

SB0488/HB0947

Civil Actions – Public Nuisances – Firearm Industry Members (Gun Industry Accountability Act of 2024)

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This is a bill written to take away accountability to the person who committed a crime with a firearm. This is a direct violation of PLACCA. Unless the seller of the firearm was indeed breaking the law by selling to a minor, or a straw purchase or someone visibly intoxicated who then uses the firearm to injure themselves or others – he or she is not breaking any law by selling the firearm.

Much like other bills entered for consideration, this bill is missing the mark. Firearms are a self-defense tool of last resort. Meaning there was no other way to protect yourself or your loved ones for great bodily harm or death. With crime rising in the state, the need for more individuals to be able to protect themselves and their loved ones has also risen. The safety of one's self is certainly a right is it not? I believe it is.

There is a scripture from the bible that speaks to this issue that I would like to remind you of:
Mark:7:20-23

“HE went on: What comes out of a person is what defiles them. For it is from within, out of a person's heart that evil thoughts come-sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. All these evils come from inside and defile a person.”

Please consider that you are trying to legislate out evil of a person, not a manufacture or retailer. I oppose this bill and ask for an unfavorable report on it.