



**Senate Bill 1183
Brass Knuckles; Prohibited Weapons**

**Town Council Meeting
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SB1183 Summary

- On Wednesday January 30th, a strike everything amendment was introduced for SB1183 by Senator Kavanaugh (R - Fountain Hills) pertaining to brass knuckles; prohibited weapons
- The purpose of this bill (with the strike everything amendment) is to modify the definition of prohibited weapon to include brass knuckles and classifies the manufacturing, possessing, transporting, selling or transferring of brass knuckles as a class 1 misdemeanor.
 - Includes a definition of brass knuckles
- A class 1 misdemeanor carries a maximum imprisonment sentence of six months and a civil penalty of not more than \$2,500 (A.R.S. § 13-707 and 13-802).



Kern Amendment

- Senator Kern (R-Glendale) ran an amendment to the bill, that ultimately was withdrawn, which would have limited the prohibition to minors, only.



SB1183 Legislative Next Steps

- On February 1st, SB1183 passed the Senate Judiciary Committee unanimously (7-0)
- Passed Senate Rules on February 6th
- Discussed during Majority and Minority Caucus
- Be voted on by the entire Senate
- Transfer to the House for the same process
- Action by the Governor



Options on SB 1183

- Support SB1183 in its current form
 - Currently, Gilbert, Chandler and Scottsdale have signed into RTS in support of the bill.
- Support SB1183 only if the Kern (or a similar amendment) is adopted to the bill limiting the prohibition to minors, only
 - Recommended position as suggested by Mayor Wheatley and Councilmember Brown
- Support SB 1183 under other conditions with an amendment
- Take no position on SB 1183

