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Testimony presented to the public safety and security committee

IN SUPPORT of (RAISED) SB 20 ***AN ACT CONCERNING CARRYING A FIREARM WHILE INTOXICATED OR UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL***

by Robert T. Crook, Director

March 3, 2016

We fully support standardizing the eight-hundredths standard found in other statutes.

We question the difference in penalties between Sections 1 (a) and 1(b). It would appear the drafter believes intoxicated **public carry** of a firearm is less dangerous while more probable (Class B misdemeanor) than intoxicated while **hunting** with a firearm (Class A misdemeanor). Common sense, we believe, dictates both should carry the same penalty: Class B misdemeanor, up to 6 month imprisonment, up to \$1000 Fine.

Thank you.