www.ccrkba.org or www.saf.org for updates.

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