

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my opposition to Bill #6541, which will allow on-line training courses for safe boating and training for hunter safety/firearms. There are many reasons for my opposition to this proposed regulation, one of which being that the hunter safety portion potentially involves children. In today's society, not enough emphasis is being placed on the enormous responsibility of operating a vehicle safely...any vehicle, either on land or in the water. There have been far too many accidents involving watercrafts that are directly linked to unsafe operating procedures. Allowing on-line courses for safe boating or hunter safety, without the benefit of classroom instruction and hands on training is a mistake on many levels. Operating a vehicle or managing a weapon used for hunting is a huge responsibility and should be considered as such when taking the necessary steps to acquire those privileges. On-line instruction can never replace hands-on, classroom instruction. Would anyone feel comfortable being cared for by a physician for received all of their training on-line? Something to consider.

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