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Dear Subscriber,

Rep. **BONNIE WATSON COLEMAN (D-N.J.)** has introduced a bill called the **Stop Online Ammunition Sales Act** that would ridiculously require purchasers to **present a photo ID to an authorized ammunition dealer in person** before the online purchase could be shipped. **WATSON COLEMAN's** two sons were **arrested for first-degree robbery and served 5 years** before being paroled in January. **CORTNEY O'BRIEN** of *Townhall.com* wrote, "responsible gun owners shouldn't have to suffer for her sons' mistakes." The bill is not seen as serious.

House Democrat Rep. **CAROLYN MALONEY (N.Y.)** has introduced the **Firearm Risk Protection Act**, which would require gun buyers to have liability insurance coverage before being allowed to purchase a weapon, and would impose a fine of \$10,000 if an owner is found not to have it. "We require insurance to own a car, but no such requirement exists for guns, **MALONEY** said. "An insurance requirement would allow the free market to encourage cautious behavior and help save lives," she added. She did not say how this would stop criminals who ignore gun laws.

In Baltimore, over the Memorial Day weekend, 29 were shot and nine were killed. The violence came just weeks after riots over the death of Freddie Grey, who died in police custody. Baltimore Democrat Mayor **STEPHANIE RAWLINGS-BLAKE** blamed police officers, so law enforcement has taken a step back from aggressive policing. White House Press Secretary **JOSH EARNEST** suggested more gun control, like "passage of some gun safety laws in Congress that could keep guns out of the hands of criminals." Commentator **KATIE PAVLICH** wrote, "The criminals are armed and unabated, the innocent are defenseless and the police aren't around. That's the problem, not a lack of gun control in the city of Baltimore."

The House of Representatives has approved Congressman **MIKE D. ROGERS' (R-AL)** amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act, to make it possible for Americans who meet stringent requirements to purchase a military surplus handgun from the congressionally created Civilian Marksmanship Program. The Obama administration opposes the move, lying that the CMP would sell the .45s over the Internet or by mail-order, without background checks, all false. CMP must conduct background checks and comply with federal and state firearm laws. The administration also claimed surplus .45s sold by the CMP would be untraceable. False. All military firearms have serial numbers, and the CMP keeps records on every firearm it sells.

Prospective buyers must prove: they are a US citizen; of the legal age; belong to a CMP organization; provide proof of marksmanship or firearms-related activity, including: military, law enforcement, firearms instructor, hunter safety course with live fire training; are legally able to own a firearm; and must pass a background check by FBI NICS and any state firearms license, permit or ID requirements. These are deemed adequate safeguards.

U.S. Rep. **ALEX MOONEY (R-W.VA)** and House Majority Whip **STEVE SCALISE (R-LA)**, introduced The Firearms Interstate Commerce Reform Act, which would improve the process to legally purchase guns in other states and then safely bring them home. The Gun Control Act of 1968 only allows people to buy firearms in the state where they legally reside. That means if a military family legally resides in one state, but the service member spouse is on duty in another state, the spouse cannot legally buy a gun. The bill is intended to correct that flaw.

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**AT THE
FEDERAL
LEVEL**

BLOOMBERG TO LAUNCH 'EVERYTOWN' ANTI-GUN NEWS PROJECT

New York's former mayor, billionaire Michael Bloomberg, is developing a fake "news operation" to produce anti-gun propaganda alongside his two Everytown for Gun Safety organizations, a Support Fund 501(c)(3) outfit to take tax-deductible donations, and an Action Fund 501(c)(4) setup for lobbying to ban guns and outlaw gun owners by using an arsenal of lies and myths. Bloomberg's two-pronged arrangement is identical to the far-left Democratic Party-created Center for American Progress, which operates a big newsroom called ThinkProgress from its Center for American Progress Action Fund, a (c)(4) that creates a steady stream of left-wing half truths for the left-wing "mainstream" media. The Blooming Idiot's news operation is expected to work out of the (c)(4) so it can endorse legislation without IRS limits.

