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To: pstestimony
Subject: In regards to Raised Bill No. 5409, AN ACT CONCERNING APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR A TEMPORARY STATE PERMIT TO CARRY A PISTOL OR A REVOLVER.

Please forgive my rush, I forgot to include : James Ritchie, Bristol Ct

As an NRA Instructor in Bristol, I have seen why this Raised Bill is important and for its passage. Not only does this language codify what the Board of Firearm Permit Examiners has rule, but solves many issues I have seen. Right now I have close to dozen people who have had the rules in Bristol applied differently in each case to their application. Most is a delaying in process; some of it is whim of the person in charge of the process in Bristol, and some outright lies about why application has been delayed.

Uniform application of the law regarding rights granted by the state is essential and uniform criteria so established in regards to applications for firearm permits must not be distorted by arbitrary and unusual criteria town by town. This lack of uniform application of the current statues which defines the issuing authority's duties has increased the workload of the Board of Firearm Permit Examiners (BFPE) on Constructive Denials and only to have BFPE rule in favor of the applicant.

Bristol is not the only town that delays permits hoping people will not follow through. Not only does that bill move in the right direction, it should include penalties (or fines) to the issuing authority for not following state statutes. Their failure to follow the law has increased administrative and applicant costs.

For these reasons this bill SHOULD BE APPROVED!