

Judiciary Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-7223

AN ACT CONCERNING THE STORAGE OF A PISTOL OR REVOLVER IN A

Title: MOTOR VEHICLE.

Vote Date: 3/20/2019

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 3/11/2019

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Judiciary Committee

Rep. Stafstrom

REASONS FOR BILL:

There has been an increase in crime involving the theft of firearms from motor vehicles in recent years. Theft of firearms from motor vehicles results in more crime because the person who stole the firearm, is then able to use the firearm, without the proper authorities knowing who is possessing the firearm. Firearms are able to be stolen from motor vehicles because they are not properly locked when the motor vehicle is unattended. This bill aims to restrict this theft by making sure the firearm is securely locked away in the motor vehicle, so there is a significantly greater chance that if a burglar tries to steal the firearm, they cannot access it. This bill also makes a person who violates the standard of safe storage that this bill defines, would be guilty of a class D felony, so there is a greater penalty for gun owners who are irresponsible with their firearms.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

CT Attorney General William Tong: Supports bill because this bill “provides common sense regulations around storage in a motor vehicle”.

Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection, Office of the Commissioner: Supports bill because “the safe storage of firearms will provide safe, secure, and reasonable gun storage for gun owners”.

THE FOLLOWING LEGISLATORS AND GROUPS SUPPORT THIS BILL:

Sen. Martin Looney: Supports bill because it “would improve public safety by requiring safe gun storage”.

Sen. Christine Cohen: Supports bill because it is a “simple change” and it would keep “families safer”.

Rep. Lucy Dathan: Supports bill because some gun deaths can be stopped by requiring safe storage

Rep. Anne Hughes: Supports bill because it is a “common sense safety measure to help increase the security of our community”.

CT Against Gun Violence, Board Chair, Marty Isaac: Supports bill because “gun owners need to do a better job of securing their firearms – at home and in their vehicles”.

CT Against Gun Violence, Executive Director, Jeremy Stein: Supports bill because “expanding safe storage requirements will help saves lives from multiple sources of gun violence, unintentional shootings, crime-related gun violence, suicide, school and other mass shootings”. This bill will also “send a clear message to irresponsible gun owners: lock up your firearms when they are not in your immediate control”.

CT Conference United Church of Christ, Legislative Advocate, Michele Mudrick: Supports bill and offered the same remarks about this bill as Jeremy Stein.

THE FOLLOWING LEGISLATORS AND GROUPS OPPOSE THIS BILL:

Rep. Tim Ackert: Questions the ambiguity in the bill, especially with the term “safe”.

CT Citizens Defense League, Legislative Coordinator, Ray Bevis: Opposes bill because it will “do nothing for public safety”.

NATURES AND SOURCES OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY:

Support	Opposed
Stephanie Ahl (Darien, CT)	Paul Acampora (Woodbridge, CT)
Melina Alcosser (Guilford, CT)	Sandra Akoury
Lisa Marie Alter (Westport, CT)	Dom Basile (CCDL)
Amanda Ingrassia	Sharon Bates (Wallingford, CT)
Marni Amsellem (Stamford, CT)	Mark Bear (Hebron, CT)
Susan Anderson (Guilford, CT)	Willard Bechter (Newington, CT)
Robert Andrews (Moodus, CT)	Charles Bendrick (Danbury, CT)
Alisha Aum (Avon, CT)	Stephen Bennett (New Haven, CT)
Evelyn Avoglia (Stamford, CT)	Ray Bevis (CCDL)
Nancy Axthelm (Westport, CT)	Christopher Bitel (Middletown, CT)
Paula Bacolini (Glastonbury, CT)	Michael Biernacki (Windsor, CT)
Kara Nelson Baekey (Norwalk, CT)	Alan and Karin Blaschik (East Haddam, CT)

Lucy Ball (Darien, CT)	Todd Bogli (Middletown, CT)
Jennifer Balliet (Norwalk, CT)	John Buckley (New Britain, CT)
Jennifer Barahona (Fairfield, CT)	Mike Burke
Stefanie Barrett (West Hartford, CT)	Lorie C. (Thomaston, CT)
Joanne Bauer (Hartford, CT)	Chas Catania (Sherman, CT)
Elizabeth Bayer (Wilton, CT)	Joe Cavo (Danbury, CT)
Eric Beckenstein (Ridgefield, CT)	John Chunis (Rocky Hill, CT)
Marci Bellows (Chester, CT)	Anthony Cicchetti
Vanita Bhalla (Woodbury, CT)	Mark Ciosek (New Britain, CT)
Leslie Bhutani (Greenwich, CT)	John Cripps (Seymour, CT)
Lois Block (Wilton, CT)	William Curlew (Windsor, CT)
Maryann Bracken (Guilford, CT)	George Curry (Watertown, CT)
Jane Brash (Riverside, CT)	Arthur Daigle (Plymouth, CT)
Sarah Bromley (Milford, CT)	John Dale (Cromwell, CT)
Kristin Brown (Madison, CT)	Richard Daniotti (Tolland, CT)
Janet and Paul Bryant (Glastonbury, CT)	Jacob Depot (Groton, CT)
Kevin Cargos (Guilford, CT)	Guthrie Dinda (Lebanon, CT)
Cindy Carlson (Newtown, CT)	Roy Downey (Higganum, CT)
Catherine Champigny (West Hartford, CT)	Nicholas DuBalde (Manchester, CT)
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Kelly Copeland (Westport, CT)	William Grace (East Windsor, CT)
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