WHO WILL BE RUNNING BLOOMBERG'S ANTI-GUN FALSEHOOD FACTORY?

To steer his propaganda outfit, Bloomberg has hired James Burnett, formerly of *The New Republic* and *New York Magazine*, who will be bringing his established "progressive" flair to the helm as editorial director. Also on board is Jennifer Mascia, formerly of the *New York Times*, who worked on the strictly one-sided *Gun Report*, whose new duties are "news and editorial assistant." Mascia's participation underlines the extent of the anti-gun bias at the *Times*. Mascia is notorious for her father having been an underworld killer with multiple hits under his belt. That probably comes as a surprise to many gun rights advocates, unaware that Al Jazeera told its readers "America's best hope for tracking gun deaths is a mob enforcer's daughter."

**BLOOMING
IDIOT
WATCH**

EVERYTOWN DISTORTING COP KILLINGS TO PUSH MORE BACKGROUND CHECKS

The May 2 fatal shooting of New York City police officer Brian Moore has Bloomberg's Everytown for Gun Safety taking aim at Georgia and its gun laws. "Once again, a police officer has been killed with an illegal gun from Georgia -- a state that last year did the NRA's bidding and weakened its already lax gun laws," Megan Lewis, the group's vice president, said in a May 6 press release. Everytown is trying to exploit police deaths to push for more background checks, saying that it would save police officers' lives.

CCRKBA LAUDS POLITIFACT FOR REBUTTING BLOOMBERG'S EVERYTOWN

The Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms applauded the fact checkers at PolitiFact, published in the *Atlanta Journal Constitution*, for calling out Bloomberg's Everytown for Gun Safety over claims that so-called "lax" Georgia gun laws were somehow responsible for the slayings of New York police officers. "PolitiFact properly challenges Everytown on its definition of what constitutes an 'illegal gun'," noted CCRKBA Chairman Alan Gottlieb. "This Bloomberg-funded gun prohibition lobbying group continually refers to guns as being 'illegal' without justification, other than to demonize guns when they should be complaining about the actions of cop killers, which are definitely illegal. Gottlieb said America is getting wise to the fact that billionaire Bloomberg created this group to first inconvenience, then discourage and finally disarm law-abiding citizens.

MOMS DEMAND DRAWS LESS THAN 36 PEOPLE TO PROTEST N.C. GUN RIGHTS BILL

Another Bloomberg front group, Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America drew "nearly three dozen moms" - a weak turnout - to protest against a bill to reform North Carolina's handgun permitting process by creating a "standardized system" to eliminate sheriffs' discretion. The bill by state Rep. Jacqueline Schaffer (R-Charlotte) would obtain background checks from the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS). The small protest was an embarrassment.

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GUN NEWS TICKER - QUICK TAKES ON THE NEWS

● **Riverdale, Illinois:** Jesse Jackson rallied outside Chuck's Gun Shop to ban AK-47s, saying, "There's no place in this city for AK-47s. Street gangs are more armed than the police are. Nobody is secure 'til all of us are secure." He did not mention Chicago's "assault weapons" ban, which makes every AK-47 on Chicago's streets illegal already. Jackson also failed to mention that AK-47s are made fully automatic by gangs who ignore the law and use them to commit crimes.

● **Austin, Texas:** Country singer Brantley Gilbert of the hit song "Bottoms Up" wanted to take his support of the Second Amendment to another level, so he got a new tattoo that covers most of his back. It simply reads "Amendment" from one shoulder blade to the next, with the text below reading, "A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed." That's true country patriotism.

● **Denver, Colorado:** Rocky Mountain Gun Owners has paid an \$8,450 fine for failing to file spending reports for mailers it sent last year targeting candidates in heated Jefferson County Republican Party primary campaigns. Director Dudley Brown, whose fundraising strategies drum up millions, says that paying the fine was a necessary evil in his larger strategy - suing the gun grabbers in the federal government whom he fears want to create a national gun registry.

