

I object to the declaration of a public safety emergency putting the provisions of this bill into effect immediately if it is approved. A major change such as this requires time for educational efforts to avoid making criminals of good citizens who infrequently purchase or sell firearms and would have no reason to be aware of dramatic changes in the law. I am also concerned that the description of the bill states that private persons must appear before a gun dealer to request a criminal background check. However, Sec 3 of the bill appears to contradict that by allowing a non-dealer to contact the state police by phone for the check.

In broader terms, I feel this bill will not achieve an objective of significantly reducing the illegal use of firearms by criminals who can simply avoid the entire process. On the other hand good citizens will be substantially adversely impacted both financially and by lost time. Other measures, far less complicated, could be developed and would be at least as effective as what is being proposed.

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