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2011 Legislative Review



The 2011 Legislative session started on January 10th and ended on April 20th. This session, we had a Legislature with Republican majorities in both chambers and a Governor that signed Constitutional Carry into law in 2010. On the surface, it looked positive for the passage of pro-rights legislation. Four bills, three in the House and one in the Senate, were filed early that dealt positively with some form of Campus Carry.

However, after an assassination attempt on Congresswoman Giffords at a political gathering in Tucson on January 8th, some state legislators revealed that they were willing to take any position on any issue for the sake of appearances and expediency.

The leadership in the House of Representatives, under the direction of the Speaker, Kirk Adams, halted the progress of almost all House initiated firearms bills, including the three Campus Carry bills introduced at the beginning of the session. The majority of the pro-rights bills that were passed this session were initiated in the Senate. Despite the resistance encountered in the House, eight bills that AzCDL requested and/or supported made it through the legislature and to the Governor's desk.

However even the Governor succumbed to the wave of political correctness that washed over the Capitol. She vetoed the remaining, Senate initiated, Campus Carry bill along with an AzCDL-requested bill that would have made it safer for law-abiding citizens entering government offices.

When the session ended, we still experienced a net gain in the restoration and protection of your Right to Bear Arms in Arizona. The following is a summary. Bills signed by the Governor will become effective on July 20, 2011.

Justification of the Use of Force

Via SB 1469, the elements of justification for the use of force were broadened and strengthened in certain situations. Highlights of the new law include:

- Removal, as an element for justification in defense of another, whether a reasonable person would believe that their intervention is immediately necessary.
- Redefining "acting reasonably" as it applies to crime prevention as acting to prevent what one would reasonably believe is the imminent or actual commission of an offense.
- Establishing a presumption that a person who is unlawfully or forcefully entering your occupied home or vehicle is posing an imminent threat.

The full text of the new law can be found in ARS 13-406, 13-411, and 13-419.

Protection from Civil Suits

SCR 1020, an AzCDL-requested proposed Constitutional Amendment that would protect crime victims from law suits by those who harmed them, passed out of the Legislature on April 14th and was sent to the Secretary of State where it will be placed on the 2012 ballot.

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CCW Training Reform

HB 2146, an AzCDL-requested bill, removes the burden from the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to approve CCW training courses, training organizations, and instructors. In a nutshell, Arizona law now mirrors Florida's when it comes to qualifying for a CCW permit. The main role of DPS is administrative oversight. With the new changes to ARS 13-3112, a person may qualify for an Arizona CCW permit by:

- Completion of courses that use NRA instructors.
- Completion of hunter education courses.
- Completion of certain NRA courses.
- Law enforcement or security guard training.
- Proof of military service.
- Possessing a permit from another state that has training or testing requirements.

Restoration of Rights

With HB 2645, a person who is deemed to be a prohibited possessor because of mental illness may petition to have their rights restored via court proceedings.

Right to Carry

With the AzCDL-requested HB 2006, the statute (ARS 17-305) prohibiting the carrying of firearms in game refuges is repealed.

Hunting Preemption

SB 1334 prohibits political subdivisions (counties, cities, etc.) from enacting any ordinance or regulation limiting the area of a lawful hunting event during open season.

State Firearm

Arizona now has an official state firearm, the Colt Single Action Army Revolver, with the passage of SB 1610, which was signed by the governor on April 28th.

Criminals Protected (Pro-Rights bills defeated)

The 2011 legislative session began with high hopes. The majority party in the Legislature professed to be pro-rights and the Governor signed the historic Constitutional Carry law in 2010.

Four bills were introduced to enable adults on college campuses to protect themselves and others from predators.

Then, on January 8th, Congresswoman Giffords was attacked at a political meet-and-greet in Tucson. East Coast based criminal empowerment groups danced in the blood of the victims and targeted Arizona. "Moderate" legislators exhibited weak knees and spines of sponge.

Only one (SB 1467) of the four Campus Carry bills made it through the legislature. It started as a bill that would have allowed students and faculty with CCW permits (adults 21 and over) to possess "concealed" firearms on campus. By the time it passed out of the legislature, it had been amended to simply prevent governing boards of universities and colleges from banning firearms on public rights of way.

