

SUBJECT LINE: Senate Update & Bach Appearance Tues

TEXT:

SENATE PASSES / Amends GUN BILL PACKAGE

ANJRPC Executive Director Scott Bach to Recap And Discuss Next Steps at Tuesday Appearance

Today (May 13), the New Jersey State Senate passed / amended a package of 14 gun bills in a largely partisan vote, following two weeks of hearings in various Senate committees. Some of the bills in the package will now move back to the Assembly for reconciliation with changes made in the Senate, and whatever passes the Assembly will then move to the Governor's office. Other bills were amended today and will be postponed to a later voting session. More details will be forthcoming.

The list of gun bills passed / amended today is as follows (bill numbers subject to change):

[S2723](#) (Throws out existing FID cards & replaces with driver license endorsement or other form of ID; suspends Second Amendment rights without proof of firearms training, including for all current handgun owners; imposes 7-day waiting period for handgun purchases; ends all private sales; effectively creates a registry of ammunition purchases and long gun sales; additional impacts).

[S2178](#) (fifty caliber ban).

[S2485](#) (Suspends Second Amendment rights based on a secret government list – no due process)

[S2718](#) (Requires NJ State Police to disclose confidential ATF data in violation of federal law)

[S2492](#) (Submits mental health records to NICS – no stated requirement of due process)

[S2719](#) (License suspension and imprisonment of firearms dealers; vehicle forfeiture for traffickers)

[S2468](#) (Impounds vehicles for unlawful possession)

[S2722](#) (Reopens “assault” firearms compliance window for only 180 days; fails to allow compliance for prohibited magazines and ammunition)

[S2720](#) (Mandates public disclosure of total numbers of FID cards and handgun permits issued)

[S2430](#) (Establishes “violence” study commission; fails to include 2A community member on commission)

[S2715](#) (Requires Dept. of Education to prepare anti-violence pamphlets)

[S2724](#) (Creates school security task force)

[S2552](#) (Protects gun owner identity from public disclosure)

[S2725](#) (Reduces penalty for airgun possession from second to third degree)

ANJRPC will be providing detailed analysis of these bills in a future alert. Deleted at the last minute from the list of bills considered by the Senate today was S2721 (clarifies “reasonable deviations” while transporting firearms).

Additionally, ANJRPC Executive Director Scott Bach is scheduled to be keynote speaker at the Middlesex County Women’s Republican Club on Tuesday, May 14 (tomorrow) at 7:00 p.m. The meeting is open to the public (both women and men) and ANJRPC members are invited to attend. Scott will be speaking about the legislative attacks New Jersey gun owners have faced since January as well as the next steps in the fight. The presentation will be at the East Brunswick Public Library, 2 Civic Center Drive, East Brunswick, NJ 08816, tel: 732-390-6950. Directions [available here](#).