

**Public Safety and Security Committee
JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT**

Bill No.: HB-6653

AN ACT PERMITTING EMAIL NOTICES OF THE EXPIRATION OF CERTAIN
FIREARM PERMITS AND CERTIFICATES AND SECURITY OFFICER

Title: LICENSES.

Vote Date: 3/16/2023

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 2/23/2023

File No.: 329

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill would permit the Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection (DESPP) to electronically send (via Email) expiration notifications about permits to carry a pistol or revolver and/or an eligibility certificate for a pistol or revolver rather than only send it these imperative papers through First Class Mail. This bill would save the state and the DESPP money, time, and labor expenditure as sending physical forms out is resource intensive. This bill would also make it easier for gun-owners to renew their permits easier, timely, and have the DESPP review them more efficiently without the risk of physically losing someone's form.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Commissioner, James Rovella: supports this bill as it would permit DESPP "to provide email notice to the holder of a permit to carry a pistol or revolver, an eligibility certificate for a pistol or revolver, an eligibility certificate for a long gun or a security officer license about the expiration on of such permit, certificate or license." Per the current Connecticut state statutes, the DESPP is only permitted to send these notifications by First Class Mail; this utilizes a lot of DESPP's labor and finances, and the DESPP receives thousands of letters back due to the permit and guard card holders not having mailing address.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

None expressed for H.B. 6653.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

Gary Corigliano, Officer: opposes this bill due to it being “in violation of thee [second] amendment of the United States Constitution.”

Reported by: Gregory Chipchak

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