

Legislation: **The Ammunition Accountability Act; New York Assembly Bill A10259**

Similar to: A6920, A7330, A1177, and A3731; carried over from 2007.

Status: [10259: 03/12/2008 referred to codes].

Sponsors: Assemblyman Michael Benjamin 79th Assembly District

Website: <http://ammunitionaccountability.org>  
<http://www.ammocoding.com/>

Action: Opposed; Notification only

Response: Await guidance from Ken Mathison, President of SCOPE Inc, of New York. This or any other anti-gun bill requires reintroduction or carry over from 2008 before legislative action is considered.

**JUSTIFICATION:** Each year in the United States, more than 30% of all homicides that involve a gun go unsolved. Current technology for matching a bullet used in a crime to the gun that fired it has worked moderately well for years, but presupposes that the weapon was recovered by law enforcement. This legislation would establish the Ammunition Accountability Act, which would give law enforcement a new and effective way to quickly identify persons of interest in gun crime investigations.

**EFFECT:** This bill would require all handgun and assault weapon ammunition manufactured or sold in the state to be coded by the manufacturer. Manufacturers and vendors would be required to maintain data on each weapon and on the ammunition.

1. The General Business law is amended by adding a new section 396-gg. This section establishes the ammunition coding system database.
2. The cost of maintaining the dataset shall be funded by the ammunition coding system database fund. Vendors shall charge an additional \$.005 per bullet or round of ammunition to the purchaser. Such moneys shall be deposited into the fund.
3. Fines will be leveled against any manufacturer or vendor due to non-compliance.
4. The penal law is amended by adding a new section 265.45 which would make unlawful sale or possession of un-coded ammunition a Class A misdemeanor.

Similar bills are currently under consideration in: New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Maryland, Illinois, Indiana, Connecticut, Alabama, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Washington.

### Affect on Second Amendment Rights and Firearm Related Sport Activities:

1. Confiscation and destruction of all un-coded ammunition by January 01, 2010.
2. Criminal penalties for possession of un-coded ammunition after January 01, 2010.
3. Registration of all coded ammunition purchases and transfers.
4. A tax increase of \$0.005 (1/2 penny) per round of ammunition to fund the ammunition database.
5. The cost of coded ammunition would be markedly greater than that of currently available un-coded ammunition.
6. The cost of manufacture and selling of such ammunition would be cost prohibitive in most states (Remington statement).
7. Reloading pistol or rifle ammunition would effectively become illegal unless the legislation is amended to allow the sale and possession of coded bullet stock for the purpose of reloading.
8. Criminals would not be prevented from stealing coded ammunition for use in crimes, burglarizing homes to acquire coded ammunition, using old stockpiles of un-confiscated and un-coded ammunition in crimes, or reloading ammunition without coding for use in crimes.

#### Conclusion:

This is a legislative attempt to circumvent the second amendment by depriving honest citizens of ready access to ammunition they require for self-defense or sport. Such regulation will do little to prevent crime, and may even serve to increase criminal activity. Like most firearm control legislation, this bill conceals its gun control agenda in the language of good intentions, and ignores (or worse, seeks to advance) the incremental destruction of the constitutional right of honest American citizens to keep and bear arms.

**Note:** <http://ammunitionaccountability.org> is the acknowledged lobbying firm, paid for and owned by the company <http://www.ammocoding.com/>

This company proposes legislation that if enacted, would allow them to directly profit through patent royalties; they do not manufacture such equipment.

Listen to Cam Edwards of the NRA interview and debate Russ Ford of Ammunition Coding Systems:

<http://www.nraila.org/Issues/factsheets/read.aspx?ID=227>