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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN



MATT SCHLAPP CHAIRMAN, CPAC



The CPAC Foundation's Center for Legislative Accountability is proud to present our Ratings of the States. Like our Ratings of Congress, CPAC's Foundation's Ratings of the States are meant to reflect how elected officials view the role of government in an individual's life. We begin with our philosophy (conservatism is the political philosophy that sovereignty resides in the person) and then apply the proper role of government (its essential role is to defend Life, Liberty and Property).

The Left has stormed our nation's corridors of power to take control over the lives of every American. Now, they have set their sights on the states, freedom's last line of defense.

President Lincoln once said, "America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves." The Left's agenda dismantles the vision of our founders when they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor.

We hope these Ratings will empower each and every American to hold their officials accountable and to rally behind the conservative champions who defend our freedoms in statehouses around the country.

Sincerely,

Matt Schlapp Chairman, CPAC





SELECTING THE VOTES

The Center for Legislative Accountability (CLA), an initiative of the CPAC Foundation, is the premier organization for holding lawmakers accountable. The CLA produces the longest-running conservative congressional scorecard and our state program is the only one in the nation that scores all 8,000 lawmakers in the 50 states across every policy area.

In 1971, ACUF launched its Ratings of Congress to provide a comprehensive evaluation of the voting records of every Member of Congress. The Ratings quickly became considered the "gold standard" and over the following decades have been utilized by activists, voters, academics and elected officials to determine which lawmakers best adhere to conservative principles.

In 2011, these Ratings were expanded into state legislatures as part of a five-state pilot program. By 2015, Ratings of the States grew to include all 50 states and all 99 legislative chambers. Today, the CLA annually analyzes over 105,000 pieces of legislation to issue scores for all of America's federal and state lawmakers and presents awards to lawmakers who score 80% or better in recognition of their conservative voting records.

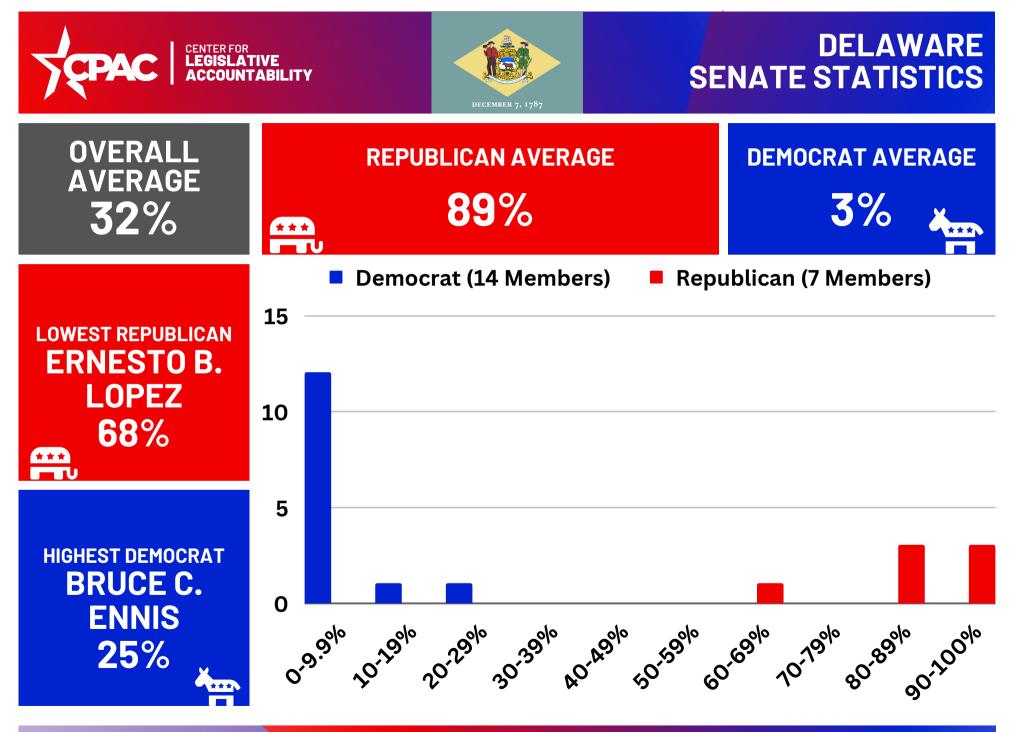
In order to depict how closely a lawmaker adheres to conservative principles, the CLA selects from the full spectrum of issues relating to the economy, culture, national security and government integrity. Some key areas include taxation, spending, education, labor, licensure, regulation, environment, life, free speech, Second Amendment rights, foreign aid, defense priorities and global organizations, including the United Nations. All congressional and state analyses are conducted after the adjournment of a legislative session to ensure that no issue is neglected. To determine legislative rankings, the CLA annually evaluates over 105,000 bills that were introduced in Congress and every convening state legislature running from January 1 to December 31.

