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FAVORABLE FOR HOUSE BILL 0824

Public Safety – Regulated Firearms – Possession and Permits to Carry, Wear, and Transport a Handgun

Please forward HB-0824 with a favorable report, without modification.

The additional prohibitions will do nothing to deter crime – the criminals, by their very nature, are already ignoring your rules.

The increase in fees only serve to:

- Line the State's coffers
- Further dissuade low-income individuals from exercising their Constitutionally-protected right to “bear” arms as specifically enumerated in the Bill of Rights.

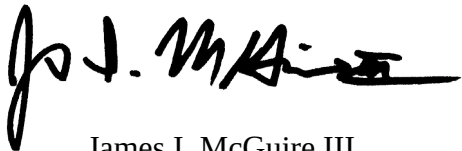
The permitting process that raises the eligibility age to 21 “except for those in military service” creates an age-based class system, which is explicitly prohibited by the Constitution. Quoting the 14th Amendment:

All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. **No State shall** make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor **deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.**

<emphasis added>

Please put your names on the “favorable” vote tally, knowing that HB-0824 is unconstitutional and that by doing so you are in violation of your oath of office.

Respectfully submitted,



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