

Frank Burns

State Representative

72nd Legislative District



Burns wants CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY done the RIGHT WAY

Proving his commitment to the Second Amendment, Rep. Burns introduced H.B. 1818, providing by far the best and most enduring way to make Constitutional Carry a reality in Pennsylvania.

Remember, in 2021, Rep. Burns was among those voting to send a Constitutional Carry bill to the governor's desk. After Senate and House approval, the effort was halted by a veto pen. To protect his Constitutional Carry initiative from a similar fate—or from being weakened or rescinded by future legislative action—Rep. Burns seeks voter approval through a Constitutional amendment.

If any legislator, from either party, or any gun group claiming to support the Second Amendment truly supports Constitutional Carry, Rep. Burns believes they should recognize that his approach is both valid and desirable.

If they don't get on board, Rep. Burns wants you to know that this is evidence of a political tactic all too often used in the halls of the Capitol.

"I've seen this play out with lobbying groups all the time," Rep. Burns explains. "They really don't want their issue to become law because, without it—in this case—they'd have to find a new 'gun issue' that motivates people enough to keep sending them money."

"Instead of learning their lesson from four years ago, they're pushing for a repeat vote, knowing full well that if it passes the House and Senate, it will be vetoed by the governor again."

“With my approach, we don't need the governor's signature for Constitutional Carry to become law. And once approved, it can't be overturned, either by the legislature or the courts.”

– State Rep. Frank Burns



Rep. Frank Burns, D-Cambria County, joined all the Republicans in the House in voting against both pieces of gun legislation on Tuesday ... “I have to stand firm against the pressure from my leadership” to vote for policies that are further left than what his constituents support, Burns told PennLive.



Gun Owners of America said this about Rep. Burns:

Frank Burns has steadfastly stood with gun owners during his 15-year career as a state representative, including voting for Constitutional Carry, strengthening Pennsylvania's firearms preemption laws, and establishing the Castle Doctrine.

Most recently, without Rep. Burns' pro-gun votes, we could not have defeated mandatory reporting of lost and stolen firearms, an electronic gun registry, and a ban on accelerated trigger activators and bump stocks.

That's right! Rep. Burns' ONE vote tipped the scales in favor of freedom, sending all three of these anti-gun bills down in flames.

Here is what Frank Burns has to say about our God-given rights in his own words:

I took an oath of office to uphold the Pennsylvania Constitution, which clearly states: "The rights of the citizens to bear arms in defense of themselves and the state shall not be questioned." As Chairman of the Second Amendment Caucus, I refuse to chip away at the constitutional rights of law-abiding gun owners.

Burns reminds gun groups of his 2nd Amendment record

For 17 years, Rep. Burns' voting record on gun rights and the Second Amendment has garnered glowing reviews from gun owners and gun groups across Pennsylvania — including the most trusted of them all, the NRA.

Unfortunately, a few of these groups have recently chosen to criticize Rep. Burns because they disagree with him on the best way to achieve Constitutional Carry in Pennsylvania.

Meanwhile, they are directing zero criticism toward House Republicans who vote to weaken the Second Amendment—like the five GOP members whose "Yes" votes recently allowed universal background checks for long guns to pass the House.

Rep. Burns voted "no" on that bill and also broke ranks with House Democrats to cast the deciding "no" vote that defeated three other gun-control measures.

If these groups don't dispense criticism and praise equally, Rep. Burns leaves it to you to decide whether something smells rotten in proverbial Denmark.

TAKE NOTE: House approved Universal Background Checks because of FIVE GOP votes!

Burns voted "no" to Universal Background Checks and urges constituents, 2nd Amendment gun groups to see who is really eroding the Second Amendment.



Pennsylvania House passes universal background checks, other gun measures fail

“House Bill 1593 passed almost entirely along party lines, just three Democrats (including Frank Burns) opposed the bill while five Republicans supported it, with a 104-99 vote.”

True to form, in two days of House action in October, Rep. Burns voted against gun control bills four times—providing the decisive vote in three of them as they failed 101-102. Notably, he was the only Democrat to vote “no.”

