I oppose Senate Bill 554.

Rather than punishing criminals, this bill targets law-abiding citizens by creating a situation where the gun owner is likely to unknowingly commit a serious felony.

Anti-constitution restrictive "gun free zones" make citizens far less safe. Further, SB 554 increases permit fees on carry permits which places a financial burden on the Second Amendment right of every American to own a firearm. The Constitution clearly states that this right "shall not be infringed." This was put into the Constitution to protect citizens and the country by ensuring that the citizenry is well armed.

There is no evidence that any of the thousands of restrictive gun laws on the books reduces crime. Targeting gun owners in this manner is clearly discrimination as much as any hate crime and should be labeled as such.