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Springer Introduces Legislative Package to Defend Second Amendment

AUSTIN, TX – Today, State Senator Drew Springer (SD-30) filed eleven bills, the most in modern Senate history, to protect and expand the rights of gun owners in Texas. Senator Springer issued the following statement following the filing of these bills:

“Standing up for the Second Amendment has always been one of my top priorities,” *said Senator Springer*. “Time and time again we’ve seen the federal government try to overregulate the firearms industry and overstep the Tenth Amendment which we know harms law abiding citizens. The bills I’ve filed today will protect Texans’ Constitutionally guaranteed right to bear arms and defend themselves and their property. From protecting the manufacturing process to establishing Texas as a sanctuary state for gun owners from more burdensome federal regulations, my bills will ensure Texas firearm owners and producers aren’t further punished by government overreach.”

Senator Springer’s Legislation:

1. Senate Bill 540 *Constitutional Carry*, will allow for the legal carrying of a handgun, either openly or concealed, without a license or permit.
2. Senate Bill 541 2A *Sanctuary State*, prevents the enforcement of federal statutes, laws, rules, regulations, and executive orders of firearm and firearm accessory by the state of Texas. This bill protects gun owners in Texas from any new or additional federal firearm regulations on or after January 19, 2021.
3. Senate Bill 542 *Texas Firearm Freedom*, exempts the manufacturing of firearms and firearm accessories from federal statutes, law, rules, regulations, and Executive Orders for intra state sales and use.
4. Senate Bill 543 *Texas Hearing Protection Act*, for intra state manufacturing, sales and use of suppressors. Texans would be exempt from federal law regulation.

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5. Senate Bill 544 *Strengthen Castle Law*, updates to the Castle doctrine to expand when protections are given to Texans.
6. Senate Bill 545 *Domestic Violence Survivors Act*, allows individuals 18 years or older who are being protected under a protective order, such as restraining order, and are not prohibited under state or federal law from possessing a firearm to possess and carry a firearm.
7. Senate Bill 546 *Gun Free Zones*, eliminates state imposed gun-free zones in statute but does not take away private property rights of an owner to post signs.
8. Senate Bill 547 *Firearm Essential Business Act*, prevents the Governor from controlling through Executive Orders the sale, transportation, and use of weapons and ammunition during a declared, state of disaster or state of emergency.
9. Senate Bill 548 *Anti-Red Flag Act*, prohibits the state or any city, county or political subdivision from enacting red flag gun confiscation laws.
10. Senate Bill 549 *Uniform Restaurant Regulations*, relating to required notice prohibiting firearms at certain businesses selling or serving alcoholic beverages that have 51% or more of their gross receipts from alcohol from 51% to 60%.
11. Senate Bill 550 *Holster Clarification*, removes the specific type of holster requirement to cover all holsters for carrying of a hand gun.

Senator Drew Springer was sworn into the Texas Senate on January 6, 2021 after winning a special election December 19, 2020 to replace Congressman Pat Fallon. Senate District 30 includes Archer, Clay, Collin (part), Cooke, Denton (part), Erath, Grayson, Jack, Montague, Palo Pinto, Wichita, Wise and Young counties.

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