On the fourth bill—to expand background checks to the purchase of shotguns and rifles—ever-consistent Burns was one of three Democrats who voted “no.” However, the bill passed the House 104-99 because five Republicans voted “yes.”

Rep. Burns wants you and everyone in Pennsylvania to know this—and to ensure that pro-Second Amendment gun groups recognize who is truly on their side.

Burns refuses to let pedophiles off hook by adding Constitutional Carry to child sex abuse bill

“ Let me be clear: I 100% support holding pedophiles accountable, and I 100% support Constitutional Carry – but it must be done the right way. I would make this same vote 1,000 times if it means holding pedophiles accountable for assaulting children. ”

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What does a bill to hold pedophiles accountable for heinously abusing children have to do with implementing Constitutional Concealed Carry for gun owners in Pennsylvania?

Absolutely nothing, especially when the attempt to make Constitutional Carry the law of the land sidesteps the normal legislative process and jeopardizes a child abuse bill.

That's what happened when Republican state Rep. Aaron Bernstine tried an end-around—running afoul of the House's single-subject rule—by attempting to make Constitutional Carry an amendment to House Bill 464, a long-fought statute of limitations reform bill aimed at holding perpetrators of child sexual abuse accountable.

Rep. Burns wasn't going to risk letting pedophiles escape punishment, undoing years of tough legislative work he had supported. He also wasn't going to fall for such political gamesmanship and opposed Bernstine's tactic.

Rep. Burns is proud of his record on gun owners' rights and upholding the Second Amendment—a record he will gladly stack up against any member of the legislature. He believes in Constitutional Concealed Carry, which is why he has introduced his own bill to implement it the RIGHT—and legally AIRTIGHT—way.

PA Constitution, Article III, Section 3

“No bill shall be passed containing more than one subject, which shall be clearly expressed in its title...”

PURPOSE:

- Prevents the practice of combining unrelated, controversial measures into a single bill to force approval of both.
- Ensures the public is aware of what a bill's true purpose is through its title.

CONSEQUENCES OF VIOLATION:

- The entire bill can be declared unconstitutional.
- The PA Supreme Court has the authority to strike down legislation based on this rule.

By voting to sustain the ruling of the chair, Rep. Burns protected the Constitution's integrity

Rep. Burns' vote wasn't against Constitutional Carry. It was a vote to sustain the ruling of the chair:

- A vote to hold pedophiles accountable.
- A vote to uphold House rules and the Constitution.
- A vote to protect a long-overdue bill for victims of child sexual assault.
- A vote against using backdoor political games to derail reform.

By voting against Bernstine's amendment, Rep. Burns protected the integrity of the Constitution and ensured survivors of child sex abuse would finally get their day in court.

What the Gun Groups Are Ignoring:

Gun groups like Gun Owners of America (GOA) and Pennsylvania Gun Rights (PAGR) are deliberately misrepresenting what happened:

- They frame it as “a vote against gun rights,” ignoring the actual content of the original bill.
- They fail to acknowledge that the Bernstine Amendment endangered a major child protection reform and would have protected pedophiles.
- They omit the fact that the “single-subject rule” exists precisely to stop this kind of legislative sabotage.

In reality, this was an attempt to use gun politics as a wedge tactic – at the expense of victims of child sexual assault. If you don't know by now, Rep. Burns doesn't support this type of political nonsense.



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Rep. Burns was the Deciding Vote to KILL GUN CONTROL

H.B. 1859

Red Flag Law

Rep. Burns **“NAY”**

101 YEA and 102 NAY

H.B. 1866

Glock Switch Ban

Rep. Burns **“NAY”**

101 YEA and 102 NAY

H.B. 1099

Ghost Gun Ban

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101 YEA and 102 NAY

NEW CASTLE NEWS

“ I stood up for Cambria County’s values. We have a long tradition of sportsmen and hunting in our area,” Burns said following the voting session. “The values are upholding the constitutional rights of the people of Pennsylvania and that includes gun owners. ”