



★ DELAWARE COALITION AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE

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DELAWARE LEGISLATIVE SESSION

WEAR ORANGE

We have the potential to make real change during Delaware's 2018 Legislative Session, which ends on 30 June. The Legislature has already passed the Beau Biden Gun Violence Protection Act and HB 174; however, there still is work to do, as there are six bills remaining. On Wednesday, 6 June, there will be three major committee hearings for HB 222, HB 366, and SB 163.

HB 222 – RED FLAG BILL

[HB 222](#) will be heard by the House Administration Committee at 3 pm. The bill would provide family members and law enforcement with a mechanism to prevent loved ones from obtaining or using firearms, if they can show that the respondent poses a danger to self or others: "This Act would allow the Superior Court to issue a lethal violence protection order where a family member or a law enforcement officer can show that the [potential] [buyer] poses a danger to self or others by owning, possessing, controlling, purchasing or receiving a firearm."

HB 366 – SAFE STORAGE OF FIREARMS

[HB 366](#) will be heard by the Senate Judiciary Committee at 2 pm. "Under the revised statute, a crime is committed when a person intentionally or recklessly stores or leaves a loaded firearm where a minor or other person prohibited by law, or 'unauthorized person,' can access the firearm, and the unauthorized person obtains the firearm." According to a 2018 study, "[...] 4.6 million minors in the US live in homes with at least one loaded, unlocked firearm." Read more on [here](#) about the consequences – suicides as well as unintentional death and injury – that result from weapons that are not securely and safely stored.

On 2 June 2018, [Moms Demand Action – DE hosted the Wear Orange event](#), to commemorate National Gun Violence Awareness weekend and raise awareness about gun violence. See the photos from the family event [here](#).

SB 163 – ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN

[SB 163](#) will be heard by the Senate Judiciary Committee at 2 pm. "This Act prohibits the manufacture, sale, offer to sell, transfer, purchase, receipt, possession, or transport of assault weapons in Delaware, subject to certain exceptions." A majority of Americans already support laws prohibiting assault weapons – In a 2016 survey, 57 percent of Americans polled supported a ban on assault weapons. Read more [here](#).

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Go to Dover! Your presence in the legislative chamber sends a message. Sign up to testify as a citizen in favor of these bills, or simply wear orange (or the shirt of any gun violence prevention organization you belong to) and be there to show your support. Your presence makes a difference.

Reach out to your representatives. Ask how they will vote on the bills above. Express your support. Even if you've done it earlier this year, please do it again and keep up the pressure. **This is a crucial time. We only have until June 30 to pass these bills.**