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HB 6376 AN ACT ELIMINATING THE REQUIREMENT OF A BOOK RECORDING EACH SALE OF A PISTOL OR REVOLVER

The Department of Public Safety opposes bill as currently drafted.

This bill would eliminate the statutory requirement that a vendor, of any pistol or revolver, shall keep a record, of each pistol or revolver, sold in a book kept for that purpose, and shall include the date of the sale, the caliber, make, model and manufacturer's number of such pistol or revolver and the name, address and occupation of the purchaser thereof, and shall be signed by the purchaser and by the person making the sale.

The argument often made in support of eliminating this requirement is that federal requirements require a similar bound book.

The problem with eliminating this language is that it is the only statute that gives the state the ability to inspect the gun dealers and determine compliance with applicable statutes. There is no corresponding requirement for the gun dealers to produce their federal books to state investigators. If the bill were to eliminate the requirement for a state book and instead substitute language that required the gun dealers to produce the federal A&D Book and federal forms to state troopers and investigators assigned to the Statewide Firearms Trafficking Task Force upon request, then the Department of Public Safety would not oppose the bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Colonel Danny R. Stebbins".

Colonel Danny R. Stebbins
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