

Upon my review of the proposed Senate Bill 978 I wish to make the following statements:

With regard to the new age requirements of 21 years of age I agree. I am 70 years of age and I will let these potential young voters voice their displeasure or agreement with the bill, and its supporters, as they vote.

With regard to securing of firearms, reporting theft, reporting injuries, I also agree as these are practices that any responsible gun owner follows.

With regard to unfinished, un-serial numbered firearms I also agree with the bill. However my own personal experience is that the State Police and ATFE has limited success in keeping track of any firearm after the initial sale.

CHL fees, well all right, grudgingly as long as the County Sheriff get a bump up as well.

HOWEVER, I do not agree with the regulation concerning CHL holders and public buildings but especially the parking lot and grounds of said buildings. This creates a patchwork of "go no go" areas that become impossible for good citizens to follow. Forbidding firearms in the parking lots of public facilities removes the right of self defense from the individual during his / her trip to and from home as he/she will not be able to make a simple ride to the airport to pick up and drop off a passenger.

CHL holders, when measured by any metric you may wish to employ, are among the most law abiding citizen in any state. Their conduct, as a group, is exemplary and extends into many other facets of life other than firearms.

Lastly, I DO NOT AGREE with Section 32 calling this bill an Emergency. There is no emergency and once again the "emergency" clause is being used to preempt any attempt to amend or cancel this legislation by the citizens initiative process. If in fact the bill is the "will of the people" then let it stand or fail on its merits, or lack thereof, and undergo possible challenge by the initiative process.

Respectfully,
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