

Honorable members of the Public Safety and Security Committee,

My name is Scott Wilson, I am a resident of New London and I am a Founding member and current President of the Connecticut Citizens Defense League. We are a large 2nd Amendment rights organization with 2,000 members and growing. I am here to testify in support of:

H.B. No. 5245 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR A TEMPORARY STATE PERMIT TO CARRY A PISTOL OR REVOLVER.

If this bill can be passed, it may help standardize the process for obtaining a pistol permit in Connecticut.

1) In 2011, a very Bill (SB 967) received a Joint Favorable Status report, but did not make it out of the Senate. This would have been helpful standardize the process for obtaining a pistol permit as there are countless delays and needless hearings by the Board of Firearms Permit Examiners while citizens are denied due their process.

2) Section a) changes the plural of forms to singular:

a) Requests for temporary state permits under section 29-28 shall be submitted to the chief of police, or, where there is no chief of police, to the warden of the borough or the first selectman of the town, as the case may be, on an application ([forms] form) prescribed by the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection. Upon written request by any person for a temporary state permit not on a prescribed application form, or upon request by any person for such application form, the local authority shall supply such ([forms] application form) This to me seems to be a legitimate attempt to limit burdensome paperwork such as waiver forms for credit checks, medical records and so forth.

3) While this Bill is a step in the right direction, we strongly encourage supporting legislation to help force towns and cities (local issuing authorities) to adhere to the eight week issue or denial. At this time there is no penalties or consequences for the denial of Due Process in the statutes. Many States have accountability measures in place to protect the applicant's interests from delays in issuance.

4) More also will hopefully be done on the part of our Legislature that allows citizens to be issued permits based on one set of criteria, State-wide. This way citizens attempting to exercise their rights will be able to without unnecessary hindrance by towns and cities.

S.B. No. 196 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECORDING OF PISTOL AND REVOLVER SALES IN A BOUND BOOK.

I am speaking in support on this as well, this Bill if passed would help eliminate redundancy of paperwork. More paperwork may make it harder for law abiding sellers of firearms to keep up with paperwork and it may interfere with sales as well..

S.B. No. 64 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING REGULATION OF FIREARMS.

H.B. No. 5096 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE FIREARMS EVIDENCE DATABANK.

No official position on these two Bills. I would like to thank our legislators for hearing our testimony today.

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