

Proposed H.B No. 5270 AN ACT AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF STATE PERMIT TO CARRY A PISTOL OR REVOLVER BY MAIL OR ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION.

I SUPPORT THIS BILL

Thank you Co-Chair Senator Joan Hartley, Co-Chair Representative Stephen Dargen, and members of the Public Safety Committee.

My name is Bruce Tolhurst. I am a life long resident of Connecticut, currently residing at 16 Virginia Rail Dr in Marlborough.

I came here today to talk about H.B. No. 5270, <and a similar bill, H.B. No. 5263>, An Act Authorizing Renewal of State Permit to Carry a Pistol or Revolver by Mail or Electronic Submission. I am here as an individual and also as the Head Range Master of The Connecticut Renegades, authorized by the Presidents' Executive committee to speak on behalf of the club. The Connecticut Renegades is a cowboy mounted shooting club. We ride horses through a proscribed pattern while shooting ten targets with a pair of single action revolvers. <think 1880 Colt Peacemakers>. This activity might be described as barrel racing with guns. I invite you all to come see our demonstration at the Four Town Fair in Somers, CT on September 17, later this year. You'll find there is nothing more exhilarating than horses, speed and guns all at the same time.

The Connecticut Renegades as a club and myself as an individual **SUPPORT** proposed bill H.B. No. 5270.

I am a CT Pistol Permit holder. The Connecticut Renegades is a club of over 60 members, with about 40 members as CT Pistol Permit holders. The majority of my revolver use is with the Connecticut Renegades. We recognize not only the personal convenience of a 'mail-in' license renewal process, but also the potential administrative saving to the State of Connecticut if this bill is enacted.

I can't believe there can be any controversy in this legislative proposal, regardless whether you are pro-gun, anti-gun or ambivalent. This is only about convenience and saving administrative costs.

I urge you to please consider this bill in this light and vote to approve it as a "Joint and Favorable" Committee action.

Thank you.

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<<<<<< Bruce & his horse, Pete >>>>>>