Governor Brewer vetoed SB 1467 and said the "public rights of way" language was not defined. Yet, 10 days after vetoing SB 1467, she signed HB 2500, a bill that dealt with political signs on "public rights of way." We suspect the veto of Campus Carry was more about politics than it was about language.

So, for now only criminal predators can carry on college and university campuses. Students beware!

Another bill that was axed by the Governor was the AzCDL-requested SB 1201, which would have required state or local government offices that ban firearms to provide security measures that ensure no one is capable of bringing in a firearm without detection.

Under current law, all that is needed is a "no firearms" sign posted at the entrance and a place to lock up your tools for self-defense. This has the

perverse effect of disarming law-abiding citizens while allowing those with no respect for the law to remain armed.

Bad Bills Stopped

The January shooting in Tucson empowered anti-rights legislators who introduced a number of bills to punish, not the individual who committed a horrific crime in Tucson, but all the law-abiding gun owners in Arizona that weren't involved. Fortunately, we were able to stop their bills from progressing.

The following is a list of what could have passed had the legislature had a different composition. Keep this in mind during the next election.

HB 2691—Would have required that any person who sells three or more "high caliber" (broadly defined) firearms must report the sale to DPS.

HB 2711—Would have banned magazines with a capacity greater than 10 rounds.

SB 1060—Would have made fraudulent (broadly defined) firearms sales a crime of "racketeering." This would have effectively eliminated private sales.

SB 1586—Would have required NICS background checks on all firearm sales (retail and private) at any "firearm show," broadly defined to include almost any gathering where firearms might be sold.

SB 1587—Would have added colleges and universities to the definition of "schools" in the weapons misconduct statutes, expanding the places where weapons are prohibited.

SB 1588—Would have made it a crime to enter "any state building, including the House of Representatives wing and the Senate wing of the State Capitol, carrying a deadly weapon."

Be Vigilant

Renew your AzCDL membership today! Not a member? Join!

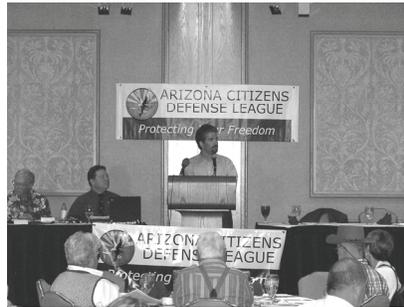
Join us at AzCDL's 2011 Annual Meeting in Tucson!

Mark your calendars! You are invited to AzCDL's annual meeting on:

Saturday, October 1, 2011.

This year's annual meeting will be held at the Tucson Expo Center, 3750 E. Irvington Road, Tucson.

We are expecting a huge turnout.



As more information becomes available we will notify our membership along with posting it on our website at:

http://www.azcdl.org/html/annual_mtg.html

See you there!



AzCDL's 2011 Director Election



To promote continuity in leadership, the terms of office for AzCDL's directors are staggered. This year, the director positions held by Fred Dahnke, AzCDL's Treasurer, and J. D. "Duke" Schechter, AzCDL's Membership Director, are due to expire.

While both Fred And Duke are seeking reelection, the nomination process is open to all members. All nominations will appear on the ballot. If there is only one nominee for the vacancy there will not be a balloting process.

If you are a Life member interested in running for these positions on the AzCDL Board of Directors, you may nominate yourself or be nominated by

any other member.

If you are going to nominate someone else, you must provide a personal verification from the nominee, including the nominee's signature and membership number, indicating they want to be on the ballot. Candidate biographies and/or statements are welcomed. Send all nomination requests to:

AzCDL Membership
P.O. Box 86256
Tucson, AZ 85754-6256

You may also email nominations to: treasurer@AzCDL.org. A readable, scanned image of the nominee's personal verification document attached to

an email may be considered acceptable if, in the sole judgment of AzCDL's Board of Directors, it can be verified as authentic.

All nominations must be received by AzCDL by June 30, 2011. Any nomination received after June 30, 2011 will not be placed on the ballot.

