



news from Assemblyman Robert J. Castelli

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ASSEMBLYMAN CASTELLI STANDS UP FOR SPORTSMEN

Assemblyman Robert J. Castelli (R, C, I – Goldens Bridge) recently took lawmakers to task for passing two bills designed to curb New Yorkers' 2nd Amendment Right. The Westchester Assemblyman also blasted members for having the audacity to curtail a constitutional right, but not the courage to tackle the State budget.

"The recent gun vote is a perfect example of the dysfunction in Albany and the fiscal irresponsibility that has eroded the public's confidence in state government," Castelli said. "Instead of working on passing a State budget that is nearly two months late, lawmakers took aim at New Yorkers' 2nd Amendment Right by passing legislation that will make owning and selling certain firearms in New York state cost prohibitive."

Assemblyman Castelli noted that the bills would negatively affect the state's hunters, outdoor enthusiasts and firearm manufacturers and dealers.

The anti-firearm legislation includes A.6468-B, which would prohibit the sale of semi-automatic pistols manufactured after January 1, 2011 unless such pistol is micro-stamp ready, and A.10894, which requires Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) to submit a report regarding handgun licenses.

Firearm advocates argue that the micro-stamping legislation relies on technology that can be easily defeated with household tools, has no public safety value, and more importantly, adds substantially to the cost of the firearm.

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In the attached video, Assemblyman Robert J. Castelli (R, C, I - Goldens Bridge) stands up for the sportsmen of the Hudson Valley. He is a retired member of the New York State Police, Professor Criminal Justice, certified firearms instructor & nationally recognized expert in firearms and homeland security.

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If enacted into law, the availability of new semi-automatic handguns in New York will be in jeopardy, as manufacturers simply may choose not to build or sell firearms for purchase in the state, which is the goal of the legislation.

“These bills will erode New Yorkers’ 2nd Amendment Right, will make the sale of legal firearms prohibitive and costly, and will cost State government more money and do nothing to curb illegal gun violence, which is the real problem,” Castelli said. “Both of these bills are misguided and designed to slowly erode our constitutional rights and will do nothing to make the State a safer place.”