



GUN OWNERS OF AMERICA

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## Constitutional Carry has been filed!

We're thrilled that **Constitutional Carry has been filed both in the Texas House and the Texas Senate!** Constitutional Carry repeals the current general ban on carrying handguns. It would allow those who can legally possess firearms to carry a handgun, open or concealed, without a permit. This makes Texas safer, stronger, and more free.

- **HB 1238 by Rep. Biedermann:** age 18+, all current LTC rights will apply to permitless carry; business owners can use 30.06 & 30.07 notice to prohibit both LTC and permitless carry
- **SB 540 by Sen. Springer:** age 21+, all current LTC rights apply except campus carry, foster home gun possession, LCRA property carry, and employee/school parking lot storage; business owners can use a new 30.08 notice to prohibit permitless carry

**Right now:** Ask your State Representative and State Senator to co-author the bills. Send them our handout on Constitutional Carry (see [txgoa.us/cc](https://txgoa.us/cc)). Find their contact info at [wrm.capitol.texas.gov](https://wrm.capitol.texas.gov).

**Next Step:** Be ready to show up to a committee hearing and testify or give a written statement. Call committee chairs and members to be sure the bills don't die waiting for a hearing and a vote. *Sign up for text alerts (see box at left) and we'll tell you exactly what you can do at each step!*

## TAKE ACTION TODAY

Text your zip code to  
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We'll give you urgent updates and tell you exactly what to do to fight for your gun rights!

## Learn the Secrets of the Texas Legislature

Our new video series teaches you to fight for your gun rights in Texas. Even one person can make change happen, as long as you know the process and use the right tools.

- **Part 1: Bill Survival 101** – Learn the process to pass a bill in Texas, how most bills die, and what you need to do at every step to keep good legislation alive.
- **Part 2: Your Lifeline, Texas Legislature Online** – The TLO website ([capitol.texas.gov](https://capitol.texas.gov)) has a wealth of information to track bills and so much more – if you know how to use it.
- **Part 3: Interacting with Legislators** – From phone calls and emails to meetings and committee hearings – be confident that you know the best way to get your message across.

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# Gun Owners of America Priority Legislation in the 87th Texas Legislative Session

Note: This list is current as of 2/2/21. To see a full, updated list of legislation we support and oppose, see [txgoa.us/87r](http://txgoa.us/87r).

## Constitutional Carry

**HB 1238 by Biedermann / SB 540 by Springer** recognize the right of those who can legally possess a firearm to carry it, open or concealed, without a permit. *SB 540 applies to age 21+; HB 1238 applies to ages 18+ and extends to unlicensed carriers some rights currently reserved for license holders (campus carry, foster home gun possession, LCRA carry, employee/school parking lot carry).*

**SJR 24 by Hall** proposes to amend the TX Constitution so that the Legislature cannot require a citizen of this state to obtain a license or permit to wear arms.

## End "Gun-Free" Zones

**SB 546 by Springer** repeals the prohibited places for handgun carry in Penal Code 46.03 & 46.035.

**SB 514 by Hall** allows LTC holders to carry concealed in K-12 schools.

## Domestic Violence Victim Defense

**HB 1094 by Oliverson / SB 545 by Springer** allow those 18+ who can legally possess a firearm and who are protected by a restraining order to carry a handgun, open or concealed, without a license. It would also exempt such people from "gun-free" zones (TX Penal Code 46.03 & 46.035).

## Curtail Emergency Powers

**HB 26 by Swanson, HB 340 by Cain & SB 547 by Springer** repeal the Governor's emergency powers to regulate or control the sale, transportation, and use of firearms and ammunition.

**HJR 40 by White** proposes an amendment to the Texas Constitution to ensure that the Governor never has power to suspend or limit the sale or transportation or firearms.

## Second Amendment Sanctuary State

These bills prohibit Texas from using its personnel or resources to enforce Federal gun-grab laws, and withhold state grant money from any entities that try to help enforce such regulations.

- **HB 112 by Toth / SB 513 by Hall** (add an individual criminal penalty for violation)
- **HB 635 by Krause / SB 541 by Springer** (require the Attorney General to intervene to stop violation and to protect from Federal suits)
- **HB 919 by Lemans / SB 499 by Kolkhorst**

## "Made in Texas"

**HB 915 by Krause / SB 542 by Springer** exempt a class of "Made in Texas" firearms, ammunition, and accessories from Federal regulations, and give a way to secure a court judgment on the constitutionality of this law before someone manufactures "Made in Texas" items.

## Suppressor Freedom

**HB 957 by Oliverson / SB 543 by Springer** repeal Texas law that criminalizes suppressor possession apart from Federal regulations and establish a "Made in Texas" suppressor and court judgment similar to HB 915 / SB 542 (above).

## Anti-"Red Flag" Law

**HB 336 by Cain / SB 548 by Springer** keep Texas out of any Federal "Red Flag" gun confiscation scheme and prohibits localities from implementing "Red Flag" style policies on their own.

## ACTION ITEM:

**Ask your State Representatives to co-author the HB's on this page. Ask your Senators to co-author the SB's. Call their Capitol offices and speak with the staffer who answers the phone. Find the phone number at [wrm.capitol.texas.gov](http://wrm.capitol.texas.gov).**