

Senate Bill 858/ HB 307

I oppose these bills. They are unworkable in several ways.

- A. [HB 307](#) and [SB 858](#) are the latest iterations of attempts to criminalize how firearms are stored within gun owners' homes. Like last year's bills, these bills contain provisions that are flatly unconstitutional, dangerously vague, and practically impossible to comply with.
- B. For instance, the bills require that firearms be left or stored unloaded and only operable to adults. We know of no manner of firearms storage in which the firearm is operable by an 18-year-old but is not by a 17-year-old or a prohibited person.
- C. Any such storage device must also be secured with a "tamper-resistant" lock, but that term is undefined. Furthermore, the locks approved under current law by the Handgun Roster Board for use with handguns are insufficient under the terms of the bills, as they are not themselves locked containers.
- D. Instead of incentivizing safe storage, the bills leave violators of these vague requirements facing criminal sanctions. We much prefer to approach taken by [Senator Jill Carter's](#) bill, [SB 655](#), which provides incentives for acquiring safe storage devices.

Respectfully,

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