



New Hampshire Firearms Coalition

NH's Only No-Compromise Gun Rights Organization

The New Hampshire House of Representatives
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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the thousands of members and supporters of the New Hampshire Firearms Coalition, I am urging you to vote House Bills 1509, 1660, and 1101 inexpedient to legislate.

HB 1509 is a new twist on a bad idea.

HB 1509 allows punishment before a crime has been committed. It denies the victim of a campaign of malicious rumors, gossip and outright false accusations any real due process so that any one of your college-attending constituents – former police officers, military veterans, or reservists and others – can be denied their constitutional rights and lose their firearms.

The so-called restraints against “anyone reporting false information” to initiate the process are virtually useless while giving on-campus and off-campus, grudge-holding personal enemies – like romantic or fraternity-sorority rivalries – the ability to bring the power of state officials and police agents to bear against judicially innocent individuals in a he-said-she-said game of “SWATTING” that could lead to the very death of such judicially innocent young victims of this contrive scheme.

Speaking your mind, expressing strong political and public policy opinions, advocating for significant social justice or a passionate plea for community change could become the grounds for the unleashing of the armed powers of the state against on-campus student advocates.

HB 1509 creates an emergency threat protection order through a complex, bureaucratic scheme clearly intended to deprive individuals of their Second Amendment rights.

It creates the potential to waste limited police, mental health and court resources by opening a Pandora’s box of false reports and unfounded petition that bring punishment to innocent individuals BECAUSE the process becomes the punishment!

Furthermore, the legislation does nothing to require a real and effective mental health treatment for the individual after an order is issued.

Clearly, HB 1509 is not about protecting students in post-secondary environments or public safety. It is simply a scheme to circumvent the Bill of Rights and seize firearms.

Therefore, I urge you to vote House Bill 1509 inexpedient to legislate.

HB1660

I am also urging you vote House Bill 1660-FN inexpedient to legislate.

Through much of its history, HB 1660-FN explicitly confiscated guns.

While the current iteration of HB 1660-FN does not overtly mandate gun confiscation, it does allow it in a way that will make gun confiscation virtually inevitable.

Specifically, the bill allows a large category of aggrieved persons and government agencies to obtain an *ex parte* order stripping a gun owner of his Constitutional rights by virtue of unproven allegations contained in a single affidavit.

This can be done by alleging that the gun owner has committed “emotional abuse” through “verbal harassment” which “could result in” “emotional distress.” How many families do not experience “emotional abuse” under this definition?

Any family member who is upset with you can make a phone call to the government to accuse you of being ‘dangerous. You are never informed of the accusation, and you are never offered a chance to represent yourself before the police come to confiscate your guns.

The first time that you learn that a gun confiscation order has been filed against you in an *ex parte* hearing is when the SWAT team hits your house with a no-knock gun confiscation raid.

This is literally kick-in-the-door gun confiscation without due process! It doesn’t matter that you’re not a threat.

Although section 173-D-5 II lays out some of the relief which the court’s orders may “include,” the list is inclusive, rather than exclusive. And (b)(3) specifically allows whatever court injunction “the court determines is necessary.” Through most of the development of the bill, this has explicitly included gun confiscation, and it is hard to imagine that anyone will forget that this was the drafters’ intention.

The bill provides that a full hearing will be held within 3 business days of the receipt by the clerk of a demand for such a hearing. Yet it may take weeks to find an attorney and even more time for an attorney to become knowledgeable about the law and the case.

In other words, “due process” which occurs only after someone has lost all their Constitutional rights is no “due process” at all. This is particularly true because, with HB 1660-FN there is neither probable cause nor reasonable cause to believe the defendant has committed any crime or even any particularly bad act.

In sum, this bill is foolishly drafted and dangerous to a broad panoply of Constitutional rights. It is an Orwellian compilation of unconstitutionality — concocted to reach problems covered by pre-existing law.

HB1101

I am also writing to ask that you vote House Bill 1101 inexpedient to legislate.

HB 1101 imposes a three day waiting period on individuals who want to buy handguns.

Waiting periods will not make the citizens of New Hampshire safer.

HB 1101 is quick to empower would be criminals but slow to protect the innocent and law abiding.

There is simply no good reason to delay the ability of the citizens of New Hampshire to defend themselves from criminals.

Do attackers, stalkers, and home invaders delay their crimes because their victims have to wait three days to defend themselves? Do criminals want an equitable playing field?

Can you imagine one of your constituent families encountering a home-invader at their front door or a single mom confronted by a violent stalker on the street asking their criminal attacker if they could "wait three days" before making their assault on them?

Of course not!

But for some reason certain misguided legislators in Concord think it makes sense to delay and effectively deny an innocent victim effective means to repel a violent criminal attack.

One can only conclude that these legislative advocates of waiting periods in general, and this bill in particular, cannot or will not see and hear the innocent victims whose constitutional rights to obtain and use firearms are being suppressed by this legislation.

Do you share more in common with the criminal class than the law-abiding citizens of New Hampshire?

NHFC hopes not. Please show your constituents that you are not one of these unhearing and unseeing anti-self-defense legislators prowling the state house in Concord

The New Hampshire Firearms Coalition will report to your constituents in your district how you vote on these bills.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "JR Hoell". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style. The letters "JR" are prominent and connected to "Hoell".

JR Hoell
Secretary