

Dear members of the Public Safety Committee,

As a voter, and Retired Police Officer, I would like to voice my views on the proposed gun bills that you and the Safety Committee will vote on next week.

I have read each proposed bill in it's entirety. And I find that some of these bills listed below, are not perfect, but do have some common sense attributes:

Proposed Bill # 6598

AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC PROTECTION.

"To allow state agencies holding seized firearms to manage their inventory of such firearms without the risk of liability, and to permit peace officers to possess firearms on school grounds, even when off duty."

I would urge you to add Retired Police Officers to bill concerning weapons carry on school grounds.

I feel that we retired Police, who have been trained through are carriers, and "Protected and Served" in the past, would not hesitate to stop an "Adam Lanza situation" if we saw one occurring while driving by a school.

Unfortunately the way the bill is written now, a Retired Police Officer would be committing a felony if this bill did not exempt him or her.

Otherwise, I am in favor of this Bill.

Proposed Bill #299

AN ACT CONCERNING COMMUNICATION AMONG STATE AND LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS DURING ACTIVE SHOOTER INCIDENTS.

"To provide a means of notifying local police departments of recent or ongoing shooting incidents involving multiple victims so that they may send resources to the affected jurisdiction or increase security at heavily populated locations in their own jurisdictions."

I am supportive of this Bill.

Proposed Bill #505

AN ACT CONCERNING THE MINIMUM AGE TO PURCHASE A RIFLE OR OTHER LONG GUN.

"To establish the same minimum age for the purchase of a rifle or other long gun as is required for the purchase of a handgun."

I support this Bill.

Proposed Bill # 710

AN ACT CONCERNING PERMITS FOR GUN SHOWS.

"To require the local authority of the town in which a gun show is to take place to issue a permit for such gun show."

I support this Bill.

Proposed Bill # 1071

AN ACT CONCERNING ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION FUND.

"To create an additional source of funding for the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund by collecting a tax from firearm manufacturers and firearm importers for the sale of each firearm manufactured in or imported into the state."

I support this Bill.

Proposed Bill # 6162

AN ACT CONCERNING INELIGIBILITY FOR A PERMIT TO CARRY A PISTOL OR

REVOLVER OR AN ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATE BASED ON A PRIOR HOSPITALIZATION.

"To expand the mental health look-back period for permits to carry a pistol or revolver and eligibility certificates for a pistol or revolver to twenty-four months and eliminate the requirement that a probate court order a hospitalization in order for the hospitalization to disqualify a person for a permit or certificate. "

I support this Bill.

Proposed Bill # 506

AN ACT REQUIRING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR ALL PRIVATE FIREARM SALES.

"To require criminal background checks of all purchasers of firearms at private gun sales."

I support this Bill.

Proposed Bill # 897

AN ACT CONCERNING REGULATION OF FIREARMS.

"To make revisions concerning the offenses of carrying a firearm and hunting while under the influence, the information required on a receipt for the delivery of a firearm, the fees for and issuance of a handgun eligibility certificate and the officials required to be notified of a gun show."

I support this Bill.

Proposed Bill # 6251

AN ACT REQUIRING FINGERPRINTING AND CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS

PRIOR TO THE SALE, DELIVERY OR TRANSFER OF ALL LONG GUNS.

"To require the completion of fingerprinting and a criminal background check prior to the sale, delivery or transfer of any long gun."

I support this Bill.

BILLS THAT I URGE YOU TO VOTE NO ON:

Proposed Bill # 1076

AN ACT CONCERNING THE REDUCTION OF GUN VIOLENCE.

"To enact various initiatives to reduce gun violence in this state including expanding the definition of assault weapon, requiring a rifle permit for the purchase of a long gun, requiring registration of firearms, establishing a gun offender registry, regulating the sale of ammunition and eliminating the bulk purchase of firearms."

I DO NOT SUPPORT THIS BILL!

Proposed Bill,1076, would ban commonly owned firearms, implement a gun rationing scheme and mandate gun registration. The criminals would not follow this if it were to become law, it would only effect the law-abiding, and infringe on our Constitutional Rights!

I urge you to vote "NO" on this Bill!

Proposed Bill # 6595

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS NEAR PRIVATE RESIDENCES.

"To prohibit the discharge of firearms within five hundred feet of private residences."

I DO NOT SUPPORT THIS BILL.

This Bill, if it becomes law, infringes on a legal permit holder to protect themselves from the imminent use of deadly physical force, with their firearm, if they are within 500 Ft. of a private residence.

Think about this scenario, a young woman walking down a sidewalk, at night, is confronted by large male carrying a knife.

This woman has a pistol permit and is carrying her pistol or revolver.

The male threatens to stab her if she does not give him her purse. She is in fear for her life, but has trained for a moment like this. She produces her firearm, fires and stops the threat. But because she is on the sidewalk, about 40 Ft. From a house, she has now committed a crime, (Class C Misdemeanor).

I urge you to vote "NO" on this Bill!

As you can see, I agree and support most of these bills however, one Bill should add retired Police Officers to the exempt column, for carry on school grounds.

The other two, that I do not support, I urge you and your co-Safety Committee colleagues to vote NO on.

Sincerely,

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