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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

This information is accurate at the time this CAL-ERT was written and originally distributed. The scheduled times and dates for hearings are subject to change, by the legislature, with little or no advance notice. The NRA Members' Councils of California will keep you informed as the legislative situation changes in Sacramento.

Legislation:

AB50 (Koretz) - .50 Caliber Rifle Ban - would ban the sale/possession of rifles that are chambered for the .50 BMG cartridge. AB50 has passed the Assembly and is now in the Senate Public Safety Committee. It is scheduled for a vote on July 1st. **TAKE ACTION TO OPPOSE!** See "Action Requested" below.

AB 992 (Ridley-Thomas) - Ammo Tax - This bill would have levied a tax on the sale of ammunition of 10 cents on every cartridge sold at retail to fund a "Victims Reimbursement Fund." AB992 failed to get enough votes on the Assembly Floor and was moved to "inactive" status. **GOOD JOB!** We can expect to see AB992 come back next year (as a "two-year bill").

SB489 (Scott) - Semi-Auto Handgun bill - would require that all semiautomatic handguns, manufactured after a specific date - that are imported and sold in California, be equipped with a loaded chamber indicator and a magazine disconnect mechanism. SB489 has passed the Senate and now is in the Assembly Public Safety Committee. It is scheduled for a vote on July 1st. **TAKE ACTION TO OPPOSE!** See "Action Requested" below.

SB601 (Perata) - .50 Caliber Handgun Ban - would have banned sale/possession of .50 caliber handguns. This bill was aimed specifically at the new S&W .500 Magnum cartridge but would have also banned others. SB601 is still in the Senate Appropriations Committee and was moved to "inactive" status. **GOOD JOB!** We can expect to see SB601 come back next year (as a "two-year bill").

Action requested:

KEEP UP THE PRESSURE on AB50 and SB489!!! Use the contact information listed below.

Your voice is being heard in the Capitol. Please continue to CALL, FAX, and EMAIL the legislators. All three methods of communication are effective and we must keep up the broad-based effort.

The NRA recognizes the efforts that firearms owners have made to defend their Second Amendment freedoms and these efforts are appreciated. But as long as there is a legislative threat we will continue to keep you informed and ask you to contact the legislators in the Capitol and in the District Offices. Together, we have made a difference.

Note: Please notice that since AB50 and SB489 have cleared their respective "houses of origin" they have now been sent to the other legislative house to work their way through the process.

Contact Information:

Assembly Public Safety Committee: (SB489) The phone number for this committee is (916) 319-3744. A complete listing of all of the members of the Assembly Public Safety Committee phone/fax/email information can be found at: <http://www.nramemberscouncils.com/legs/asmpubsafety.shtml> . Also, you can send a single email to each of the Assembly Public Safety Committee Members by using the special **"ONE CLICK"** email address that you can find at: <http://www.nramemberscouncils.com/legs.shtml> . By sending one email to the special **"ONE CLICK"** address, each one of the Assembly Public Safety Committee Members will receive a copy of your message (so it is probably a good idea to address your messages with: **Dear Assembly Member,**).

Senate Public Safety Committee: (AB50) The phone number for this committee is (916) 322-1305. A complete listing of all of the members of the Senate Public Safety Committee phone/fax/email information can be found at: <http://www.nramemberscouncils.com/legs/senpubsafety.shtml> . Also, you can send a single email to each of the Senate Public Safety Committee Members by using the special **"ONE CLICK"** email address that you can find at: <http://www.nramemberscouncils.com/legs.shtml> . By sending one email to the special **"ONE CLICK"** address, each one of the Senate Public Safety Committee Members will receive a copy of your message (so it is probably a good idea to address your messages with: **Dear Senator,**).

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