

OPEN LETTER TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE TAUNTON RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB
FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

As most of you are aware by now, H.4885, "An act modernizing firearm law" has been reconciled by its committee and has been passed. The bill was signed into law on July 25, 2024 by the Governor and will go into effect August 1, 2024. The House and Senate versions of the bill went to committee where it sat almost until the end of the legislative session. It passed out of committee at 8pm and was voted on the next day by both houses. This is an extensive piece of legislation that fundamentally changes just about everything related to firearms ownership. Its scope is so broad that it is still being analyzed and it will take some time to see just how it will affect us. The law addresses everything from training curriculum to prohibiting whole classes of firearms. It is not a stretch to say, even at this early date, that everyone who legally owns a gun in Massachusetts will be touched by this new legislation. We know that many of you made the effort to make yourselves known to your local representatives and we thank all of you for that. We also know that you made a difference because as draconian as this law is, what went into the committee was much worse than what came out. And we know that you made a difference because of the way they sat on the bill then hurried up at the last minute to get it out before anyone could react to it. This is not the end of the fight. In fact, it is just the start of it. As Massachusetts gun owners, now is the time to educate yourself and get involved. The Gun Owners Action League should be your first stop. They are analyzing the law and posting to their web site as they go over this massive piece of legislation. They are also strategizing just how to fight this through the courts. If you are not a member, it's never too late to join. If you are a member, now is the time to consider a monetary donation. Whatever legal action comes out of this going forward remains to be seen but one thing is for sure, it will require massive amounts of money. Remember, the state will have unlimited tax dollars to respond to any challenges. The next thing we should be doing is determining how our local representatives voted on this infringement of your rights. If your representative voted against it, take the time to contact them and let them know you appreciate their support. If your representative voted for it, in a courteous way let them know that you, your family and your pro freedom loving friends will be holding them accountable at the ballot box. This November's election is hugely important for us as gun owners. Everything from gun bans to the composition of the SCOTUS is on the table. Be sure that you, your family and everyone you know who is eligible is registered to vote. Be sure that you know where the candidates and the different political parties stand on the right to keep and bear arms. Now is not the time to sit on the sidelines and wait for others to act. If they can do this to the 2nd amendment, how can anyone think that they will respect the rest of the Constitution?

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