

I would like to strongly urge you to vote **NO** on **HB4145**. This bill is so wide and so flawed that it is hard to imagine how something like this could even be brought to committee. My understanding is:

"Family or household members" means any of the following:

1. Spouses.
2. Former spouses.
3. Adult persons related by blood or marriage.
4. Persons cohabiting with each other.
5. Persons who have cohabited with each other *or who have been involved in a sexually intimate relationship.*
6. Unmarried parents of a minor child.

This definition is breathtakingly broad. As I understand it, anyone you ever had a sexual relationship with, or who claims to have had a sexual relationship with you, would be considered your "family member" and could request an order that forbids you from having firearms. This includes vindictive and bitter ex's. I have seen this scenario play out falsely so many times absolutely no merit whatsoever. Furthermore, the bill employs even more subterfuge by purposefully encouraging people not to contest the order. If a court issues a restraining order against you under current law, you have the option to contest it to attempt to "prove" your innocence. The problem is that under Federal law, if you contest this order, and it is upheld, **you will lose your gun rights under Federal law.**

If you don't contest it, and the court has not ordered a gun prohibition, you will not lose your gun rights. In other words, if you agree to comply with the order, no matter how false the accusations are, you may not automatically lose your gun rights.

I urge you to strongly condemn such a flawed proposal/legislation. Furthermore, I strongly urge you to consider the motivation by anyone trying to push this through. This has to stop.

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