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

I support the wording of this raised bill for a number of reasons.

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.

Many cases have been brought before the Firearms board due to constructive denial by local authorities based on delays, creation of unique and unusual requirements not required by state law or any statute. In some towns, the use of constructive denial of a fundamental right has often been the result of political positioning, causing great delay and inconvenience to those victims of such delays in obtaining what they rightfully should be able to obtain without administrative delay.

Firearm laws are too important to be subject to the whims of local authorities, and this raised bill goes a long way to establish the supremacy of state requirements regarding permits, with true and uniform application statewide.

This bill should be approved.

Respectfully,

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