



MARYLAND SHALL ISSUE®  
SELF DEFENSE IS A CIVIL RIGHT



EVENTGUIDE

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## 2. INTRODUCTION

Last year, the governor of Maryland brought forth the Firearms Safety Act of 2013. This bill was the biggest attack on the fundamental civil rights of Marylanders in decades. Second Amendment supporters showed up in record numbers to oppose the law. In the end the bill passed, but the governor didn't get everything he desired. Despite our record opposition, the Assembly chose to believe that our outrage was a passing thing which would not be repeated. They are already proposing bills to further strip away our rights this year.

We are here to today to let them know that we are back.

We are here to let them know we will keep coming back.

We will continue to speak out until the bills infringing on our fundamental rights are repealed or overturned.

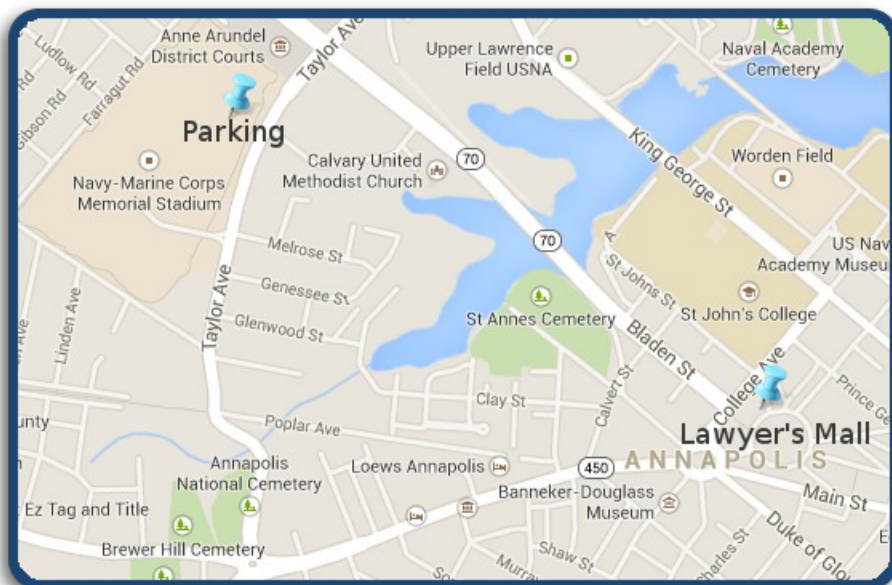
### EVENTS OF THE DAY:

- Private meetings with legislators
- Presentations from the major grassroots organizations
- Speakers presenting on why these laws are ineffectual
- Meet and Greet sessions with Maryland's 2A advocacy organizations
- Seminars on being a better activist

Thank you for coming to make sure your voice is heard in Annapolis!

### 3. EVENT SCHEDULE / MAP

9:00A	Park at Navy/Marine Corps Stadium
9:00A-11:00A	Free Time to meet with your representatives
11:00A	Gather at Lawyers' Mall near the State House
11:30A-1:30P	2A Tuesday Rally
1:00P-1:30P	Citizen Lobbyist forum
1:00P-3:00P	Meet the Organizations



## 4. UPCOMING BILLS

This time of year bills are being filed on a daily basis. For an up-to-date list please visit: <http://tinyurl.com/lznwhm7>



### PRO 2A BILLS:

**HB 36: Public Safety – Handgun Permit – Applicant Qualifications**

Would repeal the requirement that the police find that a person has a Good and Substantial reason before issuing a permit to the person.

**HB 60: Repeal of the Firearm Safety Act of 2013**

Would repeal most of the new restrictions created in the Firearms Safety Act of 2013.

**HB 62: License Issued by Delaware, Pennsylvania, Virginia, or West Virginia – Reciprocity**

Would validate licenses to carry a regulated firearm, including a concealed regulated firearm, issued to an individual by Delaware, Pennsylvania, Virginia, or West Virginia, for legal use in Maryland.

**HB 122: Assault Weapons and Detachable Magazines – Possession or Transport by Nonresident**

Would allow an out of state resident to transport newly classified assault weapons/magazines that have been legally purchased into the state for a military or sport shooting event, etc.

## **ANTI 2A BILLS:**

**HB 22:** Baltimore City – Prohibition on Ordinance Eliminating or Limiting Duty to Retreat

-and-

**HB 67:** Criminal Law – Self-Defense – Duty to Retreat

Both bills would make it illegal to engage an intruder in your home without first attempting to flee (to some undetermined degree).

**HB 42:** Public Safety – Firearms – Application Approval Before Sale, Rental, or Transfer

Would force firearms dealers to wait for a not-disapproved notice from the police before releasing the firearm, no matter how long the wait.

**HB 90:** Disqualifying Crime – Domestically Related Crime

Would add a “domestically related crime” to the list of disqualifying offenses to own or purchase a firearm, as well include probation before judgment on a crime of violence to the disqualifying offenses.

**HB 94:** Criminal Law – Prohibition on Manufacture of Detachable Magazine or Firearm Receiver

Would disallow the assembly or manufacture of magazines, as well as disallow the use of a 3D printer to create a firearm's receiver.

**HB 115:** Task Force to Study Firearms and GPS Devices

Would supply funding for a task force to study the feasibility, utility, benefits, and costs of using GPS technology to track and monitor firearms sold and possessed within the state.

