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Measure Protecting 2nd Amendment Receives Governor's Signature

JEFFERSON CITY – Missourians' 2nd amendment rights have been further protected thanks to measures passed during the latest legislative session. Sen. Kevin Engler, R-Farmington, announced today that [House Bill 2034](#), an omnibus measure defending 2nd amendment rights, has received the signature of the governor at a bill signing at Mineral Area College in Park Hills.

“We had initially drafted a bill that addressed complaints from firearm range owners that were nearly shut down because of noise complaints from near by homeowners who had just moved in,” said Sen. Engler. “By the end of the session, there had been numerous positive provisions added that further solidified the bill. Thanks to the governor’s signature all these provisions will become law.”

A primary component of the measure protects owners of firearm ranges by shielding them from civil and criminal liability for noise emission. Another major provision removes residency requirements for concealed carry permits.

Under current law, new residents must live in Missouri for six months before they can receive a permit. [House Bill 2034](#) waives the six-month requirement for those who already have a valid permit from another state. The bill also closes the records of those who filed with their county sheriff to receive a concealed carry permit, makes it a Class C felony for any felon to possess any firearm, and further defines “explosive weapons”.

According to the Missouri Constitution, [House Bill 2034](#) bill become law Aug. 28, 2008, along with several other important measures the governor has already signed.

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