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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. JORDAN, ORTT -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Investigations and Government Operations

AN ACT to amend the legislative law, in relation to requiring public hearings prior to the passage of any legislation relating to gun control

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. The legislative law is amended by adding a new section 32-b  
2 to read as follows:

3 § 32-b. Gun control legislation; public hearings. After introduction  
4 and a minimum of thirty days prior to voting on any bill relating to gun  
5 control the senate codes committee and the assembly codes committee  
6 jointly or separately shall conduct a minimum of five public hearings on  
7 such bills. Such hearings shall be conducted regionally to provide indi-  
8 viduals and organizations throughout the state with an opportunity to  
9 comment on such bills. The committees shall make every effort to hear  
10 all those who wish to present statements at such public hearings. The  
11 chairs of the committees jointly or separately shall publish a schedule  
12 of hearings. The testimony from such hearings shall be compiled into a  
13 report and posted on the assembly's website and senate's website for  
14 public review. For purposes of this section the term "gun control legis-  
15 lation" shall mean any legislation which amends, restricts, or in any  
16 other manner changes an individual's right to own, possess, carry, or  
17 fire any pistol, handgun, rifle, shotgun, or other firearm.

18 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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