

FIGHTING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

SENATOR RICK SCOTT'S LEGISLATIVE ACTION UPDATE

FIGHTING FOR INCREASED PROTECTION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

- **Thin Blue Line Act:** Sen. Rick Scott joined his colleagues in supporting this legislation which expands the list of statutory aggravating factors in death penalty determinations to also include killing or targeting a law enforcement officer, firefighter, or other first responder.
- **Back the Blue Act:** This legislation increases penalties for criminals who target law enforcement officers and also provides new tools for officers to protect themselves.
- **Preserving Safe Communities by Ending Swatting Act:** Following the swatting attempt of Sen. Scott's home in 2023, he introduced this bill which expands the federal criminal hoax statute to specifically prohibit "swatting" hoaxes through which false information about a crime is reported to law enforcement with the intent of eliciting an emergency response at a target address. It would also impose strict penalties, including up to 20 years in prison, if someone is seriously hurt because of a swatting act.

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- **SOCIAL MEDIA Act:** This bill would simplify the process for law enforcement agencies to know what is required for conducting investigations into online criminal acts performed on social media platforms.
- **OPIOIDS Act:** This legislation will provide local law enforcement agencies access to grants so their officers can get better training to identify overdoses, track and trace criminals through the darknet and upgrade their systems for drug tracing and forensic laboratories. Criminal activity isn't limited to big cities; smaller cities and towns should not be put to the back of the line for processing and technology simply because they are small.
- **School Guardian Act:** This legislation creates a federal grant program to support the hiring and training of law enforcement officers to provide security to every K-12 school in the nation. This builds on Sen. Scott's efforts as Governor of Florida to improve school safety with increased law enforcement and security measures following the horrific shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in 2018.
- **Supporting and Treating Officers In Crisis Act:** This bill provides grant funding for law enforcement family-support services and allow grant recipients to use funds to establish suicide-prevention programs and mental health services for law enforcement officers.

FIGHTING FOR THE SECOND AMENDMENT

- **Firearm Industry Nondiscrimination (FIND) Act:** This legislation serves as a bulwark against corporations profiteering from federal contracts while simultaneously disdaining the firearm industry.
- **Stop Harassing Owners of Rifles Today (SHORT) Act:** This act seeks to revise the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, to unshackle short-barreled rifles, short-barreled shotguns, and certain other weapons from the oppressive definition of "firearms" under the National Firearms Act (NFA). It would release these items from the iron grip of the NFA's taxation, registration, and regulation requirements.
- **Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act:** This bill mandates each state to recognize and respect valid concealed carry permits granted in other states, mirroring the established reciprocity of driver's licenses. This bill is a long-overdue measure to safeguard the inalienable rights of millions of Americans who have been unjustly burdened by an inconsistent and convoluted maze of state laws.

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