

SUPPORT HB1288

Criminal Procedure - Forfeiture of Firearms - Sale to Dealer

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This just makes sense. The existing law allows law enforcement agencies to keep modern firearms for their own use, which is a smart form of recycling (and we all like that, right?). Often older and collectible firearms are seized (I have seen the heartbreaking pictures online) that, while not of a useful type for police work, are valuable to hunters and collectors. Rather than pay to have them destroyed, why not bring in some revenue by selling them to dealers? It works with cars, and other seized property. It might even help offset some of the Kirwan expense. We cannot afford to pay to throw away sources of revenue.