



Connecticut Alliance of City Police

House Bill 5408
Public Hearing: 3/2/16

TO: MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY & SECURITY COMMITTEE
FROM: CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF CITY POLICE (CACP)
DATE: MARCH 3, 2016

***PLEASE SUPPORT HOUSE BILL 5408 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE
PRESENTATION OF A CARRY PERMIT.***

The Connecticut Association of City Police (CACP) is an organization whose members are 900 men and women who serve as sworn police officers in various cities across Connecticut.

We are respectfully requesting your committee to Support House Bill 5408.

Currently, police departments around Connecticut are being called by residents with reports from various business establishments and locations that another person is carrying a gun. A police officer is immediately dispatched to the scene; and the police officer will ask the person carrying the gun if he/she is carrying the required permit. Sometimes, the person will respond that he/she is not required to show a permit, which causes tension and fear with the owner and the patrons of the establishment, and puts the police officer in an awkward position when trying to do his/her job (a recent video of such an incident in Bridgeport went viral on the web, which may be a reason why this bill is before the Legislature).

The law under Section 29-35(b) already clearly requires: **“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.”**

Because the gun owner must carry the permit, we believe that it is reasonable for a police officer to ask to see the permit when the police officer has reason to believe that the person is holding a pistol or revolver. Our job is to ensure that all citizens feel safe; and this legislation will help us do our jobs.

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