

To: Joint Committee on Public Safety and Security

Concerning: HB 5408, HB5409, SB 20

Oppose: H.B. No. 5408 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRESENTATION OF A CARRY PERMIT

To require the holder of a permit for the carrying of any pistol or revolver to present such permit upon request of a law enforcement officer.

*This bill (if it becomes Law) would remove the requirement for a person to be under 'suspicion of a crime' and compel individuals produce a **permit to carry firearms** upon request. Currently, a sworn officer needs reasonable suspicion of a crime being committed in order to request a permit to be produced. This is similar to the need for reasonable suspicion to pull an automobile over.*

Is it reasonable to request, upon whim, that any person entering an automobile on the front left side produce a driver's license? The right to "bear" is an established Constitutional right. Additionally, a permit has been issued that has included a background check. It is not reasonable to embarrass, single out or scrutinize law abiding permit holders 'going about their business' and exercising their right to carry.

Most meaningful would be the enforcement of illegal gun trafficking laws, an end to early release programs for individuals that committed criminal acts with a firearm and appropriate mental health programs.

Support: H.B. No. 5409 AN ACT CONCERNING APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR A TEMPORARY STATE PERMIT TO CARRY A PISTOL OR A REVOLVER.

To create uniform criteria for the issuance of a temporary state permit to carry a pistol or revolver.

This bill (if it becomes Law) would remove the ability for local issuing authorities to ask for additional information beyond what is already required by state Statute (29-28). This would mean that applicants in every municipality would have the same standard for requirements when applying for a permit to carry firearms.

Oppose: S.B. No. 20 AN ACT CONCERNING CARRYING A FIREARM WHILE INTOXICATED OR UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL.

To lower the alcohol in blood ratio from .100 to .080

According to the DUI Foundation there are many factors that affect your Blood Alcohol concentration (BAC) when you drink. Some of these include: a person's size, gender and physical condition; what they have had to eat; how much sleep they have had; what medications they are taking and, importantly, the actual alcohol content of their chosen "drink."

While BAC does determine the level of an individual's intoxication from a chemical perspective, it does not necessarily determine a person's level of impairment. Alcohol tolerance varies widely among individuals and is affected by race, age, gender, genetics, adaptation, and the effects of other simultaneous intoxicants.

Respectfully,

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