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SAGA ALERT | Draft Firearms Control Act Amendment Bill 2025 finally exposed to sunlight and its Draconian and Irrational

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Draft Firearms Control Amendment Bill 2025: A Direct Attack on Law-Abiding Citizens

The Draft Firearms Control Amendment Bill 2025 (Draft FCA Bill 2025), is now in the public domain, and it is not about crime reduction. It is a **political and ideological project** that targets responsible, lawful citizens while leaving **state corruption, gang diversion networks, and collapsing SAPS firearm control systems completely untouched.**

Note that this a Draft Bill which has not as yet been gazetted but it clearly shows government's intent.

The Draft FCAB 2025 is an attack on the innocent to cover for the failures of the State.

What the Draft Bill Does

It seeks to:

- **Restrict self-defence firearm ownership** by requiring “**exceptional circumstances**” before the State will “allow” a citizen to protect themselves.
- **Restrict semi-automatic rifles and shotguns**, even for accredited and vetted dedicated sport shooters and hunters.
- **Limit firearm ownership numbers** across all licence categories, including dedicated status holders who have historically been the most compliant, skilled and responsible firearm owners in the country.
- Force compulsory disposal of **firearms upon licensing lapses.**



- Force **all firearm owners into repeated 5-year competency renewals**, creating permanent administrative vulnerability and risk of mass disqualification.
- Require **mandatory ballistic sampling of nearly every firearm**, despite SAPS ballistics already being non-functional with massive backlogs (29,000 in October 2025) and no national capacity to perform this task.
- **Ban the possession of reloading equipment** for ordinary citizens – a direct attack on sport shooting, hunting, training, and ammunition affordability.
- **Cut lawful ammunition possession by half**, to just 100 rounds per firearm unless “good cause” is proven to the State every time.

The Draft Bill Criminalises the Responsible and Protects the Corrupt

The Draft Bill **ignores** the real crisis:

- Firearms lost and stolen **from SAPS armouries and evidence stores**.
- SAPS members **arrested for supplying guns to gangs**.
- Failure to prosecute firearm trafficking **inside the State**.

Yet not a **single** structural anti-corruption enforcement mechanism appears in this Draft Bill - **NOT one**.

No Public Safety Logic

South Africans face the **highest violent crime rates in modern recorded history**.

The State cannot:

- Respond to 10111 calls on time
- Protect communities
- Secure its own guns
- Clear ballistics backlogs
- Process licensing within legal timeframes

Yet the State now demands the power to decide **who is “deserving” of the right to stay alive**. **This is unconstitutional, immoral and totally unacceptable. We reject the Bill in its entirety!**

Clear Challenge

SAGA will **NOT** negotiate away the rights of responsible South Africans. SAGA will **NOT** legitimise a process designed to remove firearms from lawful citizens.

This Draft Bill will be:

- **Challenged in Parliament**
- **Opposed in courts**
- **Resisted in every constitutional forum available**
- **Protested in the streets, and at grass roots.**

Call to Action

Every firearm owner, sport shooter, hunter, collector, security officer, instructor, club, range, dealership, importer/agent and firearms related business must now **activate** – **this is a critical moment**.



SAGA will issue:

- A **public participation guide**
- A **public petition**
- A **parliamentary submission pack**
- **Briefing sessions and strategic coordination guidance**

We will stand together and FIGHT as one, **we cannot win if the lawful community stays silent, divided, apathetic or uninvolved.**

Final Word

- You do not reduce crime by weakening the law-abiding.
- You do not fight gangs by disarming citizens.
- You do not stop corruption by empowering the corrupt.
- You do not protect the political elite at the cost of the citizen and taxpayer.

This Draft Bill will not protect the public. It's irrational, illogical and wrong. It only protects criminals and corrupt politicians.

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