HB5040 35percent sales tax on ammo

Ammo already taxes at 17.35 percent. 6.35 state sales tax and 11% PR tax. This would make it 52.35.

The State has already seen that they cannot estimate how much they could gain from said tax. Connecticut estimated $27 million would be raised in plastic bag taxes and will only collect $7 million or less as the consumer and vendor revolts. That means that 75% of the anticipated purchases didn't happen. When ammunition sales drop 75% in Connecticut, where or how will you replace the 11% Pitman Robertson funds the state will no longer receive for wildlife? You have already driven the DEEP income from license sales down by 2/3 over the last 20 years. What about the lost sales tax revenue, the lost income tax revenue paid by the merchant? This is a lose/lose proposition.

Connecticut ammunition purchasers already pay to get their ammunition buyers card, long gun permit, and pistol permits. They pay for their own education. Hunters go through hunter and firearms safety to get their hunting licenses. What are you going to teach these folks in addition to what they have already been trained on? You are talking about gun violence prevention programs that are for the illegal owners and users of firearms being paid for by the legal consumer. By that skewed logic, we should have an extra tax on every gallon of gas to pay for car theft prevention education. How about a tax on all forms of birth control to pay for pregnancy prevention classes? Make it more expensive for the responsible consumer to pay for the irresponsible non consumer.

The logic isn't there, but this kind of legislation is not meant to be logical. It is meant to be punitive. It is meant to treat those who own and use firearms as the villains who must pay.