● **Minneapolis, Minnesota:** Democratic presidential nominee candidate Hillary Clinton has hired gun control advocate Scott Hogan to run her "grassroots" campaign in Minnesota. Hogan formerly served as the Minnesota Director and Campaign Manager for Everytown for Gun Safety. Hogan is an odd choice to run a grassroots operation for the supposedly sophisticated Clinton campaign. Bloomberg's Everytown is transparent political astroturf.

● **Lansing, Michigan:** Michigan State Sen. Virgil Smith, a Democrat, was charged with an assortment of crimes including domestic violence, felonious assault and "felony firearm" in connection with a recent incident, a story with considerable irony because Smith has been described as an ardent supporter of gun control. Smith has been removed from his committee assignments and relieved of his caucus responsibilities, said Senate Minority Leader Jim Ananich.

● **Ottawa, Canada:** Conservative legislation that changes Canada's gun licensing system cleared a House of Commons committee. The bill removes some of the paperwork for gun licensing and transportation, provides a six-month grace period for lapsed licenses, gives cabinet decision-making power over how guns are classified, makes mandatory gun prohibitions for violent offenders and makes it compulsory to pass a firearms course in order to be licensed.

● **Nashville, Tennessee:** The Vanderbilt Poll, conducted regularly by Vanderbilt University, recently asked 1,001 registered Tennessee voters about a variety of gun-related issues. It discovered that support for gun control legislation is not quite as widespread as some proponents claim. The poll doesn't show overwhelming support for measures like banning guns within 250 feet of a school or banning guns on any property owned, used or operated by a school.

● **Brasilia, Brazil:** Over the last 15 years, Brazil has instituted more and more gun control, including gun registration and criminal and mental background checks for gun ownership. Today they have "restrictive" gun control, and one more thing—a 35-year high for gun deaths in the country. A United Nations study showed "more than 115 people were shot dead" in Brazil every day in 2012. The total number of 2012 firearm-related deaths was 42,000.

● **Unterföhring, Germany:** Smart gun manufacturer Armatix admitted they have entered into "chapter 11-style restructuring proceedings in Germany." Armatix makes the iP1 smart gun, which Democrats raved about and pushed to mandate as the only gun that could legally be sold in New Jersey in 2014. Democrats were joined in this effort by gun control groups like the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence. The iP1 only shoots .22 long rifle ammo, requires the user to wear a special watch or it will not fire and costs \$1,800 per gun.

SAF WINS PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION IN CHALLENGE TO NEW D.C. GUN LAW

The Second Amendment Foundation won a preliminary injunction against the District of Columbia and Metropolitan Police Chief Cathy Lanier's enforcement of a requirement to provide a "good reason" when applying for a concealed carry permit. Judge Frederick J. Scullin ordered that the city is "enjoined from denying handgun carry licenses to applicants who meet the requirements of D.C. Code 22-4506(a) and all other current requirements for the possession and carrying of handguns under District of Columbia law." Judge Scullin further wrote in his 23-page opinion that the District's "good reason/proper reason" requirement "has far more than a 'de minimis' effect on [their] rights it completely bars the right from being exercised, at all times and places and in any manner, without exception" and that the requirement "impinges on Plaintiff's Second Amendment right to bear arms."

U. S. SUPREME COURT SIDES WITH FELON IN FLORIDA GUN CASE

A unanimous Supreme Court sided with a Florida ex-convict who wants a say in what happens to his seized firearms. The court gave former Jacksonville, Florida-area Border Patrol Agent Tony Henderson another shot at determining who gets his weapons seized following his arrest. Henderson pleaded guilty to a single count of distributing marijuana, served six-months and supervised release. Henderson then sought return of his collection, which included three old M1 Garand rifles and other collectibles. Federal law prohibits felons from possessing firearms. Henderson proposed that the weapons be returned to another individual, such as his mother or his wife. The court concluded such a transfer could be allowed, rejecting Obama administration arguments to the contrary.

