

Celebrating Victory with GOA Texas

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Agenda:

- What we won
- Why we won
- How to talk about it
- Testimonials
 - What was your favorite moment during session?
 - How did GOA Texas help you to stand up for gun rights?
- What's next?



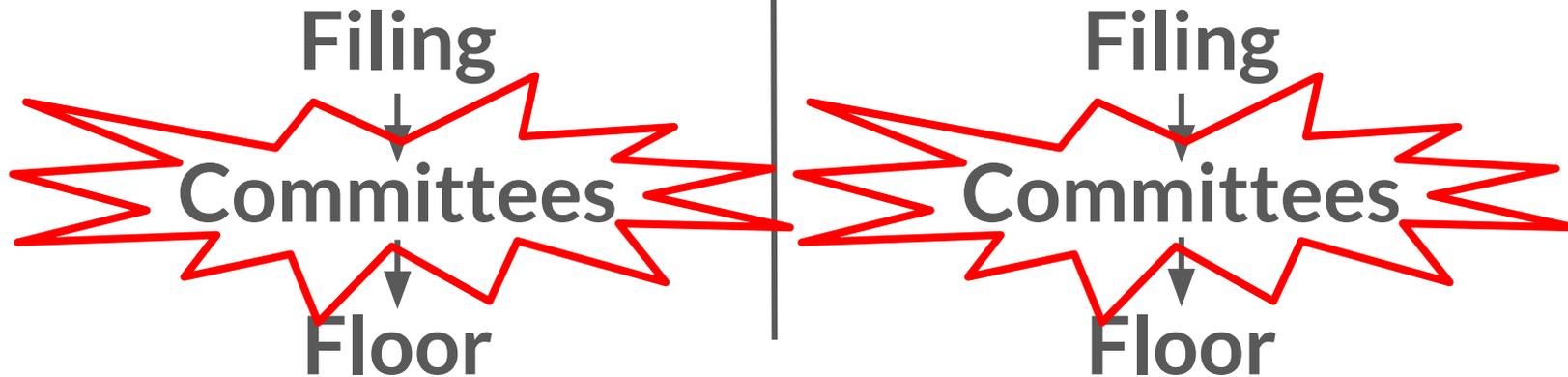
What we won



Bill Survival 101

HOUSE

SENATE



GOVERNOR



GOA Texas victories: HANDGUN CARRY

- **Carry without a permit:** handgun carry, open or concealed, without a permit, for most legal gun owners age 21+ in most places where LTC holders can already carry
- **Holster freedom:** open carry in any holster (doesn't have to be belt or shoulder), including vehicle options
- **Domestic violence victim carry options:** expedited LTC for those who can legally possess a firearm; LTC for ages 18-20
- **Hotel carry:** hotel guests / in or enroute to room



Additional GOA Texas victories

- **2A Sanctuary:** a declaration that Texas will not enforce Biden gun grab laws and regulations; de-funding options
- **Suppressor Freedom:** begins the path
- **Emergency Powers Repeal:** removes the statutory power for TX governors to use an “emergency” to strip away gun rights

“Red flag” laws, gun show bans, “assault weapon” bans, and bans on private sales never stood a chance.



REMINDER:

It is your responsibility to:

- **Know the law**

(See <https://www.uslawshield.com/texas-constitutional-carry/>)

- **Get training**

on firearms safety and defensive gun use

- **Be the “polite society”**

“An armed society is a polite society.”



Why we won:
Attention to process + telling the story



GOA Texas victories: why did we win?

- **Pre-session & behind-the-scenes work**

Previous 4 sessions | Interim | Relationship-building | Bill drafts | Legal team

- **Organized & energized GOA Texas activists**

G.O.L.D. teams | phone calls | meetings w/ legislators | hearings

- **Legislative heroes (with staff support)**

Biedermann | Hefner | Oliverson | Schaefer | White...AND MORE
Buckingham | Creighton | Hall | Springer

- **Supportive Speaker**



How to respond to common concerns about Constitutional Carry



Concerns about community safety

- LTC didn't guarantee safety — no law can
- The LTC “training class” didn't truly train in gun handling and use
- Over 30 states have permitless carry with no training (at least openly) — this is not ground-breaking



Concerns about law enforcement safety

- Law enforcement regularly interacts with individuals in their homes and vehicles — where no permit is required for gun carry
- Law enforcement lobbyists have always pushed against gun rights (e.g., the original CHL, campus carry, licensed open carry)
- Many individual officers and sheriffs support Constitutional Carry



Other concerns?



Testimonials



Testimonials

- Most memorable moment during session
- Why did you get involved?
- How did GOA Texas help you this session?



What's next?



Next up:

- Save the date: November 6, Burnet, TX
- Primary Elections
- Local policy issues

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