## 5. FINDING YOUR REPS

### WHY SHOULD I TALK TO MY REPRESENTATIVES?

A crucial part of 2A Tuesday, and 2A advocacy in general, is talking with your representatives in our legislature. MSI has seen a large impact with face to face visits, and phone calls. Emails are good too, but are easier for them to ignore. Talking with them lets them know we are not silent and we care enough to travel down to Annapolis to speak our minds.

### WHO ARE MY REPRESENTATIVES?

Maryland has 47 State Senators, and 141 Delegates, far too many to list in this document. If you don't know who your representatives are, you can use <http://mdelect.net> to find out, or see the information booths.

### ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

If you are not registered to vote, please do so immediately. You will be asked if you are a registered voter, your opinions will carry more weight if you are a registered voter. MSI will have voter registration booths near the Lawyers' Mall to assist anyone in signing up to vote.

### WHERE DO I FIND MY REPRESENTATIVE?

Senators are located at: 11 Bladen Street James Senate Office Building  
Delegates are located at: 6 Bladen Street House Office Building

For the exact location of your representative, please see the information booth in the lobbies of the above buildings, or see this link: <http://tinyurl.com/q67vusk>



## 6. QUESTIONING YOUR REPS

The following is a list of potential questions you could ask your representative about 2A issues. This list is by no means comprehensive, but is intended as a tool to help you.

### Questions to Ask

- Ask them where they stand on 2A issues in general
- Ask them if they voted for the Firearms Safety Act of 2013
- Ask them if they will support further 2A infringements
- Ask them if they truly believe criminals will obey the laws they pass
- Ask them if they believe an individual has the right to self defense
- Ask you representative if they can explain how the concealed carry system in Maryland works. Do they understand that the "Good and Substantial Reason" portion is applied unequally across the state?
- Ask them about the assemblies opposition to harsher sentences for those convicted of gun crimes.
- Ask them about Maryland's failure to report mental health information to the federal NICS system.

### Questioning Tips

- Be polite and respectful at all times, even in the face of an ardent anti-gun representative
- Beware of the dodge, if they don't answer your question, politely ask them to do so.
- Show your appreciation to any 2A advocates
- Be factual, show integrity



## 7. WHERE WE GO FROM HERE

- Sign up for the MSI mailing list so you can be kept up to date with happenings in Maryland
- Come out and join Maryland Shall Issue® at various outreach activities throughout the year. Educating the public that gun owners are peaceful, law-abiding citizens is a key part of our mission.
- Introduce a friend to firearms and self defense. The more they understand the issues, the more likely they are to oppose restrictions on their rights.
- Send letters to the editor of newspapers you read and make your arguments based on the facts around the issues not the emotions.
- Continue to converse with your elected officials to support the 2nd Amendment rights of Marylanders.
- In Maryland, many statewide elections are determined in the primary elections and not the general election. If you live in a district with overwhelming one party control, make sure you register as a member of the party in charge. Voting in the primaries in those districts is the best way to make your voice heard. If even if one legislator who favors gun control is exchanged for another, the new legislator will not have the power or committee position the incumbent did, and they will know they are being watched.
- If you are not already, **register to vote:**  
[http://www.elections.state.md.us/voter\\_registration/](http://www.elections.state.md.us/voter_registration/)



## 8. PARTNERS

MSI is proud to be partners with of several great 2A supporting groups around our state and country. We would like to let you know who is behind making this event a success.

### Associated Gun Clubs of Baltimore

The Associated Gun Clubs of Baltimore, Inc. was formed on July 1, 1944 when a number of World War II veterans in the Baltimore, Maryland area began looking for a place for recreational and competitive shooting. They organized with several other Baltimore area shooting clubs to form the "AGC".

### Maryland Licensed Firearms Dealers Association

The Maryland Licensed Firearms Dealers Association provides support, training, and representation to dealers across the state of Maryland, promoting safe and lawful sales and purchases of firearms by its members, and the gun-buying public.

### Maryland Shall Issue

Maryland Shall Issue® is an all volunteer, non-partisan organization dedicated to the preservation and advancement of gun owners' rights in Maryland. It seeks to educate the community about the right of self-protection, the safe handling of firearms, and the responsibility that goes with carrying a firearm in public. It seeks to increase advocacy in Annapolis and across the state for all concerns of its membership.

### Maryland State Rifle & Pistol Association

The Maryland State Rifle and Pistol Association (MSRPA) is the flagship Gun Rights organization in and for the State of Maryland. The objective is to continue to develop new activists with numerous individual skills who will help us bring Maryland into line with the rest of the states which have made strong gains in protecting the Right to Keep and Bear Arms

### NRA Institute for Legislative Action

The Institute for Legislative Action (ILA) is the lobbying arm of the NRA. Established in 1975, ILA is committed to preserving the right of all law-abiding individuals to purchase, possess and use firearms for legitimate purposes as guaranteed by the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

### Western Maryland Sportsmen's Association

WMSC represents over 21,000 hunters, sportsmen, and outdoors enthusiasts in Garrett, Allegany, and Washington counties. Their leadership is very active in Annapolis, in the fight for not only Second Amendment issues, but for all issues of concern to its membership.

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