



Bill Summary and Position Paper

S. 770

Senate Bill
117th Congress (2021-22)

Handgun Purchaser Licensing Act

By: Sen. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD)
NAGR Position: **Strongly Oppose**

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What the Bill Does

- Creates grant program to persuade towns, cities, and states to implement a handgun licensing program.

Why it's Bad for Gun Owners:

- S. 770 requires each person buying a gun to pay for fingerprinting and a photo for the license, so the government has a biometric database of gun owners in the state.
- Creates a pathway for a mandatory registry of all handguns that are purchased or already owned.
- Would create a lot of fees making it difficult for low income families and individuals to own a handgun for home defense.
- Won't allow for law abiding citizens to carry firearms without going through a separate licensing program which would require more class time, longer waiting period, and a longer application process. Criminals will continue to carry their guns despite the law making it harder for law abiding citizens to defend themselves.

Related Bills:

H.R. 3740- Handgun Registration and Licensing Act of 2021- Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-NJ-12)

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