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Testimony presented to the PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE

IN SUPPORT of Proposed H.B. No. 5263 AN ACT AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF STATE PERMIT TO CARRY A PISTOL OR REVOLVER BY MAIL. And Proposed H.B. No. 5270 AN ACT AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF STATE PERMIT TO CARRY A PISTOL OR REVOLVER BY MAIL OR BY ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION.

by Robert T. Crook, Director

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After reviewing ALL the renewal procedures found on the Special Licensing and Firearms Unit of the CT State Police, the ONLY renewal procedure requiring personal presence is the State Pistol Permit to Carry Pistols or Revolvers.

All other permit renewals can be done by mail. These include: Out of State Residents State Pistol Permit to Carry Pistols or Revolvers (including the initial submission); Private Detectives; Private Security Company License; Private Security Service License; Security Officer; Criminal Justice Certification Instructor, and Professional Bondsman's License.

Clearly, CSP has the procedures in effect to extend the mail renewal to the Resident State Pistol Permit to Carry Pistols or Revolvers. This would lower the cost of processing firearms permit renewals, reduce travel and lost work time for applicants, and add convenience for the citizens of the state.

Renewals are every 5 years, and a photograph is required on the permit. Out of State Residents and others submit a passport photo. Both mail and the current appearance system would have to be available, but as with the other renewals many would use mail.

Electronic renewal submission is a more difficult procedure due to photographs required and payment. CSP does not have any credit card process that I'm aware of. Also many do not have electronic means or refuse to use it.

Initiation of a mail renewal program for the State Pistol Permit to Carry Pistols or Revolvers is obviously feasible and would standardize all Special Licensing and Firearms Unit renewal procedures.

We urge support.