

Senator Sears and Senators Benning, White, Nitka and Ash

I am sorry I am not there in person. I been sick with some fluid on my lungs. I was at the Statehouse yesterday but left because of excessive coughing. I am currently at home if there are any questions. 802-728-4322

The Vermont Sheriff's Association reviewed S. 55 and support banning bump-stocks. As for changing to age from 18 to 21, extending the background checks and limiting high capacity magazines. We are against amendments. The current background checks works and trying to enforce a private sale would be nearly impossible. Enforcing the high capacity magazine ban would be impossible.

While we understand that we need to protect our school children and victims of domestic violence. We strongly feel that this bill will not protect anyone.

Here are some comments from the Sheriff's about amending S.55 to be effective to help protect our children and victims of violence. IN BOLD.

A convicted federal felon who is in possession of a firearm in the State of Vermont shall be deemed a felony crime.

Any person that is involuntary committed and or subject of a mental health warrant for a mental health examination shall be referred to the County Court where they live for a hearing to determine competency of firearm ownership.

Upon a Domestic violence arrest send a strong message \$5000.00 cash bail not \$500 cash surety.

Violations of conditions of release. First offense 5 days in jail. Second offense 30 days in jail.

Check the firearms removal box on the Abuse Prevention Orders, upon the request of the victim..

Sheriff Bohnyak