

**GRNC Alert 03-17-09:  
North Carolina: Two Pro-Gun Bills to be Heard Thursday!**

Please Contact the Members of the House Judiciary Committee III

On Thursday, March 19, two important pro-gun bills, House Bill 269 and House Bill 270 will be heard in the House Judiciary III Committee. We are encouraging all those who are able to attend, to come out and show their support. The committee is scheduled to meet at 10am in room 1425 LB.

HB 269, introduced by Representatives Mark Hilton (R-96), Justin Burr (R-67), George Cleveland (R-3), and Jim Gulley (R-103), would allow those with concealed handgun permits to carry their firearms in state parks.

HB 270, introduced by State Representatives Mark Hilton (R-96), Fred Steen (R-76), Justin Burr (R-67), and George Cleveland (R-14), would eliminate the prohibition on Right-to-Carry permit holders carrying their lawfully concealed firearms into a restaurant that serves alcohol.

Below you will find our earlier information on these and other pending pro-gun bills in the G.A.

Within the last week, no fewer than five pro-gun bills have been introduced in the North Carolina General Assembly thanks to pro-Second Amendment legislators like Representatives Mark Hilton, George Cleveland, Justin Burr, Jim Gulley, Tim Moore, Fred Steen, and Laura Wiley; and Senator Andrew Brock. More gun legislation can be expected to be introduced prior to the bill introduction deadlines of March 25 for the Senate and April 8 for the House.

**H257: ‘No Seizure of Lawful Firearms in Emergency’**

Introduced by Reps. Cleveland, Hilton, Moore and Wiley, H 257 is intended to prevent gun confiscation such as occurred in New Orleans after hurricane Katrina. The bill modifies the power of the Governor during states of emergency to specifically prohibit seizure of lawfully held firearms, ammunition or components.

**H 269: ‘Concealed Handgun Permit Valid in Parks’**

Introduced by Reps. Hilton, Burr, Cleveland, and Gulley, H 269 closes a loophole in the statewide uniformity clause of North Carolina’s concealed handgun permit law under which “units of local government” can ban concealed carry in public parks.

**H 270: ‘Personal Protection in Restaurants’**

Introduced by Reps. Hilton, Steen, Burr and Cleveland, H 270 closes a loophole in North Carolina’s concealed handgun law under which permit-holders are prohibited from protecting themselves and their families in restaurants which serve alcohol. Although gun control advocates will probably try to assert otherwise, nothing in the bill changes the current prohibition on consuming alcohol while carrying firearms.

**S 234: ‘Sport Shooting Range Protection’**

Introduced by Sen. Brock, S 234 closes a loophole in the existing range protection law under which a range

which is forced to relocate loses protection against noise and environmental complaints provided by the 1997 range protection law, and can be closed due to noise or other complaints. Under Brock's bill, a range forced to move due to condemnation, rezoning, annexation, road construction or development would still be protected.

S 235: 'Personal Protection in Restaurants'

Introduced by Sen. Brock, this bill is an identical companion bill to H 270 above.

The good, the bad ...

Now that the bills have received a "First Reading" on the floor of their respective chambers, each has received an assignment to a particular committee for a hearing. Make no mistake: With Democrats firmly in control of both chambers of the legislature, they will likely try to kill pro-gun legislation by denying them hearings. Bills which don't get a hearing and which don't pass votes on Second and Third Readings on the chamber floor by the May 14 "crossover deadline" are dead.

HOUSE: The three House bills have all been referred to the House Judiciary III Committee. While chaired by Rep. Ronnie Sutton, a Democrat who has voted with gun owners only 65% of the time, this the best committee assignment the bill could have received. While not a Second Amendment supporter, Sutton tends to be at least fair in giving bills hearings.

SENATE: The Senate bills will have a tougher time getting hearings. Although Brock is on the Judiciary I Committee to which they were assigned, committee chair Sen. Martin Nesbitt is a Democrat with a only a 68% pro-gun voting record in a chamber historically hostile to gun rights.

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As detailed in Paul Valone's "Phony Gun Groups" series (see archive: <http://www.examiner.com/x-2698-Charlotte-Gun-Rights-Examiner~y2009m2d6-Phony-gun-rights-orgs-Fool-me-twice> ), anti-gun Democrats perpetually try to camouflage their agenda by appealing to hunters and sportsmen. Such is the case with SB 329: "Right to Hunt," introduced by Sen. David Hoyle. With a mediocre 81% pro-gun voting record, Hoyle has not been a consistent supporter of the Second Amendment. And while the bill purports to create a "right to hunt," the "conditions and restrictions" sound like the disclaimers read at the end of a shady radio commercial. Given that Hoyle's "right" is subject to any present or future restrictions resulting from "laws as enacted by the General Assembly, and rules and regulations adopted by an administrative agency to which authority has been delegated", the bill represents meaningless posturing.

FOR THE FULL STORY

See Paul Valone's column at examiner.com at: <http://www.examiner.com/x-2698-Charlotte-Gun-Rights-Examiner~y2009m2d6-Ambitious-gun-rights-agenda-introduced-in-North-Carolina>

'ASSAULT WEAPON' UPDATE TOMORROW

Tomorrow's GRNC alert will include details and implications of Eric Holder's statement today that (surprise), Barack Obama wants to re-implement the "assault weapon" ban.

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Also...

March 29th is National Vietnam Veterans Day

North Carolina Vietnam Veterans, Inc invites all Vietnam Veterans and spouses to join them in celebrating the very first "Vietnam Veterans Day", on Saturday March 28, 2009 for an afternoon of recognition, food and fun. NCVVI is furnishing a "pig pikin" along with deserts from the Blue Star Moms from 12:00 to 4:00 PM. There is no charge to come meet fellow Vietnam Veterans, see old friends and share or not share your stories.

Raleigh Elks Lodge 735 has generously donated the use of their great facilities for the event. They are in Raleigh at the intersection of Lead Mine Road and Millbrook Road. Lead Mine turns off Glenwood Avenue at Crabtree Valley Mall. Millbrook turns off Glenwood Avenue, Six Forks Road, Capitol Blvd, Wake Forest Road. Raleigh Elks Lodge is a long time supporter of Veterans and Veterans needs.

For more information or directions or whatever contact Bill Dixon @ 919-434-7345 or Bill Dixon@ZipRealty.com

### **IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED**

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Dear Representative:

I strongly urge you to give favorable hearings to House Bills 269 and 270 in the House Judiciary III Committee. Please use all the power at your disposal to move these bills forward and to the full floor for a vote.

Anything you can do to empower honest citizens is a positive move for the people of this state and for your political career.

Sincerely,

A Concerned North Carolina Voter

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<http://www.house.gov/writerep/>

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<http://www.senate.gov/>

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