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\*Highlighted information indicates that the information has changed or been added since the last issue of the Congressional Courant.

\*The Arizona Game and Fish Commission's formal positions on legislation are indicated in the summaries below.

\*This list is not an exhaustive list of all legislation the Department is tracking but simply legislation that may impact the Department as introduced.

## Support

No bills yet supported

## Oppose

No bills yet opposed

## Spotlight

### H.R.547

**Latest Title:** To provide for the establishment of a border protection strategy for the international land borders of the United States, to address the ecological and environmental impacts of border security infrastructure, measures, and activities along the international land borders of the United States, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Grijalva, Raul M.](#) [AZ-3] (introduced 2/6/2013)      **Cosponsors** (None)

**Latest Major Action:** 2/6/2013 Referred to House committees.

### H.R.596

**Latest Title:** To promote the development of renewable energy on public lands, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Gosar, Paul A.](#) [AZ-4] (introduced 2/8/2013)      **Cosponsors** (15)

**Similar Bills:** S. 279

**Latest Major Action:** 2/8/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

**Summary:** Provides wildlife mitigation revenues from the lease of public lands for renewable energy.

### H.R.322

**Latest Title:** [Hunting, Fishing, and Recreational Shooting Protection Act](#)

**Sponsor:** [Rep Miller, Jeff](#) [FL-1] (introduced 1/18/2013)      **Cosponsors** (79)

**Latest Major Action:** 1/18/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.



**Summary:** Amends the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) to exclude from the definition of "chemical substance" for purposes of such Act: (1) any component of any pistol, revolver, firearm, shell, or cartridge the sale of which is subject to federal excise tax, including shot, bullets and other projectiles, propellants, and primers; and (2) any sport fishing equipment the sale of which is subject to federal excise tax and sport fishing equipment components.

## **Wildlife Fishing & Hunting Legislation**

### **H.R.263**

**Latest Title:** National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Reauthorization Act of 2013

**Sponsor:** [Rep Grimm, Michael G.](#) [NY-11] (introduced 1/15/2013) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

**Related Bills:** [S.51](#)

**Latest Major Action:** 1/31/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs.

**Summary:** Reauthorizes and revises the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act.

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### **S.51**

**Latest Title:** National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Reauthorization Act of 2013

**Sponsor:** [Sen Boxer, Barbara](#) [CA] (introduced 1/22/2013) [Cosponsors](#) (10)

**Related Bills:** [H.R.263](#)

**Latest Major Action:** 1/22/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

**Summary:** Reauthorizes and revises the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act.

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### **S.89**

**Latest Title:** Migratory Bird Treaty Amendment Act of 2013

**Sponsor:** [Sen Vitter, David](#) [LA] (introduced 1/23/2013) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

**Latest Major Action:** 1/23/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

**Summary:** Amends the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to allow an agricultural producer, or a hunter with the producer's permission, to take migratory game birds by the aid of baiting, if: (1) the manipulation occurs on the producer's land on which a crop was not harvestable during the current or immediately preceding crop year due to a natural disaster, and (2) a local representative of the Secretary of Agriculture (USDA) confirms that the crop has been destroyed and that it would not be economically practicable to harvest the crop.

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### **S.170**

**Latest Title:** Recreational Fishing and Hunting Heritage and Opportunities Act

**Sponsor:** [Sen Murkowski, Lisa](#) [AK] (introduced 1/29/2013) [Cosponsors](#) (2)

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**Latest Major Action:** 1/29/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

**Summary:** To recognize the heritage of recreational fishing, hunting, and recreational shooting on Federal public land and ensure continued opportunities for those activities.

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## [S.279](#)

**Latest Title:** A bill to promote the development of renewable energy on public land, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** [Sen Tester, Jon](#) [MT] (introduced 2/11/2013)      [Cosponsors](#) (7)

**Similar Bills:** HR

**Latest Major Action:** 2/11/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

**Summary:** Provides wildlife mitigation revenues from the lease of public lands for renewable energy.

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## **Gun Legislation**

### [H.R.65](#)

**Latest Title:** Child Gun Safety and Gun Access Prevention Act of 2013

**Sponsor:** [Rep Jackson Lee, Sheila](#) [TX-18] (introduced 1/3/2013)      [Cosponsors](#) (None)

**Latest Major Action:** 1/25/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, And Investigations.

**Summary:** Amends the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act to: (1) raise the age of handgun eligibility to 21 (currently, 18); and (2) prohibit persons under age 21 from possessing semiautomatic assault weapons or large capacity ammunition feeding devices, with exceptions.

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### [H.R.226](#)

**Latest Title:** Support Assault Firearms Elimination and Reduction for our Streets Act

**Sponsor:** [Rep DeLauro, Rosa L.](#) [CT-3] (introduced 1/14/2013)      [Cosponsors](#) (7)

**Latest Major Action:** 1/14/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

**Summary:** To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against tax for surrendering to authorities certain assault weapons.

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### [S.150](#)

**Latest Title:** Assault Weapons Ban of 2013

**Sponsor:** [Sen Feinstein, Dianne](#) [CA] (introduced 1/24/2013)      [Cosponsors](#) (21)

**Related Bills:** [H.R.437](#)

**Latest Major Action:** 2/12/2013 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights. Hearings held.

**Summary:** Makes various changes to gun laws by adding assault weapons and magazines over 10 rounds to banned items.

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## [H.R. 437](#)

**Latest Title:** Assault Weapons Ban of 2013

**Sponsor:** [Rep McCarthy, Carolyn](#) [NY-4] (introduced 1/29/2013)      [Cosponsors](#) (58)

**Related Bills:** [S.150](#)

**Latest Major Action:** 1/29/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

**Summary:** Amends the federal criminal code to ban the import, sale, manufacture, transfer, or possession of a semiautomatic assault weapon

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