Of those bills, the CLA ultimately selects roughly 2,000 pieces of legislation that best illustrate how elected officials view the role of government in an individual's life. The CLA calculates individual scores for a total of nearly 8,000 federal and state lawmakers based on over 157,000 votes cast on the 2,000 bills selected.

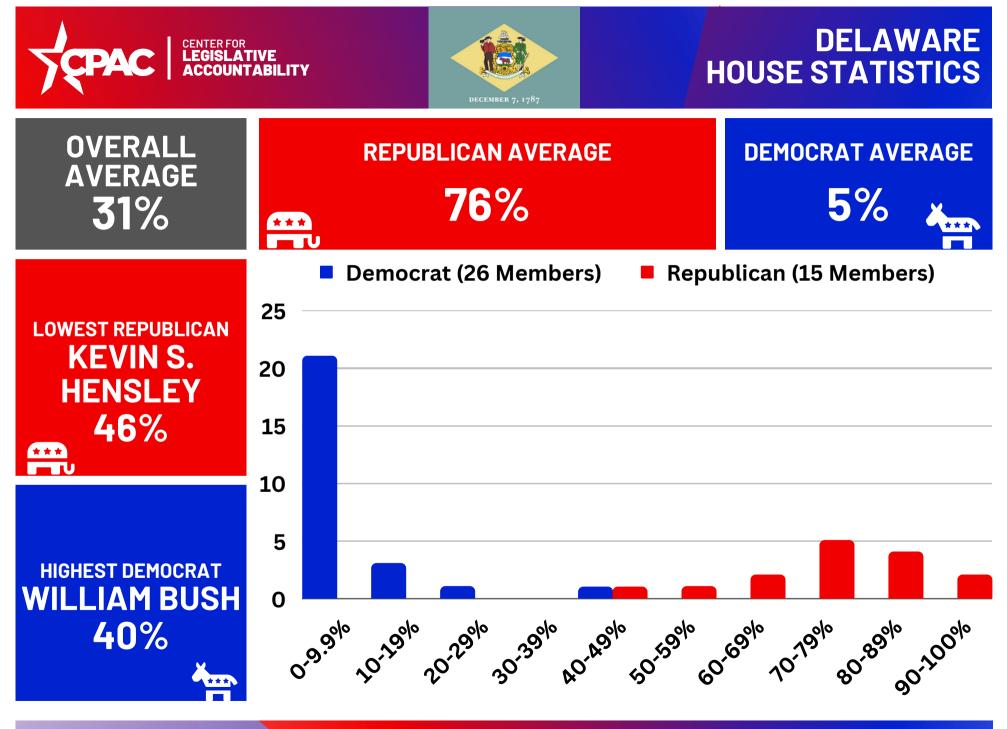
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Thomas R. Bradbury Director of Policy Larry Hart Senior Policy Fellow Coleman Martinis Policy Coordinator

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Gerald W. Hocker	Richard G. Collins*	
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DELAWARE SENATE SCORES

