

Legislative Updates



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Sports Wagering Bill Heads to Governor

[House Bill 347](#), a bill to make sports wagering legal in North Carolina, passed the General Assembly this week on a divided vote that saw the Democratic and Republican caucuses both split in support of and opposition to the bill. The final vote in the NC House was 69 to 44, with 39 Republicans and 30 Democrats voting in favor and 28 Republicans and 16 Democrats voting against. The bill now goes to the Governor who can sign it into law, allow it to become law, or veto the bill.

House Bill 347 would do the following:

- Allow sports wagering in North Carolina. Wagering would be licensed and taxed with the Lottery Commission responsible for issuing licenses to involved parties and regulating the practice.
- Allow pari-mutuel wagering on horse racing in North Carolina. Again, the Lottery Commission would be responsible for issuing licenses and regulating the activity.
- Live horse racing would be allowed in North Carolina.
- Create and provide funding for the North Carolina Major Events, Games, and Attractions Fund, which would be administered by the Department of Commerce to provide grants for local governments or nonprofit entities working with local governments to attract major entertainment, musical, political, sporting, and theatrical events to the State.
- Gross wagering revenue would be taxed at an 18% rate with net revenue being allocated as follows:
 - \$2 million to address problem gambling;
 - \$1 million for youth sports;
 - \$1 million for local sports and nonprofessional sporting events through the NC Outdoor Heritage Advisory Council; and
 - \$300,000 to the athletic departments of 13 NC universities.

[Revived N. Carolina sports wagering bill wins big House vote](#)

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[Online sports betting in NC could start as soon as January after House's approval](#)

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[North Carolina gives final approval to mobile sports wagering bill NC Newsline](#)

NC Farm Act Passes House

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The NC Farm Act is typically a hotly-debated bill that includes non-controversial sections benefitting farmers and controversial sections undermining environmental protections. This year's NC Farm Act ([SB 582](#)) was no exception.

Conservation and environmental groups opposed language in SB 582 that would rollback wetlands protections for a potentially large percentage of the state's wetlands. Wetlands are a critical natural resource that help clean our water, provide natural habitat for fish and wildlife, and provide buffers for climate change-driven dangerous storms. The unnecessary inclusion of this language in the Farm Act led many Democratic legislators to oppose the bill. Other sections of SB 582 made technical changes to various laws impacting farming and agriculture and enjoyed broader support.

[NC farm bill raises concerns for wetland protections](#)

WUNC

[Farm bill, loosening wetlands protections, clears NC House](#)

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[NC farm bill would restrict how state defines wetlands](#)

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Governor Cooper Launches NC S.A.F.E. Initiative to Promote Safe Gun Storage; NC House Passes Tax Break for Safe Storage Equipment

This week Governor Roy Cooper announced the [NC S.A.F.E. \(Secure All Firearms Effectively\)](#) initiative to urge North Carolinians to take action to safely store their firearms and save lives. This call to action highlights firearm safety in response to mounting numbers of deaths of children and youth from firearm injury, along with a surge in firearm thefts across the state.

Firearms are the leading cause of injury-related death among children and youth in North Carolina. Last year, a Johnston County 2-year-old died from a single gunshot wound to the head after finding his father's loaded handgun in the front seat of the family's truck. In April, a 7-year-old in Robeson County died while visiting a family member after the child found a loaded gun inside the residence. Nationwide, an estimated 82% of adolescent suicides by firearm involve a gun belonging to a family member.

Gun thefts have increased across North Carolina. In Raleigh, 211 firearms were stolen from vehicles in 2020. In Durham, 62% of the approximately 185 gun thefts from cars in 2022 were from unlocked cars — meaning these were preventable crimes. According to a 2021 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System survey, more than half of the firearms that were stored loaded at home—already a safety risk—were also unlocked.

Gun owners in North Carolina can prevent firearm injuries and deaths as well as gun theft through safe storage. There are many ways to effectively secure a gun, including cable locks, trigger locks, gun safes, lockboxes, and gun cases.

To secure guns in vehicles, NC S.A.F.E. urges gun owners to both lock their vehicle and safely secure the firearm with a locking device.

Visit ncsafe.org to find a full list of firearm storage options and a checklist for the steps to effectively secure firearms.

This week the NC House passed [HB 56](#) to exempt from state and local taxes the purchase of equipment designed to prevent unauthorized access to firearms.

[North Carolina governor launches safe gun storage campaign as Raleigh recovers from mass shooting](#)

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Southeastern Carpenters Regional Council



The Southeastern Carpenters Regional Council provides one of the top carpenter and millwright apprenticeship and journeyman upgrade training programs in the nation.

From safety and technical skills to communication and leadership skills, their members and future carpenters are trained to be productive, safe, and teamwork-oriented.

I visited with Mr. Brett Hulme, the Regional Market Representative at their six million dollar state of the art training facility located in my district. Their labor union provides excellent opportunities for young people to launch their careers, enter into skilled carpentry and earn a significant income.

Enjoy your weekend!

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