



New Hampshire Firearms Coalition

NH's Only No-Compromise Gun Rights Organization

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Chairman Terry Roy

House Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee
State House
107 North Main Street
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Chairman Terry Roy and Honorable Members of the House Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee,

As you may know, the New Hampshire Firearms Coalition Inc. (NHFC) is a 501(c)(4) non-profit organization that represents firearms owners, dealers, sporting clubs, and manufacturers of firearms. NHFC is committed to protecting our crucial Second Amendment rights to keep and bear arms from both direct and subtle encroachments by those who wish to strip all of us of these rights.

As a representative of NHFC, I would like to draw your attention to bills that will be before your committee this week. These bills are important to NHFC members and will be tracked regarding roll calls and their final disposition. Most importantly, they will be part of our grading process that will be reported to NHFC members.

NHFC supports the following bills:

HB 1108 (hearing 28 Jan): Currently the law penalizes a person who demonstrates that they are armed and prepared to defend themselves if necessary. HB 1108 would correct this problem, so that an individual who believes they are threatened can deter the threat of bodily assault by revealing that they have the means to defend themselves with a firearm. This would be particularly important for more physically vulnerable members of society, such as women or those small in stature, so as to deter assaults against themselves. We urge the committee to vote OTP.

HB 1279 (hearing 29 Jan): This bill would expand the ability of a citizen to use physical force to protect another person in their vehicle or on their property. This empowers law abiding citizens to protect others close to home. We urge the committee to vote OTP.

HB 1244 (hearing 29 Jan): This bill is similar to HB 1108, but differs in allowing a citizen to demonstrate that they are prepared to prevent property damage by demonstrating that they have the means to do so, such as showing they have a firearm, without being charged with criminal threatening. This bill allows for such a deterrence to prevent significant property loss. We urge the committee to vote OTP.

NHFC strongly opposes the following bills, and recommends ITL for these:

HB 1084 (hearing 28 Jan): This bill can be best described as "The Firearms Confiscation Act." According to this bill, anyone who has a protective order issued against them must surrender their personal property, in the form of firearms and ammunition, solely to the state. This de facto assumes the guilt of the one subject to the

order, and prevents that person from even selling this private property to pay for a legal defense. We urge the committee to not even try and amend this bill, and vote ITL.

HB 1049-FN (hearing 28 Jan): This bill will for all intents and purposes disarm most homeowners, making them more vulnerable to intruders, particularly more vulnerable citizens, such as women and those physically weaker. NHFC calls this the “No Self-Defense Firearms Act.” Previously, the law only stipulated loaded firearms, but this bill adds unloaded ones to the list. Even worse, there is no stipulation regarding where ammunition could come from. A minor could steal a firearm in one location, secure ammunition somewhere else, and yet the owner of the firearm would be considered guilty. The bill also increases the penalty from a violation to a misdemeanor. We strongly urge the committee to vote ITL.

HB 1034 (hearing 28 Jan): This bill is broad and vague in its conception. For example, it does not clarify exemptions for private or even homeschool venues. It would also prohibit our 2nd Amendment rights to carry concealed during meetings and other events held at a school, and in particular disarms citizens when they go to vote. NHFC sees this bill as an indirect attempt to severely restrict Granite Staters to Constitutionally carry firearms at a broad range of venues and events. We strongly urge the committee to vote ITL.

HB 1216 (hearing 29 Jan): This bill would allow an expansion of warrantless searches to real property, such as homes and other structures, in the same way that law enforcement can attempt to search vehicles. This is a clear violation of our Fourth Amendment rights under the United States Constitution. Current law allows exceptions for emergencies, which is sufficient for real property. We urge the committee to vote ITL.

HB 1240 (hearing 29 Jan): This bill uses broad and subjective definitions to determine when an alleged perpetrator could be charged with a Class B Felony. The term “reasonably” creates an extremely subjective basis for the charge, simply because somebody felt that another had what they deemed was a “deadly weapon.” It should be noted that a “deadly weapon” is in the eyes of the beholder, and could mean almost anything, from a baseball and a skateboard, to a shoe (such as in “curb stomping”) or even a pencil. Regarding the latter, a jailed man in Las Vegas killed his cellmate with a pencil in 2011. Passage of this bill would clog the law enforcement system with frivolous accusations, while those accused would be punished by the process, even if found innocent. NHFC strongly urges the committee to vote ITL.

The New Hampshire Firearms Coalition will continue to monitor these bills as they go through the legislative process and will inform our members regarding the ongoing and final status of each.

The New Hampshire Firearms Coalition thanks you in advance for your attention to these legislative matters and especially for your support of the right of the people to keep and bear arms.

Best regards,

Hon. JR Hoell
Secretary, NHFC