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	Party	2022%	2021%	Life time%	SR 24	HB 25	HB 320	HB 360	HB 374	HB 380	HB 450	HB 451	HB 455	SB 1	SB 8	SB 90	SB 134	SB 187	SB 211	SB 231	SB 302	SB 305	SB 320
Colin Bonini	R	89%	71%	78 %	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Darius J. Brown	D	16%	17%	21%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+
Bruce C. Ennis	D	25 %	36%	28%	x	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	x	+	x	-
Kyle Evans Gay	D	0%	11%	6%	I	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stephanie L. Hansen	D	0%	17%	18%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gerald W. Hocker	R	94 %	82%	77%	+	+	+	-	x	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Dave G. Lawson	R	88%	80%	76%	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	x	+	+	+	+	x	+
S. Elizabeth Lockman	D	0%	11%	12%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ernesto B. Lopez	R	68%	55%	53%	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Spiros Mantzavinos	D	0%	17%	9%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	-
Sarah McBride	D	0%	11%	6%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trey Charles Paradee	D	0%	17%	20%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brian Pettyjohn	R	95 %	74%	77 %	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Marie Pinkney	D	0%	11%	6%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nicole Poore	D	5%	15%	14%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bryant L. Richardson	R	95 %	80%	72 %	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
David P. Sokola	D	0%	14%	12%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Laura Sturgeon	D	0%	14%	13%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bryan Townsend	D	0%	14%	17%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
John Walsh	D	0%	17%	16%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
David L. Wilson	R	89%	80%	72%	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

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SR 24 Rejecting the Sanctity of Life.

This resolution would have recognized January 22, 2022 as the "Sanctity of Life" Day in Delaware. CPAC supports efforts to oppose to abortion and supported this resolution. The Senate defeated the resolution on January 20, 2022 by a vote of 7-13.

HB 25 Creating Same-Day Voter Registration.

This bill allows individuals to register to vote on the day of the election. CPAC notes that same-day registration makes it almost impossible to properly process and verify voter applications, reducing election security. Due to this, CPAC opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 22, 2022 by a vote of 14-7 and the bill later became law.

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HB 360 Handing Out Inflationary Relief Rebates.

This bill authorizes the state to give out a \$300 check to every resident Delaware taxpayer in order to help them grapple with the extremely onerous inflation of President Biden's economy. CPAC recognizes that this type of measure actually feeds inflation and discourages people from working. CPAC opposes these consequences and, therefore, opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 14, 2022 by a vote of 21-0 and the bill later became law.

HB 374 Increasing the Government's Power to Infringe on Property Rights.

This bill redefines the definition of manufactured homes such that the definition now also includes camper trailers on rented land. This allows the government to regulate them under the landlord/tenant code. CPAC opposes improper government interference in landlord-tenant relationships and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 29, 2022 by a vote of 15-5 and the bill later became law.

HB 380 Paying Off Members of One of the Highest Paid Professions in the Country.

This bill sets up a program that helps attorneys repay their student loans if they agree to work for the government. CPAC does not believe that taxpayers should be forced to pay off the student loans of attorneys, the likes of whom are one of the most highly paid professions in the nation, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 29, 2022 by a vote of 17-4 and the bill later became law.





HB 450 Banning So-Called Assault-Style Weapons.

This bill prohibits the manufacture, sale, and possession of so-called assault weapons in the state of Delaware. This prohibition does not apply to individuals who already owned such weapons prior to the bill's effective date. CPAC recognizes that the definition applied to assault weapons is murky and extremely vague. CPAC opposes the imposition of ambiguous regulation like this, supports the founders' belief in the Second Amendment, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 16, 2022 by a vote of 13-8 and the bill later became law.

HB 451 Prohibiting Young Adults from Buying Firearms.

This bill makes it such that individuals may not purchase firearms until the age of 21. CPAC believes that individuals who are old enough to serve in the military are also old enough to purchase firearms and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 28, 2022 by a vote of 14-7 and the bill later became law.

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This bill creates a large range of measures intended to sanctify the practice of abortion in Delaware. For example, it protects physicians, physicians' assistants, and nurses from legal consequences when they perform abortions. It also prohibits healthcare providers from disclosing information concerning the reproductive services that a person has been involved in response to requests from other states. CPAC considers abortion to be a human tragedy and so opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 28, 2022 by a vote of 15-6 and the bill later became law.

SB 1 Constructing a Paid Leave Program.

This bill creates a statewide paid family and medical leave program for individuals who fulfill certain conditions. CPAC opposes government interference in the compensation negotiations between employers and employees and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 14, 2022 by a vote of 14-7 and the bill later became law.

SB 8 Broadening the Definition of Machine Guns.

