

Dear House Judicial Committee Representatives,

As far as a police officer being allowed to ask if someone is carrying a gun without an initial reason to ask, there shouldn't be an issue, as long as it is not against the law to not answer, or to give inaccurate information to the police officer. IF the stop occurs for another reason that the police officer's safety is at threat, I would expect the officer to ask. Again, my question is: "what is the obligation for a truthful answer from the person asked?" Based on the lack of clarity of HJR 13, a "NO" vote is warranted and this should not come out of committee. Votes to change the Constitution should have clearly worded and understood meaning and ramifications.

For HB 2526, Gun Dealers are not in the business of promoting programs developed for psychological issues people have. Who is qualified to develop suicide prevention programs and who should be responsible for public education? Certainly not the Department of Justice and gun dealers. Please vote "NO" on HB 2526 and do not bring it out of committee either.

Thank you.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ralph". The signature is stylized and cursive.

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