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Gun-rights Group Issues Travel Ban for Massachusetts

[The anti-gun bill](#) birthed by far-left Democrats in the state of Massachusetts following the Supreme Court's ruling in *Bruen* is so odious and spiteful that a national gun-rights group [has issued a travel warning](#) to gun owners to stay away from the state.

Instead of embracing the freedom-enhancing decision that came from the high court's ruling in *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association, Inc. v. Bruen*, the Democrat-controlled Legislature went in the other direction and doubled down on the state's already highly restrictive gun laws.

In *Bruen*, the [majority opinion stated](#):

When the Second Amendment's plain text covers an individual's conduct [here, the right to bear arms], the Constitution presumptively protects that conduct.

The government [wishing to enact a gun control law] must then justify its regulation by demonstrating that it is consistent with the Nation's historical tradition of firearm regulation. Only then may a court conclude that the individual's conduct falls outside the Second Amendment's "unqualified command."

Massachusetts' Democratic House Speaker Ronald Mariano called the high court "a rogue Supreme Court" following its ruling in *Bruen*, and tasked another anti-gun Democrat, Michael Day, to craft a response. After a year in gestation, Day birthed a 142-page bill so odious to common sense and repugnant to the clear ruling by the Supreme Court that the National Association for Gun Rights (NAGR) issued a travel warning to gun owners. The misnamed "Act Modernizing Firearm Laws" is, said the group's president, Dudley Brown,

probably the biggest and worst package of gun control regulation I have ever seen, and that is saying a lot.

A ban on almost all guns, registration of every gun and magazine in the state (old and new) and a de facto ban on firearms carry are in the bill. Massachusetts just secured top position as the most hostile state in the union to gun owners.

That is why NAGR is issuing a Travel Advisory for all gun owners within the state or thinking of traveling to the state.

Your gun rights and your freedom are at serious risk in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. If you live there you might want to pack your bags and if you are thinking of traveling there, you need to reconsider.



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The warning was expanded by NAGR's director of political operations, Austin Hein. He told [Fox News](#):

If Massachusetts makes House Docket 4420 law, Massachusetts will become the most anti-gun state in the country.

What Massachusetts is clearly trying to do here is basically repeal the Second Amendment as we know it....

This is real bad news for any gun owner that lives in Massachusetts. Basically, pack your bags and leave because it's untenable if this thing passes.

One section of Day's bill, supported by more than 30 legislators, requires registration not only of firearms already legally possessed by gun owners in the state, but also magazines that feed them. Said Hein:

Registration leads to confiscation.

If you are putting yourself on a government list of what firearms you own and how many you own[,] best be sure that the government is going to be knocking on your door one day.

The bill also expands the power of law enforcement to demand that you show them your permit without cause: "That's basically a stop and frisk policy, which is another anti-gun policy."

Added Hein:

What Massachusetts is trying to do is take what they already have, which is already an egregious anti-gun law, and double down on it and expand it way beyond any other state we've ever seen.

The bill also expands the state's red flag law by increasing the number of people who can ask a judge to remove lawfully owned firearms from an individual without due process.

Hein concluded:

The left is more rabid than ever when it comes to trying to ban guns, and they're doing so as an open defiance to the Supreme Court.

They're trying to challenge the legitimacy of the Supreme Court and the Constitution itself.

Jim Wallace, executive director of the Gun Owners Action League, [said](#) the bill contains "140 pages of some of the most anti-civil rights legislation filed in this country. It actually represents a tantrum after the Supreme Court decision of Bruen that told states like Massachusetts your laws are unconstitutional, and you need to fix them."

The noxious bill has been stalled temporarily in both houses due to what Day hopes is just "a procedural dispute" and "not a delay tactic."



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