This bill broadens the definition of a machine gun such that it includes auto sears and glock switches, thereby banning these accessories. CPAC supports the founders' belief in the Second Amendment and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 29, 2022 by a vote of 13-8 and the bill later became law.

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SB 90 Forcing Landlords to Make Unwanted Decisions and Reducing Housing Availability.

This bill prohibits landlords from using a tenant's source of income as a determining factor in their decision to rent out a space to that tenant. This also means that they may not discriminate against tenants receiving Section 8 housing vouchers from the government. CPAC opposes this obvious violation of property rights, recognizes that mandates like this reduce the amount of spaces that landlords put up for rent, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 14, 2022 by a vote of 14-7 but the bill was not approved in the House.

SB 134 Criminalizing Plastic Utensils.

This bill prohibits food establishments from providing consumers with plastic coffee stirrers, food picks, or polystyrene containers. The bill also prohibits restaurants from providing consumers with plastic straws unless the consumer specifically asks for one. CPAC opposes draconian bans like this that drive up costs and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 9, 2022 by a vote of 12-8 but the bill was not approved in the House.

SB 187 Paving the Way Towards the Subsidization of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations.

This bill requires municipalities to obtain permission to install electric vehicle charging stations in residential areas. CPAC supports all forms of energy, does not believe that the government should favor one form of energy over another, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 14, 2022 by a vote of 14-7 and the bill later became law.

SB 211 Hindering the Hiring Process.

This bill bars employers from asking potential employees about their date of birth or graduation. CPAC opposes government interference in the relationship between employers and potential employees and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on January 27, 2022 by a vote of 16-5 and the bill later became law.

SB 231 Raising Auto Insurance Rates.

This bill prohibits auto insurance companies from using gender, gender identity, or sex as a rating factor in automobile insurance policies. CPAC believes that this form of micromanagement raises insurance rates for everyone and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 5, 2022 by a vote of 11-8 but the bill was not taken up in the House.





SB 302 Encouraging Frivolous Litigation Against Firearms Manufacturers.

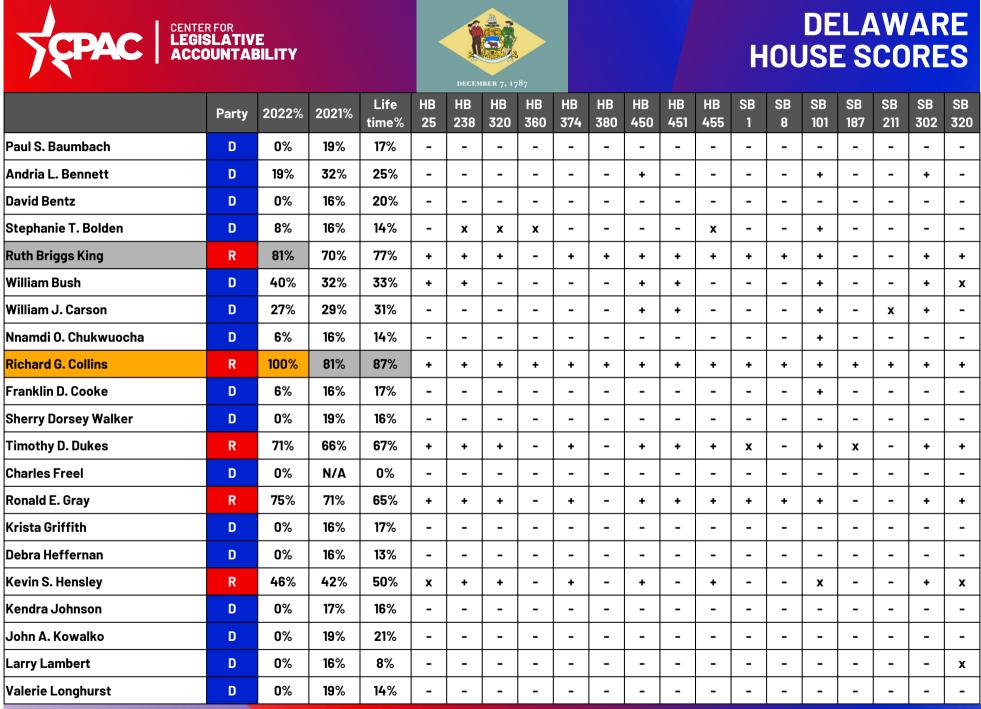
This bill allows individuals to initiate litigation against firearms manufacturers that they believe have "recklessly" endangered the residents of Delaware through the manufacture and sale of weapons. CPAC believes that this standard is absurd and logically untenable. The maker of a pair of scissors or knives should obviously not be held liable if someone is stabbed using their product. The same standard should be applied to firearms. CPAC, therefore, opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 16, 2022 by a vote of 13-8 and the bill later became law.