If you include a candidate biography and/or a statement of why they/you should be elected, it must be limited to a single 8.5" x 11" page using standard margins and line spacing, and a font size equivalent to Arial 10. Any legitimate candidate statement timely received will be made available to members during the balloting process.



Independence Day Rifle Match—Shooters Wanted



On July 4th, the sixth annual AzCDL Independence Day Action Rifle match will be hosted by the Pima Pistol Club in Catalina. Celebrate Independence Day in a way that would make our Founding Fathers proud!

Match information, rules and an application can be found at AzCDL's website:

http://www.azcdl.org/html/rifle_match.html

The match is limited to 60 shooters. There should still be time to make a reservation if you act now.

Entry fee is \$40 and includes a free AzCDL Basic Annual membership.



If you are already an AzCDL member, your membership will be renewed.

You may apply for the match and pay the AzCDL portion (\$25) at AzCDL's online store:

http://www.azcdl.org/html/online_store.html

The remaining \$15 is payable to the Pima Pistol Club when you arrive at the match.

Awards will be handed out and prize drawings conducted following range clean up.

All questions about the match should be directed to Russell Phagan: SinistralRifleman@hotmail.com

If you do not have Internet access and need to have a match application mailed to you, call AzCDL at: (623) 594-8521 .



Another Successful “Team AzCDL” Front Sight Class



Friday, April 15th dawned bright, clear, hot and dry outside Pahrump, Nevada as a score of AzCDL members checked into Front Sight for four days of rigorous, but enjoyable, training in Front Sight’s Four Day Defensive Handgun class.



Our group was split between two ranges. We shot, learned, hydrated, shot, dehydrated, shot, got sunburned and shot some more for 10 hours a day for four days—and what better way to express our feelings about “tax day” than sending hundreds of rounds down-range?

Like our first Team AzCDL outing last year, our members represented all levels of skill and a broad range of ages, and all came away better shooters and more capable pistol handlers.

This four day course covers the fundamentals of properly and rapidly presenting a handgun worn under a concealment garment (shirt or vest), balancing speed and accuracy, where to place your rounds to expediently stop an at-

tacker, diagnosing and quickly clearing malfunctions, and performing tactical and emergency reloads. Important skills you need to have when you choose to go armed in an increasingly violent world.

During class, you also get to experience a home invasion scenario and a house clearing exercise (going through doorways is nothing like Hollywood portrays). For fun the class is paired off for a steel plate competition that starts with neutralizing a hostage taker.



The last day of class ends with a timed (and graded) skills test covering the fundamentals practiced in class. It’s a great environment to experience shooting under stress in a safe environment and the test is great for gauging your

personal progress over the course of the class.

This time around, we had a good percentage who scored as “Graduate” on the skills test. We also recruited a few new AzCDL members both in-state and out, and had more fun than any bunch of disparate individuals generally enjoys, while honing our skills to the point that each of us is better equipped to use—and know when and how to use—a discreetly carried handgun than 95% of the population, military and law enforcement included.

We plan on continuing to make this an annual event—perhaps next year, we’ll see enough of our members to fill an entire class—and would like to have you join us for “Team AzCDL” at Front Sight 2012. Memberships—and deeply discounted course certificates—are available from many of our members, or you might just win one at our annual meeting, scheduled this year for Saturday, October 1st in Tucson, another event you do not want to miss.

Make your plans now to attend both.

Duke Schechter
Membership Director



Winning Raffle Tickets Drawn!



On Saturday, March 12th, the winning tickets for AzCDL’s most recent firearms raffles were drawn during the Tucson gun show at the Pima County Fairgrounds.

The winning ticket for the Kimber Team Match II was #167. It belongs to AzCDL member Gerald C. who resides in Tucson.

The winning ticket for the Springfield XD/M was #157. It belongs to Troy T. who resides in Phoenix.



Both pistols are in the hands of their new owners.

We thank all of you who purchased raffle tickets. It may not seem like much, but your donations, when added to hundreds of others, help us pay the bills and contribute to our success at the Capitol.

We have more guns coming and we expect to announce our next raffles soon.