

HB197 – Gun/Ammo Tax

OPPOSE HB197

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As a Lifelong hunter, and a hunter safety instructor I strongly oppose HB1067.

Besides being a hunter education instructor, I mentor new hunters. That includes maintaining, equipping firearms, ammunition to sight in the rifles, to evaluate ammunition, etc.

For me as a volunteer and mentor, to absorb the cost of an additional 11% on maintaining and equipping multiple hunting rifles would be staggering.

A know side effect of a special tax would be many online suppliers will refuse to sell to Maryland residents. Most online retailers will not ship to residents whose state requires them to manage a special tax and remit it.

With the potential upcoming "lead ammo ban for hunting in MD" (HB1067/SB181), we have to source our copper ammunition from specialized sources online. These sources will not ship to Maryland residents if this "Sin tax" passes.

This Specialized tax appears to "Punish" lawful hunters and sport shooters for the actions of the repeat violent criminals. How the crafters of this legislation can make the connection that somehow "I", a hunter and educator am responsible for the Crimes committed by repeat violent offenders is beyond my comprehension.

It appears this is an attempt by some politicians to shift the blame from their failure to keep violent felons in jail, and shift it onto law abiding citizens.

For these reasons I OPPOSE HB197

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