SB 305 Instituting Burdensome Climate Goals.

This bill requires the state to reduce its total greenhouse gas emissions to 90% below 2005 levels by 2050. CPAC believes that this measure will constitute an enormous burden on consumers and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 9, 2022 by a vote of 13-6 but the bill was not taken up in the House.

SB 320 Making it Harder to Prevent Vote Fraud Through the Expansion of Vote By Mail Procedures.

This bill establishes vote-by-mail procedures in Delaware. CPAC opposes measures that reduce ballot security and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 16, 2022 by a vote of 13-8 and the bill was later signed into law.



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Sean M. Lynn	D	0%	14%	16%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	x	-	-	-	-
Sean Matthews	D	14%	20%	19%	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	x	-	-	-	+	-	x	-	-
Melissa Minor-Brown	D	0%	17%	12%	x	-	-	x	-	x	-	I	-	-	x	-	-	-	-	-
John L. Mitchell	D	0%	16%	15%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	I	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sherae'a Moore	D	0%	19%	10%	x	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shannon Morris	R	88%	71 %	76 %	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Eric Morrison	D	0%	23%	12%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Edward S. Osienski	D	7 %	16%	19%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Charles S. Postles Jr.	R	94 %	71 %	76 %	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Michael Ramone	R	69 %	48%	51%	+	+	+	x	+	+	+	+	x	-	-	+	-	-	+	x
Peter C. Schwartzkopf	D	13%	19%	19%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Daniel B. Short	R	69 %	68%	65%	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+
Bryan W. Shupe	R	88%	53%	65%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+
Michael F. Smith	R	50%	52%	51%	x	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	x	-	-	+	-	-	+	-
Stephen Smyk	R	73%	61%	61%	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	x	+	+
Jeff N. Spiegelman	R	73 %	60%	65%	+	x	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+
Jesse R. Vanderwende	R	88%	74%	77 %	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Kimberly Williams	D	0%	17%	16%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Madinah Wilson-Anton	D	0%	19%	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lyndon D. Yearick	R	75%	71 %	72 %	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+

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DELAWARE HOUSE VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

HB 25 Creating Same-Day Voter Registration.

This bill allows individuals to register to vote on the day of the election. CPAC notes that same-day registration makes it almost impossible to properly process and verify voter applications, reducing election security. Due to this, CPAC opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on June 7, 2022 by a vote of 24-13 and the bill later became law.

HB 238 Putting More Restrictions on Charter Schools.

This bill removes a provision that granted charter schools the ability to give preference in student admissions to students residing within a 5-mile radius of them. CPAC supports sensible admissions policies for charter schools, opposes attempts to weaken the charter school system, and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on May 5, 2022 by a vote of 22-16 but the bill was not taken up in the Senate.

HB 320 Expanding the Number of Abortionists.

This bill allows physicians' assistants and advanced practiced registered nurses to prescribe medications that terminate pregnancies. These medications include Mifepristone and Mifeprex. CPAC believes that abortion is always a human tragedy, opposes its expansion, and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 24, 2022 by a vote of 25-15 and the bill later became law.

HB 360 Handing Out Inflationary Relief Rebates.

This bill authorizes the state to give out a \$300 check to every resident Delaware taxpayer in order to help them grapple with the extremely onerous inflation of President Biden's economy. CPAC recognizes that this type of measure actually feeds inflation and discourages people from working. CPAC opposes these consequences and, therefore, opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 7, 2022 by a vote of 35-3 and the bill later became law.

HB 374 Increasing the Government's Power to Infringe on Property Rights.

