

To The members of the house judiciary committee,

Please find my thoughts on s.169 below

Waiting periods

1-Constitutionality.

A right delayed is a right denied.

2-Every time there is legislation brought up regarding taking firearms out of the home at a domestic abuse situation we hear the experts say that woman fear leaving their abusive partners and so they choose to stay. What happens when that young woman gets the courage to finally leave or kick her partner out of the house? How does this law effect her? Will she too have to wait 2 days to be able to protect herself in the most vulnerable time of the separation, when the partner is upset over her decision? Understandably there isn't a statistic for how often this happens as it's hard to know but in a state that isn't immune to domestic violence, and personally knowing people where this has been the case, I'd say it happens more than one might think. Additionally, do we know how many people who commit suicide by firearm bought the firearm 48 hours or less before they committed the act? Seems to me that this would be a statistic deserving research before passing a law, especially one that violates the rights of every citizen in the state.

Extreme risk protection orders

1-This law has already been abused!

In that case, a student made a threat and told someone that he knew how to gain access to his uncles guns so the police took the uncles guns, violating his rights. I'm aware that some police departments hand out gun locks to the public and the simple step of handing the accused uncle gun locks that the nephew didn't have access to would have solved the issue without violating the uncles rights, who wasn't accused of a crime nor was there concern that HE would have allowed access to the guns.

2-Adding "health care providers" access to this already unconstitutional law will cause gun owners to not seek help from physicians and therapist when they need help in fear that they will be reported and have their guns taken. In the past I have seen a therapist for couples counseling and other minor issues and if this addition to the law passes I can assure you I would not talk to my doctor or a therapist about any emotional issue that I might have. In my opinion this law is dangerous and must be repealed, not added to.

Please vote no to s.169 and any other restrictions on my rights

Thank you,

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