

AMMUNITION ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

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In 2008, 18 states independently introduced their versions of ammunition control called the Ammunition Accountability Act. It should be reiterated here that the legislations were entirely efforts by the states and was not initiated by the federal government.

The Ammunition Accountability Act and the corresponding website are run by a company that developed the technology necessary to enforce the same legislation they lobby for. In other words, the founders of the Ammunition Accountability Act are pushing legislation which will have a direct and substantial financial benefit to them.

The legislation calls for each individual piece of ammunition produced to be etched or stamped with a unique serial number. This patented technology was developed by Russ Ford and his business partners Steve Mace and John Knickerbocker of Seattle, Washington.

Ford and his associates were unable to convince any ammunition manufacturers to use their technology, so they hired a lobbyist to push for state-level ammunition tagging legislation.

At the end of 2008, the status of those state legislations are as follow:

Alabama:

SB 541; Sponsor: Dixon
Indefinitely postpone in House of origin. Last action date: N/A

Arizona:

HB 2833; Sponsors: Garcia M, Lopez: Alvarez, Bradley, Campbell CL
Never heard in any committee. Last action date: N/A

California:

SB 997 (carried over from 2007); Sponsor: N/A
Died in committee. Last action date: N/A

Connecticut:

SB 603; Sponsor: N/A
No action taken. Last action date: N/A

Hawaii:

HB 2392, Senate Bill 2020, 2076; Sponsor: N/A
Deferred to the judiciary, no further action. Last action date: N/A

Illinois:

HB 4258; Sponsor: William Davis
Session Sine Die. Last action date: 01/13/2009

HB 4259; Sponsors: William Davis, Charles E. Jefferson
Session Sine Die. Last action date: 01/13/2009

HB 4299; Sponsor: Monique D. Davis
Session Sine Die. Last action date: 01/13/2009

HB 4349; Sponsors: Naomi D. Jacobson, Harry Osterman, Charles E. Jefferson
Session Sine Die. Last action date: 01/13/2009

SB 1095 (carried over from 2007); Sponsor: A.J. Wilhelmi, Emil Jones, Jr.
Referred to Rules Committee, no actions taken. Last action date: N/A

Indiana:

HB 1260; Sponsor: Crawford
In Committee – first House, no action. Last action date: N/A

Kentucky:

HB 715; Sponsor: N/A
Withdrawn. Last action date: N/A

Maryland:

HB 517; Sponsors: Burns, Robinson, Anderson, Branch, Carter, Glenn, Harrison, Oaks, Stukes, Tarrant, Walker
No action. Last action date: 11/23/2008

Mississippi:

SB 2286; Sponsor: Jordan, Jackson, Dawkins, Powell
Died in committee. Last action date: 07/01/2008

Missouri:

SB 1200; Sponsor: Bray
Referred to Judiciary. Last action date: 02/28/2008

New Jersey:

A2490; Sponsors: Patrick J. Diegnan, Jr., Herb Conaway, Jr., Nellie Pou
Co-Sponsors: Vas Ramos, Tucker, Caputo, Oliver, Gusciora, Prieto, Quigley, Chiappone, coutinho, Chivukula, Spencer, Green, P. Barnes III, Lampitt, Greenstein, Johnson, L. Smith
Referred to Assembly Law and Public Safety. Last action date: N/A

New York:

A6920 (carried over from 2007); Sponsor: Diaz
Died in committee. Last action date: N/A

A7300 (carried over from 2007); Sponsors: A. Ortiz, R. Diaz, Jeffries, Lafayette, Koon, Benedetto, Brook-Krasny, Benjamin, Dinowitz, Camara, Schroeder, Clark, Fields, Boyland
Co-Sponsors: A. Gottfried, Maisel, Markey, McEneny, Millman, O'Donnell,

Pheffer, Towns, Wiesenberg
Died in committee . Last action date: N/A

S1177 (carried over from 2007); Sponsor: Kruger
Died in committee. Last action date: N/A

S3731 (carried over from 2007); Sponsor: Adams
Died in committee. Last action date: N/A

Pennsylvania:

HB 2228; Sponsors: Myers, M. O'Brien, McGeehan, Thomas, Parker, Josephs, Frankel, Kenney, Youngblood, W. Keller, Melio, Waters, Williams, Wheatley, Kirkland, James, Blackwell, Cruz, Roebuck, Oliver.
Referred to the Judiciary, no actions taken. Last action date: 02/05/2008

Rhode Island:

SB 2742 ; Sponsor: William A. Walaska
Committee recommended measure be studied. Last action date: 02/05/2008

South Carolina:

SB 1259; Sponsor: Elliot
Referred to sub-committee, no further action. Last action date: 04/04/2008

Tennessee:

HB 3245; Sponsor: N/A
Referred to Judiciary, no further action. Last action date: N/A

HB 3395; Sponsor: N/A
Referred to Judiciary, no further action. Last action date: N/A

Washington:

HB 3359; Sponsors: O'Brien, Williams, Flannigan, Pedersen
Referred to Judiciary, no further action. Last action date: N/A

In 2009 the following states are considering ammunition coding legislations:

Alabama:

SB 541(carried over from 2008 session); Sponsor: Dixon
Pending committee action in House of origin. Last action date: 03/31/2009

Georgia:

SB 12; Sponsor: Ronald Ramsey, Sr.
Senate read and referred. Last action date: 01/12/2009

New Jersey:

A2490 (carried over from 2008); Sponsors: Patrick J. Diegnan, Jr., Herb Conaway, Jr., Nellie Pou
Co-Sponsors: Vas Ramos, Tucker, Caputo, Oliver, Gusciora, Prieto, Quigley, Chiappone, coutinho, Chivukula, Spencer, Green, P. Barnes III, Lampitt, Greenstein, Johnson, L. Smith
Referred to Assembly Law and Public Safety. Last action date: N/A

S1678 (identical to A2490); Sponsor: Ronald L. Rice

New York:

A3200 (same as S2952); Sponsor: Benjamin
Referred to code. Last action date: 01/23/2009

A3668; Sponsor: Schimel
Enacting clause stricken. Last action date: 03/10/2009

A6252 (same as S2741); Sponsor: Ortiz
Co-sponsors: Diaz, Jeffries, Koon, Benedetto, Brook-Krasny, Benjamin, Dinowitz, Camara, Schroeder, Clark, Boyland, Hooper, Peoples, Kavanagh
Multi-sponsors: Gottfried, Lavine, Maisel, Markey, McEneny, Millman, O'Donnell, Pheffer, Towns, Weisenberg
Referred to Codes. Last action date: 02/27/2009

A6468; Sponsor: Schimel
Referred to codes. Last action date: 04/28/2009

S2953 (same as A3200); Sponsor: Adams
Referred to consumer protection. Last action date: 03/06/2009

A4397 (same as A6468); Sponsor: Schneiderman
Referred to codes. Last action date: 04/22/2009

In summary, the Ammunition Accountability Act was introduced by 18 state legislatures in 2008 and failed to pass during the course of the year. 2009 has seen fewer comparative bills with a few that were carried over from the previous sessions. More attempts at ammunition control will without doubt continue to resurface again in the future.

If you reside in a state that is considering ammunition coding legislation and would like to take action, you can contact your state legislators and voice your grievance. For the states that are not yet affected, you could go to your legislature's website and type in keyword "coded ammunition" or "ammunition" under Bill Search to keep watch. Each patriot must remain vigilant of their state's laws since the control of ammunition is an indirect path to controlling our rights to bear arms.

If you're interested in asserting your 2nd Amendment rights visit our website at <http://www.ammunitionreloadingsecrets.com/>