This bill redefines the definition of manufactured homes such that the definition now also includes camper trailers on rented land. This allows the government to regulate them under the landlord/tenant code. CPAC opposes improper government interference in landlord-tenant relationships and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on June 30, 2022 by a vote of 26-15 and the bill later became law.

HB 380 Paying Off Members of One of the Highest Paid Professions in the Country.

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This bill sets up a program that helps attorneys repay their student loans if they agree to work for the government. CPAC does not believe that taxpayers should be forced to pay off the student loans of attorneys, the likes of whom are one of the most highly paid professions in the nation, and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on June 16, 2022 by a vote of 31-9 and the bill later became law.





DELAWARE HOUSE VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

HB 450 Banning So-Called Assault-Style Weapons.

This bill prohibits the manufacture, sale, and possession of so-called assault weapons in the state of Delaware. This prohibition does not apply to individuals who already owned such weapons prior to the bill's effective date. CPAC recognizes that the definition applied to assault weapons is murky and extremely vague. CPAC opposes the imposition of ambiguous regulation like this, supports the founders' belief in the Second Amendment, and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on June 9, 2022 by a vote of 22-19 and the bill later became law.

HB 451 Prohibiting Young Adults from Buying Firearms.

This bill makes it such that individuals may not purchase firearms until the age of 21. CPAC believes that individuals who are old enough to serve in the military are also old enough to purchase firearms and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on June 28, 2022 by a vote of 24-15 and the bill later became law.

HB 455 Converting Delaware into a Sanctuary State for Abortionists.

This bill creates a large range of measures intended to sanctify the practice of abortion in Delaware. For example, it protects physicians, physicians' assistants, and nurses from legal consequences when they perform abortions. It also prohibits healthcare providers from disclosing information concerning the reproductive services that a person has been involved in response to requests from other states. CPAC considers abortion to be a human tragedy and so opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on June 14, 2022 by a vote of 24-13 and the bill later became law.

SB 1 Constructing a Paid Leave Program.

This bill creates a statewide paid family and medical leave program for individuals who fulfill certain conditions. CPAC opposes government interference in the compensation negotiations between employers and employees and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 14, 2022 by a vote of 29-11 and the bill later became law.

SB 8 Broadening the Definition of Machine Guns.

This bill broadens the definition of a machine gun such that it includes auto sears and glock switches, thereby banning these accessories. CPAC supports the founders' belief in the Second Amendment and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on June 28, 2022 by a vote of 32-8 and the bill later became law.





DELAWARE HOUSE VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

SB 101 Pay The Rent? See My Lawyer.

This bill gives the right to council to tenants facing eviction for not paying their rent. It also prohibits landlords from evicting tenants when the money owed to them is less than 1-month's rent or \$500, whichever is greater. CPAC opposes this absurd infringement on property rights, recognizes that this measure will engender a massive amount of frivolous litigation, and opposed this bill. The House defeated the bill on July 1, 2022 by a vote of 16-23.

SB 187 Paving the Way Towards the Subsidization of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations.

This bill requires municipalities to obtain permission to install electric vehicle charging stations in residential areas. CPAC supports all forms of energy, does not believe that the government should favor one form of energy over another, and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 14, 2022 by a vote of 38-2 and the bill later became law.

SB 211 Hindering the Hiring Process.

This bill bars employers from asking potential employees about their date of birth or graduation. CPAC opposes government interference in the relationship between employers and potential employees and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on June 29, 2022 by a vote of 34-4 and the bill later became law.

SB 302 Encouraging Frivolous Litigation Against Firearms Manufacturers.

This bill allows individuals to initiate litigation against firearms manufacturers that they believe have "recklessly" endangered the residents of Delaware through the manufacture and sale of weapons. CPAC believes that this standard is absurd and logically untenable. The maker of a pair of scissors or knives should obviously not be held liable if someone is stabbed using their product. The same standard should be applied to firearms. CPAC, therefore, opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on June 28, 2022 by a vote of 23-18 and the bill later became law.

SB 320 Making it Harder to Prevent Vote Fraud Through the Expansion of Vote By Mail Procedures.

This bill establishes vote-by-mail procedures in Delaware. CPAC opposes measures that reduce ballot security and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on June 29, 2022 by a vote of 25-12 and the bill later became law.