**IN THE
COURTS**

DESIGNER OF 3-D-PRINTED GUN CHALLENGES FEDS TO CONSTITUTIONAL DUEL

Cody Wilson created the nation's first firearm on a 3-D printer and shared the blueprints with the world via the Internet. Within two days 100,000 people had downloaded them. The State Department claimed Wilson violated the International Traffic in Arms Regulations, and could spend up to 20 years in prison and be fined as much as \$1 million per violation. Wilson was ordered to remove the blueprints from his web site. The government also told him they were claiming ownership of his intellectual property. "Wilson is being penalized for trying to educate the public about 3-D guns," said Alan Gottlieb, founder of the Second Amendment Foundation, which is backing him in court, alleging violation of Wilson's First Amendment rights as well as his Second and Fifth Amendment Rights. Gottlieb said SAF wants to publish the information on its web site for its members, supporters and general public.

GUN-RIGHTS GROUP WINS NY SUIT TO RELEASE GUN DATA

A state Supreme Court judge has ruled that the state needs to make public statistical information on the number of assault weapons registered in New York. The ruling in Albany was disclosed by the Shooters Committee on Public Education, a gun-rights group that sued last year after the state refused to release the details. State Police claimed the information was not public under a gun-control law passed in 2013. Paloma Capanna, a Rochester-area lawyer who represented the group, called the decision a major victory for transparency in government. She said she would file an order demanding the release of the data if the state doesn't immediately comply; the state may also appeal.

RHODE ISLAND COURT AFFIRMS GUN RIGHTS

State Supreme Court Justice Gilbert Indeglia, writing for the entire court, handed down a landmark decision in Gadomski v. Tavares. In early 2012, Norman T. Gadomski Jr. applied to Joseph H. Tavares, chief of East Providence Police Department, and was denied a permit to carry a concealed handgun. The law says the issuing authority "shall issue" if requirements are met. The Supreme Court ordered the police chief to review Gadomski's application and grant or deny the permit within 90 days, and "set forth the findings and conclusions on which the decision is based. The necessary findings to support [the denial of a permit] must be made, and [t]hose findings must, of course, be factual rather than conclusional." A brief letter will no longer suffice.

NEW JERSEY APPEALS COURT RULES ÌNO ADDED GUN FORMSÏ TO GET PERMIT

In a published decision binding upon all New Jersey municipalities, the New Jersey Appellate Division has confirmed that New Jersey municipalities may NOT require added forms for firearm permit applications beyond the state forms. The decision, In the Matter of the Denial for a New Jersey Firearms Purchaser Identification Card and Permit to Purchase a Handgun by Z.K., reversed a Middlesex County Superior Court Judge that affirmed an East Brunswick permit denial because the applicant refused to complete an added municipal form. The higher court found that East Brunswick's additional form was nonetheless contrary to the plain meaning of the licensing statute. It specifies that only the New Jersey Superintendent of State Police may prescribe the permit form and "There shall be no conditions or requirements added to the form or content of the application."

SAF CONSIDERS NEXT MOVE AFTER JUDGE DISMISSES I-594 LAWSUIT

IN THE COURTS

The Second Amendment Foundation is disappointed that federal Judge Benjamin H. Settle dismissed without prejudice our lawsuit challenging provisions of Initiative 594, the 18-page gun control measure passed in Washington State last November. However, SAF founder and Executive Vice President Alan M. Gottlieb noted that in reaching his decision, Judge Settle acknowledged that "The Court is sympathetic to Plaintiffs in that one must actually be prosecuted or under actual or immediate threat of prosecution before the Court may address the constitutionality of a statute." The judge further observed that "the fairness of this rule may definitely be questioned..." Gottlieb observed, "It is definitely unfair, and we believe every American will think it unfair." SAF will continue to pursue justice in this case.

