



GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION CALL TO ACTION

SUMMARY OF BILLS

Criminal Background Check Bill (HF8/SF434)

This bill will expand Minnesota's current Permit to Purchase law to private sellers.

- Those interested in purchasing a handgun or military-style assault rifle will first obtain a permit from local law enforcement, which they may present to either a federally licensed dealer or a private seller as proof that they are eligible. This law will not apply to the purchase of long guns.
- The permitting process will include a criminal background check by law enforcement, which will more effectively discourage prohibited and straw buyers than an instant background check at a gun shop.
- The bill includes reasonable exemptions for immediate family members, law enforcement, educational use, and certain other temporary transfers.
- This bill protects private sellers from prosecution when a gun they sold is used in the commission of a crime if they can show proof that a valid permit to purchase was provided at the time.
- Passage of this bill will NOT hamper the ability of law-abiding Minnesotans to purchase firearms, raise the minimum age to purchase a gun in Minnesota, limit the number of firearms an individual may purchase at one time, or create a state registry of gun owners.

Red Flag Bill (HF9/SF436)

This legislation will enable law enforcement to present evidence to a judge in a civil, not criminal, court that a person in crisis should not have access to guns and that alternative solutions are inadequate. If the court finds the subject poses a significant danger of bodily injury with a firearm to self or others, it issues the protection order. The subject's firearms are then temporary removed and he or she is prohibited from buying new guns while the order is in place.

Family members who are concerned about a loved one will be able to contact law enforcement and ask for help. If law enforcement agrees there is a serious safety concern, they can start the petition process.

Before issuing an Extreme Risk Protection Order, courts are directed to consider several indicators of crisis, including recent threats or acts of violence, violations of domestic violence protection orders, criminal convictions, and other signs of increased risk.

The law has built-in protections against abuse: It is a misdemeanor to give false information in a red flag proceeding or to seek a red flag order with the intention to harass.

STATUS OF BILLS

The Criminal Background Check and Red Flag Bills were included in the House Public Safety Omnibus Bill. No gun violence prevention measures were included in the Senate Public Safety Omnibus Bill. The bills are now being considered by the Judiciary/Public Safety Conference Committee, where it is expected that Republican Senate leadership will try to strip these gun safety provisions from the House bill.

CALL TO ACTION

Please take the time to call or email all the Conference Committee members listed on the back. We have provided brief scripts, but it's important to use your own words and share your own stories.

We also encourage you to write letters to the editor on the importance of these gun violence prevention bills.



FIRST STEP: Contact the Republicans on the Conference Committee. You can also tweet a message urging them to vote to retain the gun safety measures to those who have a twitter handle.

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MESSAGE: (Name with title), you represent the whole state of Minnesota as a member of the Judiciary/Public Safety omnibus committee. I urge you to retain the Criminal Background Checks and Red Flag provisions that were passed in the House Public Safety Omnibus bill. These vital measures will save lives by keeping guns out of the hands of those who are prohibited, dangerous, or suicidal without infringing on the rights of law-abiding, responsible gun owners. As an elected state leader, your first responsibility is to ensure the safety of the people of Minnesota. Please show the courage and independence to vote to retain these life-saving gun safety measures. Thank you.

SECOND STEP: Contact the Democrats on the Conference Committee. It would also be terrific to tweet your thanks and encouragement to them.

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MESSAGE: (Name with title), thank you for championing the Criminal Background Checks and Red Flag bills in the state legislature. These vital measures will save lives by keeping guns out of the hands of those who are prohibited, dangerous, or suicidal without infringing on the rights of law-abiding, responsible gun owners. As a member of the Judiciary/Public Safety Conference Committee, I urge you to continue fighting to retain the gun safety provisions in the omnibus bill as it moves forward. The people of Minnesota appreciate your efforts and have your back!