

HB 2694 Facts



- Printz v US established that the federal government cannot force state/local law enforcement to execute federal law.
- HB 2694 codifies this in WV and removes state/local resources from federal use specifically and only for firearms laws that we don't *also* have in WV.
 - We have all of the federal prohibited person classifiers in 922(g) and 922(n) in code... **PLUS**
 - We have additional prohibited person classifiers **and** we have statutes for additional crimes using a firearm during a felony.
 - ***None of these are changed by HB 2694.***
- As much as 90% of all federal regulation enforcement is conducted by state law enforcement. As little as 1% of felony arrests are conducted by federal officers.
- The federal government has the authority to pass laws. They have the authority to send their law enforcement agents to enforce these laws. They do **not** have the authority to demand, commander, or force through the withholding of funds, any state to be party to the enforcement of federal laws.
- *This bill allows state law enforcement leadership/ departments to point to the legislature as the reason they will not follow an unconstitutional gun mandate, not themselves.*
- We believe the vast majority of officers will be pleased to be removed from the likely volatile interaction of federal gun confiscations and private citizens.
- **We hear time and time again, no officer in this state wants to confiscate firearms. Outstanding!** While we believe this to be true, we also unfortunately believe officers will be asked at some point to do so. **This bill protects officers from that.**
- If an arresting officer comes across a situation where they have probable cause for **state-level** gun crime, is **not** affected at all by this bill.
- We can predict, with some accuracy, the severity of future federal disarmament efforts, so an aggressive stance is needed now to defend against the future changes.
 - Examples of only current pending federal firearm legislation:
 - HR 8, HR 125, HR 127, HR 167, HR 880, HR 882, HR 1004, HR 1005, HR 1008,
 - Not an exhaustive list. There are new gun control bills entered almost daily.

Inaction now is tacit approval of all future unconstitutional, federal firearms programs. The citizens of this state deserve to have their representatives in the legislature take every legal step to insulate them from the next DC gun grab.