WISCONSIN GUN STORE LAWYERS WANT BRADY CAMPAIGN LAWYERS OFF THEIR CASE

Attorneys for the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence who have worked on a pair of local lawsuits filed by wounded current and former Milwaukee police officers are themselves under fire for the public release of information on the eve of a trial. Now an attorney for Badger Guns and Badger Outdoors, the West Milwaukee gun-selling operations sued by the officers who were injured in a shooting by weapons sold by the gun dealers, wants the Brady attorneys off the case for "unethical trial publicity." Brady attorneys Jonathan Lowy and Alla Lefkowitz are not licensed to practice law in Wisconsin, but were allowed to join both cases. That permission can be revoked. Badger lawyers allege that Brady lawyers violated rules against attorneys putting out information that could prejudice a jury.

SAF FILES MOTION ASKING D.C. BE HELD IN CONTEMPT OF COURT

Judge Frederick J. Scullin declared part of the District of Columbia's gun carry law unconstitutional, but the District filed a request for a stay. The Second Amendment Foundation expressed outrage over the city's decision to file for a stay in the case and filed a motion asking Judge Scullin to hold the District in contempt of court. The request comes after the Metropolitan Police Department sent a letter to one applicant notifying him the city would not be issuing him a permit for at least another 90 days despite Scullin's ruling. The letter said the 90 day period was to allow the city's attorneys time to clarify the ruling but the Second Amendment Foundation said in their motion the ruling was clear and the city is not complying with it. SAF founder Alan Gottlieb said, "We will do everything legally possible to force Washington, D.C., to respect the Second Amendment."

NEW JERSEY'S FACEOFF ON GUN RIGHTS; COURT TO HEAR CASE OF FORMER COP

A former New Jersey police officer identified as "F.M." is headed to the state Supreme Court, arguing that he should be able to keep his firearms and a hunting knife despite a stormy, 15-year marriage with episodes of domestic violence. After an episode, F.M.'s service weapons and hunting knife were confiscated, and he was assigned to desk duty at the Roseland Police Department. He later left the police force. Eventually, the officer's weapons were returned, but the Morris County Prosecutor's Office argued that F.M. should surrender them for good. Lower courts have ruled against the Morris County prosecutors, holding that it may not be constitutional to disarm "everybody going through a highly contested divorce."

ALABAMA SENATE APPROVES BILL TO ALLOW HANDGUNS IN CARS WITHOUT A PERMIT

The Alabama Senate approved a bill to allow law-abiding citizens to carry loaded handguns in their vehicles without the need to pay for a concealed carry permit, calling it a measure to "strengthen the 2nd Amendment rights of Alabama citizens." Only four members of the Senate voted against the measure, all Democrats. Under current law, individuals must obtain a permit to carry a loaded gun in their car, otherwise they must keep the gun unloaded and locked away out of reach. None of the state's neighbors have the same requirements. "The government should not require a citizen to pay for a permit and ask for permission before carrying a handgun in a car," said Sen. Gerald Allen (R-Tuscaloosa). "A single mom who works in a dangerous part of town might decide to carry a pistol in her car for personal protection, and my bill means she won't have to spend extra money to exercise her constitutional right."

COLORADO GUN RIGHTS ADVOCATES SPLIT ON AMMO MAGAZINE LIMITS

Although the Republican-controlled Colorado Senate Judiciary Committee passed Senate Bill 175 that would repeal the 2013 law that limited ammunition magazines to 15 rounds or less, the slim chance of repeal passing in the Democrat-controlled House was killed by a severe split between gun rights advocates. The issue was whether it's better to neuter the 2013 law by doubling the legal limit to 30, or hold out for nothing less than a full repeal. At the center of the rift was provocateur Dudley Brown, president of the National Association for Gun Rights, whose feuds over ideological purity have put him at odds with large swaths of the state and national movement. Embracing the idea were Jon Caldara and David Kopel of the Independence Institute, a Denver free market think tank and Second Amendment advocacy group.

