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## **HB 1288**

### **Criminal Procedure - Forfeiture of Firearms - Sale to Dealer**

### **FAVORABLE**

This simple logical bill was requested by several law enforcement agencies. It will enable law enforcement to benefit financially by selling legally confiscated, and or forfeited firearms, to a licensed firearms dealer for resale to the public as permitted by existing firearms laws.

Despite claims by opponents of this bill, HB 1288 will not increase the number of firearms; nor will it incentivize law enforcement agencies to confiscate firearms for profit.

Concerns expressed that these firearms are so-called “crime guns” seem to be based upon the foolish assumption that inanimate objects in and of themselves, are in some way capable of initiation action by themselves or causing individuals to behave in unlawful ways. Neither is true.

We ask for a favorable report on HB 1288.

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