

CLARIFYING AMENDMENTS TO OHIO'S SUPPRESSOR STATUTE

BACKGROUND:

Firearm suppressors have rapidly become one of the most common safety devices for hunters and shooters alike. By reducing the sound signature of a host firearm by an average of 20 to 35 dB, suppressors are an incredibly effective tool to help law-abiding gun owners mitigate preventable noise-induced hearing loss (NIHL), tinnitus, and even traumatic brain injuries (TBIs). With more than 5,000,000 in circulation nationwide, suppressors are legal to own in 42 states and legal to hunt with in 41 states.

CONTEXT:

The rise in popularity of suppressors in recent years has led to a significant push to deregulate suppressors at the Federal level. In 2025, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act included a provision that eliminated the \$200 federal transfer tax on suppressors, paving the way for litigation challenging the constitutionality of the federal tax registration regime without the tax.

PROBLEM:

If suppressors are removed from the purview of the National Firearms Act, they would still be regulated under the Gun Control Act, meaning they would still be subject to the same federal background check requirements as rifles and shotguns. However, the removal of these items from the National Firearms Act could create issues in Ohio, because Ohio law references registration requirements in the National Firearms Act as a prerequisite to possession.

SOLUTION:

In order to ensure that a change in federal law does not have a material impact on the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding Ohioans or Ohio-based manufacturers, **we ask for your support of SB 214 and HB 331.**



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