IN THE STATES

FLORIDA GOVERNOR SIGNS EMERGENCY CONCEALED CARRY BILL INTO LAW

Hurricane season is an annual emergency, and many politicians in the state of Florida want to make sure the gun rights of the people are protected during crisis situations to avoid the gun confiscation that took place during the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in 2005. That's why, among the 44 bills signed into law by Governor Rick Scott in the 2015 legislative session, was a bill that allows anyone in the state to carry a concealed firearm during an emergency evacuation. The bill, SB290, provides an exception to the state's ban on unlicensed concealed carry. While nonlethal weapons such as mace and stun guns can be carried concealed by anyone, a permit is required to carry a concealed firearm in the state. Governor Scott as well as several lawmakers and lobbyists, however, believe that restriction shouldn't have to apply during any kind of emergency. Nebraska, with tornados but no hurricanes, addressed the issue with LB390 last year.

DEMOCRAT INTRODUCES DANGEROUS GUN GRAB BILL IN ILLINOIS SENATE

Anti-gun extremist State Senator Julie Morrison (D-Deerfield) has introduced SB 2130, which would amend the Illinois Firearm Owners Identification Card Act by deleting the provision making regulation of possession or ownership of assault weapons the exclusive power of the State. That would give city councils and village boards the power to allow or ban any firearm, not just so-called "assault weapons." With the track record of village and city councils in Illinois enacting bans on virtually all gun ownership, Morrison's bill has set off alarm bells. The Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms is aware of the bill and tracking it, but no hearings are yet scheduled.

PRO-GUN AND PRO-HUNTING BILLS BECOME MARYLAND LAW

Maryland Governor Larry Hogan has signed two pro-gun rights bills into law: SB 736, sponsored by state Senator Edward Reilly (R-33), which eliminates the database and ballistic fingerprint system from state law. It removes a burden from firearm manufacturers who are required to continue sending shell cases to a program that has been unfunded for years. SB 88, sponsored by state Senator John C. Astle (D-30), and its companion bill, House Bill 170, sponsored by Delegate Wendell R. Beitzel (R-1A), repealed the standard of strict liability in Maryland law on baiting and conforms State law to Federal law. The repealed law required that hunters know or should reasonably know that an area is baited. Both bills unanimously passed the Senate, and passed the House of Delegates with 2 "no" votes.

MINNESOTA GOVERNOR MARK DAYTON SIGNS PRO-GUN PUBLIC SAFETY BILL

Governor Mark Dayton signed the Omnibus Public Safety and Judiciary Finance and Policy bill, which includes five pro-gun measures sponsored by Rep. Tony Cornish (R-Vernon Center). The new law clarifies existing Minnesota law for out-of-state firearm purchases in compliance with federal law. It also prevents government from seizing firearms during a Katrina-like emergency, legalizes the use of suppressors like thirty-nine other states, simplifies the reciprocity process for permit to carry holders, and removes a redundant and ineffective capitol notification requirement for concealed carry permit holders to bring handguns in to the state Capitol. The Public Safety bill come with a budget of \$2.1 billion dollars, and funds 30 new public defenders around the state. It also creates the "Blue Alert" system that alerts the public if a fugitive has harmed law enforcement officials.

NEW JERSEY LAWMAKERS CONSIDER SMART GUN LAW OVERHAUL

IN THE STATES

A never enforced 2002 state law requiring handguns sold in New Jersey to have technology allowing only the gun's owners to fire them could be overhauled. The so-called smart gun technology never materialized, and smart gun manufacturer Armatix has entered into "chapter 11-style restructuring proceedings in Germany." The state attorney general determined no weapons met the statute's definition and so has not implemented the law. Democratic Assemblyman Louis Greenwald was reported to be in talks with other lawmakers to change the law. The new legislation could encourage rather than require retailers to sell smart guns. The New Jersey law resulted in gun rights activists in some states threatening to boycott retailers who planned to sell smart guns, worried the New Jersey law would gain a foothold in other states.

