

We are endowed by our Creator with certain unalienable rights, so the Constitution and Bill of Rights were written to protect those rights. One of the Bill of Rights is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment. Since our rights come from our Creator Who is God, our rights do not come from man, woman or any legislators. Now that I have pointed out the obvious, I would like to explain this SB 978 and/or SB 978-1 as it pertains to this right.

SB 978 and/or SB 978-1 is full of attacks to the Second Amendment, and our God-give rights to protect ourselves not only from thieves, burglars and murderers, but the enemy within and without our cities, counties and state. I only had time to mention just a few Sections of the many egregious offenses of this bill.

### **SECTION 1. (1):**

Certain persons “may establish a minimum age of 18, 19, 20 or 21 years for the purchase of firearms, firearm accessories, firearm components, ammunition or for the repair or service of a firearm.

First, an 18 year old man or woman is old enough to serve in the military and carry a firearm, but if he or she is home on leave, this bill requires certain persons, who are questionable in their own capacity, not to allow this 18 year old man or woman to purchase a firearm. Second, this is contrary to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment for each of them to keep and bear arms. This is likewise an offense for all law-abiding Oregonians of the ages 18 to 21 years, which is also against each of their 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment right.

### **SECTION 6. (1)(a)**

**(A)** States that at all times, if I am “a person who owns or possesses a firearm shall, at all times that the firearm is not carried by or under the control” of me, I must secure the firearm “With an engaged trigger lock or cable lock that meets or exceeds the minimum specifications established by the Oregon Health Authority und section 10 of this 2019 Act”. OR

**(B)** In a locked container

So this SB 978 and The Oregon Health Authority (whoever he, she, or they are) want me to fumble around in the dark and try to unlock the trigger lock or the cable lock on my firearm, or find the key to my locked container, then unlock it at 3 in the morning when an intruder just smashed in my window and about ready to kill me? Or if I can't get it unlocked run into the other room where my phone is and dial 911, risk being put on hold for other callers, then explain to the worker the situation and ask the murderous intruder who just came into the room to wait for me to finish up with my call before he murders me? But this law goes into effect, and I do not obey this law, and the same incident occurs but scare off the would be murderer, I would be charged with a Class C violation! Is someone at The Oregon Health Authority going to give me his or her number to call to rescue me? Is either Cindy Yuille or Steve Forsyth going show up at my house in 60 seconds to risk their lives and stop the murderer? I think not. I WOULD RATHER DISOBEY THE LAW THAN BE MURDERED! This section is abhorrent and CANNOT be law!

### **SECTION 26. (1)**

This section states that a city, county, metropolitan service district or a port operating an airport may adopt an ordinance regulating or prohibiting the possession of firearms in public buildings as defined in ORS 166.360 (“Public building’ means a hospital, a capitol building, a public or private school, ...a college or university, a city hall or the residence of any state official elected by the state at large, and the grounds adjacent to each such building.” And it goes on) by persons licensed to carry a concealed handgun under ORS 166.291 and 166.292.

**This exactly where the licensed concealed carry permit holders should be! These people can stop potentially harmful, if not murderous people. This is a bad section of the bill and should be stopped along with subsection (2) that includes a school district, college or university.**

This bill must be defeated because it is harmful and dangerous to law-abiding gun owners and supporters the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment, it compromises our ability to protect ourselves always.

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