

SB0889/HB481 Criminal Law – Wear, Carry, or Transporting a Handgun - Penalty

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I am State Director of The DC Project and the State Leader of the Armed Women of America. I stand in solidarity with the Ladies of both of these groups, numbering many more than just myself.

As I read this bill you are increasing penalty for wearing, carrying transporting a handgun from 3 years to 5 years. This would make some one a lifetime prohibited person, I do not believe this bill is appropriately addressing an issue we have in this state. The penalty for Criminals who have firearms that are stolen is much less, please look at that bill as one to move forward not this bill that will actually hurt the law abiding citizen not the criminals who would not care that they are breaking a law by carrying out side of what is lawful.

We are once again looking at a bill that doesn't address what our criminal penalty for those who choose to not follow written law and would more than likely take a law abiding citizen and turn them in to a criminal.

I request an unfavorable report on this bill.