

Governor Phil Murphy

Governor Murphy Signs Executive Order Directing State Departments and Agencies to Identify Gun Violence Prevention Measures

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Announces Intention to Work with Legislature to Expand Sensitive Locations Where Firearms are Prohibited

TRENTON – Governor Phil Murphy signed an executive order today directing all state departments and agencies to review all statutes, rules, and regulations to identify actions that may be taken to determine whether, and in what manner, firearms may be carried, displayed, or otherwise regulated.

Governor Murphy also announced his intention to work with partners in the Legislature to expand the number of places where firearms cannot be carried, including locations with a high density of people, locations with inherently vulnerable populations, and buildings where important governmental or First Amendment-protected activities take place.

The signing and call for action follow yesterday's U.S. Supreme Court decision in New York State Rifle & Pistol Association Inc. v. Bruen, in which a right-wing majority ruled that individuals have a general right to carry firearms in public.

More than 250 mass shootings have already occurred in 2022 across the U.S. Although New Jersey has the lowest firearm mortality rates in the country, gun violence has claimed the lives of more than 5,000 New Jerseyans in the past decade.

"Yesterday's Supreme Court decision, in addition to making a mockery of the recent tragedies in Uvalde and Buffalo, severely undermines the efforts of individual states to protect their residents from gun violence," said Governor Murphy.

"The Supreme Court's reckless decision makes it harder to combat the proliferation of deadly weapons in our communities and in our public spaces, and makes all New Jerseyans less safe," said Acting Attorney General Matthew J. Platkin.

"Although New Jersey has consistently experienced one of the lowest firearm mortality rates in the nation, even one senseless death due to gun violence is too many," said Colonel Patrick J. Callahan, Superintendent of the New Jersey State Police.

Earlier this week, the New Jersey General Assembly and New Jersey State Senate advanced several critical gun safety measures in Governor Murphy's Gun Safety 3.0 package, including training requirements and limitations on certain weapons.

To read the full executive order, click here (https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-299.pdf)

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