

To be clear, what is not at stake here is the right to a firearm, but rather, a requirement that there be a regulatory process that a lethal object not be in the possession of someone who is not, for any reason, qualified to purchase and use it, and to wait a reasonable amount of time for that information to make it through the system to the seller. Another argument against the bill includes the alleged infringement of and inconvenience to the seller or buyer. The same reasoning somehow is not used by those who use this argument when it comes to obtaining an automobile license, another lethal weapon in the hands of those not qualified to drive. Waiting to pass the test, failing the test, wanting to buy a car but not having a license yet, these are all inconveniences, a price paid to keep us all safe.

If you can't wait three days to buy a weapon, I hesitate to think what its purpose is intended to serve for you. And if you have no nefarious plans for it, but you just want to have it because it's a valuable piece, or because you're traveling and you feel you need it for your safety, or you just feel you need it, then three days before you need it, you should have considered that. We all have had to wait for things because we didn't plan well enough. This is hardly a reason to bypass this three-day waiting period. The life you save may be your own.

Please pass this bill. It is reasonable, it is logical, it is necessary.

Sincerely,  
Ava Hoover