

Wyoming Gun Owners

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To the Members of the Wyoming Legislature,

The recently filed SF-102 uses the name of the “Second Amendment Preservation Act” and claims to provide the protections that gun owners need to prevent Joe Biden from forcing the State of Wyoming to carry out his gun control edicts, but this bill does nothing of the sort.

SAPA legislation is designed with the idea that individual gun owners can enforce it, by taking agencies that violate it into civil court for damages. Everyone knows that asking local prosecutors to enforce SAPA will never happen. SAPA also specifies what kind of actions may not be taken by state and local law enforcement. SAPA also clarifies that state agencies may not simply loan out Wyoming cops to the federal government via task force work.

This bill does none of that. In a brief review this morning, Wyoming Gun Owners has identified at least the following issues with this bill:

- >>> The total lack of citizen enforcement. SF-102 leaves the enforcement of SAPA up to other governmental entities here in Wyoming, which means SAPA will never be enforced.
- >>> The removal of meaningful civil penalties. The \$50,000 civil fine in SF-87/HB-133 provides real teeth to SAPA legislation. With that not present in this bill, anti-gun departments can walk all over this.
- >>> The clear expectation that Wyoming cops will be able to be used by the federal government through task force work. Section 9-14-203 makes it clear that as long as Wyoming cops are assisting the federal government through a joint task force, they can violate our gun rights and enforce federal gun control laws or Executive Orders at their whim.
- >>> The obvious get out of jail free card built into the penalties section on page three. Wyoming’s 6-8-405b ONLY applies to situations where a firearm, ammunition or accessory is manufactured in Wyoming and stays in Wyoming. This extremely limited scope of law won’t cover anyone who buys a firearm that was manufactured outside of Wyoming.

In conclusion, this legislation clearly won’t help gun owners here in Wyoming. The real motivations behind this bill are political, as everyone knows. Gun owners in Wyoming don’t like anti-gun Democrats or Republicans, and they make that clear every two years.

But far more than that, they don’t like politicians who lie to them. And passing this legislation, claiming that it will protect gun owners from Joe Biden’s Executive Orders, is exactly that, a lie.

On behalf of the members of Wyoming Gun Owners, I urge you to refer SF-87 and House Bill 133 to committee and move it out to the floor where it can be approved and sent to the Governor's desk.

If I can answer any questions about this legislation, don't hesitate to contact me at info@WyomingGunOwners.org.

For Freedom,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Aaron Dorr". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Aaron" and the last name "Dorr" clearly legible.

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CC: Members of Wyoming Gun Owners