



★ DELAWARE COALITION AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | 6 JULY 2018 | ISSUE 10

SUCCESSFUL 2018 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

This year’s legislative season was successful and extraordinary for gun violence prevention in Delaware – The General Assembly passed four GVP bills, which will go a long way to making the state safer! Thank you to everyone who supported the push for gun violence prevention by calling and emailing legislators and senators as well as by attending the hearings!

That being said, it is essential that we continue to build on the success and momentum during the summer and into next year!

HB 222 – RED FLAG BILL SIGNED!

On June 27th, Governor John Carney signed [House Bill 222](#) into law, which was previously passed unanimously in the Senate, 20 – 0. The legislation, which was sponsored by Rep. David Bentz, will allow a court to issue a Lethal Violence Protection Order if a family member or law enforcement officer can show that the person in question poses a danger to self or

others by owning, possessing, controlling, purchasing or receiving a firearm. Read more about the bill signing [here](#) and watch the video [here](#).

RECAP OF THE OTHER 2018 GVP LAWS

In addition to **HB 222**, Delaware was successful in [passing HB 300](#), which bans bump stocks and other devices that allow semi-automatic rifles to fire at a fast rate.

HB 302, also known as the [Beau Biden Violence Prevention Act](#) was a bipartisan effort, which will restrict access to firearms for those who mental health professionals believe present a danger to themselves or others. Watch the [video](#) of the bill signing.

HB 174, which was passed unanimously in the legislature, strengthens penalties for illegal purchases of firearms, and in turn deters [‘straw purchases’](#) by individuals who are unable to legally buy firearms. Watch the [video](#) of the bill signing.

| 2018 GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPDATE | | | | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| | PASSED COMMITTEE | PASSED HOUSE | PASSED SENATE | SIGNED INTO LAW | CURRENT STATUS |
| HB 174 Straw purchases | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | SIGNED! |
| HB 222 Lethal Violence Protection Orders | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | SIGNED! |
| HB 300 Bans bump stocks | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | SIGNED! |
| HB 302 Mental Health (Beau Biden Bill) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | SIGNED! |
| HB 330 Raises legal age to buy firearms | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | | Never brought to the Senate floor for a vote |
| HB 366 Updates law on unsafe storage of firearms | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | | Stalled in Senate committee |
| HB 375 Bans sale of large-capacity magazines | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | | | Never brought to the House floor for a vote |
| SB 163 Bans sale of assault weapons | | | | | Attempt to bring bill to the floor failed |