

Testimony, SB 797

Members of the Committee,

Now comes the usual suspects, once again dancing in the blood of slaughtered innocents and touting more regulation of firearms. The tale of the "Charleston Loophole" is completely specious and unfounded in fact, but why let that get in the way of their eternal crusade against the hated firearms and their owners?

In point of fact, not only would "Closing The Charleston Loophole" not, as this piece of legislation purports to do, have prevented what happened in Charleston but as far as saving lives in general goes the legislation will have exactly the opposite effect. Those most desperately in need of quickly obtaining the means of defending themselves against a newly arrived threat - such as a disgruntled boyfriend newly released from prison (and, I might add, by the same dysfunctional legal system which disarms their intended victim) - may now be *permanently* debarred from defending themselves. In that regard, as matters now stand the existing waiting period is enough of a problem for anyone abruptly needing the means to defend themselves. Now with the proposed changes in place they will not only be left vulnerable during in the immediate event, but may be left permanently disqualified and helpless when denied by the dysfunctional firearms registration system.

Please vote against this useless bill. While doing nothing to eliminate supposed "Gun Violence", it will simply enable abusers to count on their victims being unable to defend themselves.

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