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Nullify Federal Gun Control in Iowa With HF 428 and HF 430

Members of the Iowa General Assembly are seeking to pass legislation that would nullify unconstitutional federal gun control and protect the God-given self-defense rights of Iowans. It is imperative that legislators pass an effective bill and reject every attempt to weaken it.

House File 428 (HF 428), titled the Second Amendment Preservation Act, is sponsored by Representative Jeff Shipley (R-Fairfield).

HF 428 would ban state or local government entities from assisting in the enforcement of "any federal Act, executive order, administrative order, rule, regulation, statute, or ordinance regarding firearms, firearm accessories, or ammunition against any law-abiding citizen." The bill correctly notes that such gun controls violate the U.S. Constitution's Second Amendment and Article 1, Section 1A of the Iowa Constitution.

Importantly, HF 428 nullifies past, present, and future unconstitutional firearm restrictions. Additionally, while the bill does not name any specific federal laws, the 1934 National Firearms Act and the 1968 Gun Control Act would effectively be included among the laws nullified.

The rest of the bill primarily ensures that government officials at the state and local levels do not enforce the listed unconstitutional federal gun control policies and provides citizens with a means of redress if their self-defense rights are violated.

Additionally, House File 430 (HF 430), also sponsored by Representative Shipley, is titled the Anti-Red Flag Gun Seizure Act. If enacted, it would prohibit all red-flag orders and nullify any federal red-flag laws or edicts, including those coming from the federal judiciary.

Importance

HF 428 and HF 430 are an excellent application of Article VI of the U.S. Constitution, which states, "This Constitution, and the Laws of the United States which shall be made in Pursuance thereof … shall be the supreme Law of the Land."

Since the various forms of infringement outlined in this bill violate the U.S. Constitution, they cannot be considered "made in Pursuance thereof" and, thus, are not "the supreme Law of the Land." Unfortunately, in the last several decades, thousands of unconstitutional laws on the federal, state, and even local levels have been created and enforced.

Because of this, it is important that officials at all levels of government begin to push back against this lawless regime and robustly enforce the Constitution and only those laws "made in Pursuance thereof." HF 428 and HF 430 are excellent models for other states to follow.

Urge your state representative and senator to nullify federal gun control in Iowa with HF 428 and HF 430 and to push back against all other unconstitutional laws at every level of government.