

March 20, 2015  
Joint Committee on Judiciary  
Legislative Office Building, Room 2500  
Hartford, CT 06106

Testimony in OPPOSITION to Section 24 of H.B. No. 7028 (An Act Concerning The Department Of Correction, Access To The Firearms Database By Parole Officers, And Presentation Of A Carry Permit)

Dear Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I wish to express my OPPOSITION to Section 24 of Proposed Bill H.B. No. 7028 which seeks to change current law Section 29-35b of the general statutes:

(b) The holder of a permit issued pursuant to section 29-28 shall carry such permit upon one's person while carrying such pistol or revolver. Such holder shall present his or her permit upon the request of a law enforcement officer for purposes of verification of the validity of the permit or identification of the holder.

The few people who have refused to present a permit upon request have been arrested under **Sec. 53a-167a, Interfering with an officer**<sup>1</sup>.

I believe Sec 53a-167a is sufficient and covers the situation. This extra legislation is not necessary.

My concerns are how and where changes like this would be applied, and how it may be abused:

- Would a patrol be set up outside a gun range or gun store stopping patrons to check identification?
- Would someone be profiled if they are wearing clothing with a firearms manufacturer logo, organizations, or camouflage and be required to present identification?
- Would someone be profiled if they have a bumper sticker with a firearms logo or organization and be required to present identification?

This proposed legislation is not related to the rest of the Bill and should be removed.

I urge you to vote NO on Section 24 of this proposed legislation. Please remove it from the Bill.

Sincerely,

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1) Sec. 53a-167a. Interfering with an officer: Class A misdemeanor or class D felony. (a) A person is guilty of interfering with an officer when such person obstructs, resists, hinders or endangers any peace officer, special policeman appointed under section 29-18b, motor vehicle inspector designated under section 14-8 and certified pursuant to section 7-294d or firefighter in the performance of such peace officer's, special policeman's, motor vehicle inspector's or firefighter's duties.

(b) Interfering with an officer is a class A misdemeanor, except that, if such violation causes the death or serious physical injury of another person, such person shall be guilty of a class D felony.