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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Today, the Florida Supreme Court announced it will hear a challenge to the 2011 state law that enforces draconian penalties on city and county officials if they approve gun-related regulations. A coalition of local governments, and **Agriculture Commissioner Nikki Fried** appealed the case to the Florida Supreme Court in June, when the law was upheld by the 1st District Court of Appeal.

The lawsuit was originally filed by a coalition of local governments and local elected officials, including then Coral Springs City Commissioner Dan Daley after the February 2018 mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland. Since 1987 Florida has preempted cities and counties from passing regulations that are stricter than state firearms laws, in 2011 then-State Representative Matt Gaetz, strengthened this law creating egregious penalty provisions.

“It was wrong to pass the preemption in the 1980s. It was wrong to pass the draconian Matt Gaetz penalty provisions in 2011 and, although I didn’t think it possible, it was wrong to make the law worse this last legislative session. This is simple, if the state legislature won’t act to keep men, women, and children safe from the scourge of gun violence, let the local officials do it,” said **Representative Dan Daley (D- Coral Springs)**.

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