

Senators & Representatives;

I am opposed to SB 945 based on this line from the overview of this bill...

"CREATES A CRIME"

We already have a myriad of laws that go unenforced. Do we need another?
Do we need to create another crime?

On the surface this bill makes sense... but lets change the weapon and then re-read the bill with the new "weapon" inserted in the place of a gun...

The new "weapon" will read "motor vehicle" (and according to laws on the books now, this CAN be considered a "deadly weapon")

Would this bill pass then? NO it would not... AND the public would probably not stand for it either...
legislators would be voted out of office (or at the very least heavily ostracized) a bill of that type would never even be suggested, let alone passed...

What makes the difference? one is a privilege (car ownership) the other a Constitutional right (gun ownership)

Now I believe STRONGLY that we as responsible adults MUST keep our children safe, and a responsible adult should keep firearms (AND motor vehicles) safe from "unauthorized use" whether by a minor child OR by any other person who will not use a firearm (or vehicle) responsibly...
but I don't believe a person should become a CRIMINAL for their stupidity if they do not.

After all.... you can't legislate stupidity...

OH; I guess you can (historically speaking)
It IS STUPID to ride a motorcycle without a helmet.. AND a law was enacted to make that illegal.... death rates changed some, but not a lot.. However the rate at which people survived as paraplegic, quadriplegic and in a "vegetative state" rose rapidly...

AND:

It is VERY STUPID to drive without wearing a seat belt...and a law was created to make it illegal...

HOWEVER:

how many deaths were in the news just this week where the driver (or passenger) of a car were killed and were found not to be wearing a seat belt?

Those laws seem not to be working as designed... I am sure that if this bill a law it will probably be nearly as effective as those laws were...

PLEASE, do not keep creating legislation just for the sake of looking busy... try to make legislation that will actually WORK and be sanely enforceable.

thank you for considering my opinions....

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