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New Bills Introduced For 2008



The 2008 Legislative session is underway and the bills are rolling in. January 17th was the deadline for House members to "pre-file" bills. After that, each member is limited to 7 bills. As a result, a flood of new bills were filled late into the evening. We are expecting another flood of bills as the Senate deadline approaches in February

AzCDL has been busy culling the good, bad and ugly bills that we are monitoring. We encourage you to go to our website's Legislation page to view the updated list.

Now for some really great news! Many of the bills on AzCDL's wish list have been filed. This wasn't by accident. We have been working with legislators on proposed legislation ever since the last session ended. Here are some of the key firearm related bills we are aggressively supporting (you can find the full list of bills we support on our website's Legislation page):

HB 2222—Clarifies the right to carry a concealed weapon, without needing a concealed weapons (CCW) permit, on property, or in vehicles, owned, leased or rented, along with common areas. Also rewrites the definition of "open carry" that clarifies if any portion of a weapon or holster is visible, the weapon is considered to be openly carried.

HB 2389—Removes the prohibitions on carrying a concealed weapon, without a permit, anywhere in a vehicle.

HB 2536—A public or private employer cannot prohibit a person from transporting or storing a firearm in a locked vehicle in a parking area (subject to certain exceptions).

HB 2629—Clarifies when a defensive display of a firearm is justified. Under current law, a defensive display can be categorized as "endangerment" (ARS 13-1201), "threatening and intimidation" (ARS 13-1202), "assault" (ARS 13-1203), or "aggravated assault" (ARS 13-1204).

HB 2630—Reduces the penalty for carrying a concealed weapon without a permit to a petty offense, except in the commission of a crime. The Governor vetoed this bill last year, but we're not going to roll over. This bill was filed with 21 co-sponsors.

HB 2634—Clarifies that a person with an expunged felony, or who has had their rights restored, may obtain a concealed weapons permit. Because the law has been silent in this area, DPS has refused to issue permits.

HCR 2037—Adds a right to hunt and fish to the Arizona Constitution.

SB 1070—CCW reform that clarifies that there are no date restrictions between when a person completes training and applies for a permit; removes the requirement that an instructor be part of a training organization; and allows that training can be conducted by NRA instructors.

SB 1106—Provides for an optional lifetime CCW permit and caps permit fees.

SB 1161—Caps the renewal fee for a CCW permit at \$65.

SB 1214—Proposes changes to ARS 13-3102 to allow adults with CCW permits to carry concealed firearms on school grounds, including colleges and universities. Federal law allows CCW permit holders to possess firearms on school property.



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Another bill that has been filed this year is "Restaurant Carry," SB 1132. It's very limited in scope; firearms are permitted in certain restaurants provided signs are posted permitting firearms, and the person possessing the firearm does not consume alcohol. This bill needs work, but it provides a first step towards addressing the Jim Crow "we don't serve your kind here" attitude prevalent in Arizona. We will attempt to work with the sponsor to secure needed amendments during the legislative process.

We are also expecting a bill that would require establishments that prohibit weapons to assume liability for your safety.

As you can see, a number of controversial bills have been filed. Many were filed at our request. How far they get through the process of committee hearings and floor votes depends largely on YOU and the pressure YOU put on the legislature through your emails, calls and letters. If you have not subscribed to our e-mail Alerts, we urge you to do so. Go the AzCDL website and click on the "Alerts" tab.

There are also a number of thoroughly evil bills, demonizing gun owners and gun ownership:

HB 2358—Increases the penalty for possession of a firearm on school grounds to a Class 5 Felony.

HB 2429—Establishes a new 75 foot perimeter around polling places where weapons are prohibited. Current law prohibits weapons only inside polling places.

HB 2430 & HB 2431—These companion bills make you a criminal and lifetime prohibited possessor, along with being subject to personal liability, if a minor gains access to one of your firearm and causes injury or death.

Bills identical to HB 2430 and 2431 have been introduced in every recent session, but don't get traction in this Republican controlled legislature. We need to make sure those abominations don't move during this session either. Think about

what would happen if the current majority wasn't there. This is an election year. Things could be drastically different next year, unless YOU become involved in the political process.

WHICH WOULD YOU RATHER USE TO DEFEND YOUR RIGHTS?



PROVE IT. GET ACTIVE.

Here are some other firearms related bills that AzCDL is monitoring, along with our position:

HB 2068—Creates the Youth and women's Shooting Sports Fund and allows the Arizona Game and Fish Commission to sell goods and services. (support)

HB 2251—Game and fish omnibus bill. (support)

HB 2256—Lifetime complimentary hunting licenses for 65 and older hunters. (support)

HB 2380—Adds "airport designated secure area" to ARS 13-3102, misconduct involving weapons. (oppose)

HB 2461—Allows Arizona rangers to possess firearms on school grounds under certain limited circumstances. (support)

HB 2464—Adds Community Correctional Officer and Special Investigator to the list of law enforcement positions exempt from most weapons misconduct violations, including manufacturing prohibited weapons and possessing defaced weapons. (oppose)

HB 2481—Makes it a Class 4 Felony for a prohibited possessor to possess ammunition. (neutral)

HB 2486—Adds undocumented aliens to the list of prohibited possessors. (neutral)

HB 2574—Makes carry a weapon in an airport security area a Class 6 Felony. (neutral)

HB 2628—Primarily deals with undocumented aliens, but contains a provision exempting CCW permit holders from the restrictions on carrying in public establishments, polling places and schools. (support)

SB 1017—Prohibits entities from prohibiting peace officers from carrying firearms, except where prohibited by law. (support)

There are also many non-firearm related bills that AzCDL is monitoring this year. Here are some of the key bills:

HB 2677—Prohibits Arizona from implementing the REAL ID Act of 2005. (support)

HCR 2008—Repeals portions of the Private Property Rights Protection Act of 2006. (oppose)

HCR 2021—A person is not generally liable for damages that a "plaintiff" incurs while involved in a criminal act. (support)

HCR 2041—Proposed amendment to the Arizona Constitution prohibiting discrimination or preferential treatment, in the public sector, based on race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin. (support)

SCR 1006—Proposed amendment to the Arizona Constitution that in all criminal cases, the defendant has a right to a jury trial. (support)

SCR 1007—Creates the Homeland Security Force and the Homeland Security Committee, along with rules and procedures. (support)

SCR 1009—Bans lobbying on behalf of public agencies. (support)

SCR 1010—Proposed amendment to the Arizona Constitution that judges will instruct juries to judge the law, as well as, the facts in a criminal case. (support)



Gun Show Volunteers—Free Admission!



Like it says in our brochure, AzCDL is an “all volunteer” organization. We need volunteers to staff the AzCDL tables at Phoenix and Tucson gun shows.

Unlike the anti-rights organizations, AzCDL does not have a rich “sugar daddy,” receive any grants or have any paid staff. We pay our expenses from individual donations.

Also, unlike the anti-rights organizations, AzCDL has an actual membership and we are experiencing phenomenal growth! The more members we have, the more credibility we have at the legislature. The more credibility we have the greater our success.

However, recruiting members takes lots of work. Our best method of educating gun owners about AzCDL, and recruiting members, is at gun shows. Almost everyone reading this probably responded to our “sales” pitch at a gun show. As a result, you have also seen your membership “investment” returned several fold in terms of restored and expanded rights.

How about helping us spread the word—and enjoy a gun show at the same time?

We are looking for interested individuals to staff the AzCDL gun show tables. A few of you have already offered your time.

If you can spare a few hours (at a gun show!) we would deeply appreciate your help. Come on down and spend some time observing the other volun-

teers. When you feel ready, step in and let other gun owners know what AzCDL can do for them. If proactive selling is not your forte, we need volunteers to manage the table, help hand out literature and keep an eye on things.



Volunteers who work the AzCDL table for a few hours will get into the gun show FREE!

If you can spare some time to support AzCDL recruiting efforts at gun shows, and would be interested in volunteering, please drop us a note at info@AzCDL.org or call 623-594-8521.

The column on the right has a list of gun shows that we expect to work in 2008. If we get enough volunteers we will work more shows.

Sometimes the gun show promoters add or change dates and venues. Be sure to check with us ahead of time.

PHOENIX GUN SHOWS

February 23 & 24, 2008
Arizona State Fairgrounds

April 26 & 27, 2008
Arizona State Fairgrounds

July 19 & 20, 2008
Ice House Arena

September 13 & 14, 2008
Arizona State Fairgrounds

December 5, 6 & 7, 2008 (the “big” one)
Arizona State Fairgrounds

TUCSON GUN SHOWS

January 12 & 13, 2008
Pima County Fairgrounds

January 26 & 27, 2007
Tucson Convention Center

March 29 & 30, 2008
Pima County Fairgrounds

May 31 & June 1, 2008
Tucson Expo Center

August 9 & 10, 2008
Tucson Expo Center

September 6 & 7, 2008
Pima County Fairgrounds

September 13 & 14, 2008
Tucson Convention Center

December 20 & 21, 2008
Tucson Expo Center

2008 Annual Meeting—Mark your calendars!



In response to your requests, we are not going to hold our 2008 annual meeting in the middle of Arizona’s hot summer.

This year, your Annual Meeting will on October 18, 2008 at the same place we held it last year, The Crowne Plaza Hotel in Phoenix. Mark your calendars!

Our Annual Meeting Committee is ironing out the details. Stay tuned.....





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The Arizona Citizens Defense League

AzCDL was founded by a group of local activists who recognized that a sustained, coordinated, statewide effort was critical to protecting and expanding the rights of law-abiding gun owners. AzCDL has been instrumental in the successful passage of the first major improvements to Arizona's CCW (concealed carry) laws since they were instituted in 1994, and has been at the forefront of the fight to restore justice to our self-defense laws.

AzCDL is a non-profit, all volunteer, non-partisan grassroots organization dedicated to the principles contained in Article II, Section 2 of the Arizona Constitution that:

"All political power is inherent in the people, and the governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed, and are established to protect and maintain individual rights."

AzCDL believes that the rights of self-defense and bearing arms are the

foundation for all other rights. Our freedom of speech, our freedom from unreasonable searches, our right against self-incrimination, our right to bear arms, all of our fundamental rights only exist because we stand firmly resolved to preserve them. The AzCDL exists to strengthen that resolve.

AzCDL believes that the emphasis of gun laws should be on criminal misuse and that law-abiding citizens should be able to own and carry firearms unaffected by unnecessary laws or regulations. Towards that end, we are pursuing the following legislative improvements:

- ✓ "Constitutional Carry" – The right of law-abiding citizens to carry a firearm openly or concealed.
- ✓ Continued strengthening and preservation of the right of presumed innocence in self-defense situations.
- ✓ Stronger State Preemption –

Firearms laws should be consistent throughout the State.

- ✓ Fewer restrictions on the lawful carrying of firearms on Public property (buildings, parks, etc.).
- ✓ Explicit 3rd Party Storage Requirements when entering a posted "No Guns" facility.
- ✓ Liability responsibility for property owners who ban firearms.
- ✓ Improvements to CCW laws.
- ✓ "Restaurant Carry" – The ability of law-abiding citizens to dine out while carrying a firearm.

Our volunteer lobbyists are at the capitol regularly, fighting for your rights!

Join or Renew today!

