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HPA Message:

Something we imagine all of our customers want in the new year is for the Hearing Protection Act to pass in 2017 under the Trump presidency. While we are certainly hopeful it will pass quickly there are a number of reasons to NOT delay your purchase of a suppressor.

If and when the Act passes there will be a huge overnight increase in demand for suppressors. If you have already started the purchasing process you will be guaranteed a suppressor. While everyone else scrambles to buy up dealer inventory you can sit back and relax knowing your suppressor is waiting on the shelf for you.

A lot of people are talking about waiting for the Act to pass because of perceived cost savings. They are thinking that if they wait they will save the \$200 tax stamp that is currently required. People are also speculating that the cost of suppressors will drop dramatically once the Act passes. There is language in the Act that would provide for rebates on all tax stamps paid since the bill was introduced. So your \$200 would be getting refunded. Now, while in the long run, the cost of a suppressor should drop some time after the Act passes the price is likely to go UP immediately after the Act passes. There will be a HUGE demand for these products which currently have a very limited market and therefore limited production. It will take some time for manufacturers to catch up with the demand before prices drop.

There has been a lot of talk about the Act passing within the first 100 days of office once Trump is sworn in. While this sounds great on paper it is a colossal task. The bill will need to go through several layers of committees and sessions and floor votes in both the House and the Senate before it ever gets to the President's desk. And that is assuming that both the House and Senate bills are identical. If they are not then the two bills will need to be worked into a single bill and then go back through the whole process again. And let's not forget that anti-gun Senators could still stage a filibuster to slow things down or prevent the vote. All of that process takes time and you likely could have purchased several suppressors in the time the legislative process runs its course. Perhaps the best reason to purchase a suppressor NOW is that your purchase will help aid in the fight to make the Hearing Protection Act become law. Manufacturer contributions from YHM go directly towards funding the American Suppressor Association. Through the A.S.A.'s efforts we have already seen great advances for suppressor ownership on the local, state and federal level. They will continue to push to make sure this bill gets to the president's desk for signature. If you want to help on a personal level we encourage each and every one of our customers to become A.S.A. members themselves to help aid in the effort.

<http://americansuppressorassociation.com/hearing-protection-act/>