OKLAHOMA GOVERNOR MARY FALLIN VETOES PRO-GUN BILL

Gov. Mary Fallin vetoed a bill that would have hindered the ability of businesses to ban guns at events held at parks, recreational areas and fairgrounds. The bill passed the Senate, 39-7, and passed the House, 88-4. But that was before concerns arose that the bill could jeopardize events that pump millions of dollars into the economy. The legislative effort came after a judge ruled in favor of a gun advocacy group that sought a temporary restraining order so members could legally carry guns to the outdoor portion of the Norman Music Festival. In her veto statement, Fallin said she is a supporter of Second Amendment gun rights but felt it wouldn't be proper to pass this bill because it addresses an issue now being litigated. "Our constitution clearly prohibits the Legislature from passing legislation that would 'take away a cause of action, or destroy an existing defense' to a suit that has already commenced," Fallin said.

OREGON BILL PASSES EXPANDING BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR GUN SALES

Oregon lawmakers passed a bill that will require background checks on nearly all gun buyers in the state, which is headed to the desk of Oregon Governor Kate Brown, a Democrat, who said she would sign the new restrictions into law. The Oregon Firearms Safety Act expands background check requirements, already in place at stores and gun shows in the state, to include person-to-person and online gun sales. The measure passed by a vote of 32-28 in the state's Democrat-controlled House of Representatives after previous approval in the Democrat-run state Senate. It was vehemently opposed by gun rights advocates and the state Republican Party, which decried as "excessive" the fines and potential jail time violators could face.

TEXAS SENATE APPROVES OPEN CARRY OF HANDGUNS

The Texas Senate moved the State another step closer to allowing gun owners to openly carry handguns. Texans can already openly carry rifles like the AR-15 in public and can obtain a license to carry a concealed handgun. But the state Senate approved a bill to allow gun owners to carry handguns openly with a license. The bill, which passed the Senate on a party line vote, will become law once it clears the state's GOP-led House and gets a signature from Texas Gov. Greg Abbott, a Republican. Abbott has said he plans to sign the legislation once it reaches his desk. Texas would join the 44 states that allow the open carry of handguns -- only 14 of which require a permit -- on Jan. 1, 2016. One of the amendments tacked onto the bill would bar open carry on college campuses.

Parting Shot

THREE NEWS STORIES: AN ARMED BYSTANDER AND TWO ROBBERY VICTIMS

A 31-year-old shopper got out of his car in Macey's Grocery Store parking lot in Orem, Utah, about 45 miles south of Salt Lake City, when he heard a woman's screams. He quickly spotted the woman as she was being pulled from her SUV by a thug, investigators said.

The shopper had a concealed weapons permit, took out his handgun and went to assist the woman, stopping and holding the would-be carjacker at gunpoint. Then the 27-year-old male lunged at him in an attempt to grab his gun. The shopper fired one round at the suspect, hitting him in the chest. The suspect, identified as Taulagi Matafeo, 26, of Springville, later died at a hospital.

Police Capt. Ned Jackson said Matafeo was fleeing from police at the time and several felony warrants had previously been issued for his arrest. Jackson didn't think the shooter would face charges.

In Texas, the owner of a trucking company in northeast Houston returned to his new maintenance facility, which is currently still under construction, around 9:45 p.m. and found a man inside trying to steal an assortment of expensive items.

The two began scuffling, and the business owner, who was armed, pulled out his firearm and shot the man. The burglar was taken to LBJ Hospital in critical condition, where he died. His identity has not yet been released.

The business owner was not hurt and has not yet been charged with any crimes, and the case will be referred to a Harris County grand jury, according to Houston Police Department spokesman Kесе Smith.

In Jackson, Mississippi, a doctor in was in the driveway of his home when two men surprised him. They had guns and said it was a robbery. They forced the doctor into his home to get his wallet then forced him into his own Toyota truck to drive to a local ATM.

At the ATM, one of the robbers threatened to go back to the doctor's house to harm his wife. The doctor then retrieved his gun from his truck.

"I heard about six gunshots at about 6:30 a.m., went to let one of my dogs out and heard some more gunshots," a resident told police, who found the body of robbery suspect Edwin Robinson, 23, on Pinewood Drive, a residential street in northeast Jackson. His accomplice fled and was described by a witness as wearing a bandanna. He was believed driving a tan SUV with no tags.

The doctor was not injured and police said the shooting appeared justified.

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