

Public Safety and Security Committee

JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-7056

AN ACT CONCERNING PERMITS TO CARRY A PISTOL OR REVOLVER AND

Title: FIREARM TRANSFERS.

Vote Date: 3/18/2025

Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute

PH Date: 2/27/2025

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Public Safety and Security Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill would shift the responsibility of issuing a pistol permit if a municipality does not have a chief of police from the chief executive of that municipality to the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection. It would also exempt firearm transfers to defense contractors, nuclear submarine manufacturers, aerospace companies, and nuclear power plants for the purpose of developing a security force from authorization limits. The bill seeks to do two things: first, to ensure a uniform application of pistol permits across the state in the absence of municipal police chiefs, and second, to ensure that certain facilities have an easier time equipping their security forces.

SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE:

In response to testimony from the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection that expressed concerns about granting authority to issue a pistol permit to the Commissioner of that department in the absence of a municipal police chief, the substitute language of this bill removes all language that would grant that authority. The substitute language also offers a definition for a local permitting authority for the sake of clarity.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Commissioner, Ronnell Higgins

Mr. Higgins expressed the concerns of the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection about this bill. He noted that by referencing the Commissioner of DESPP, this bill would significantly increase the workload on the department's Special Licensing and Firearms Unit. He also noted that this measure would require DESPP to learn the zoning regulations of each town and city in the state, which would not be feasible without additional resources. He requested that the committee strike sections 1 and 2 from the bill.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Susan Adams, State Policy Director, Dominion Energy Millstone Power

Ms. Adams expressed her support for the provision in this bill allowing nuclear power plants to purchase more pistols and revolvers for the purpose of developing a security force. She noted that the Millstone Power Station is required by the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission to maintain a security program, and that the relaxation of purchasing regulations for nuclear power plants would help Millstone maintain that program as mandated.

Tina Falck, First Selectman, Town of Griswold

Ms. Falck expressed her support for exempting the first \$2,000 of a volunteer first responder's stipend from income tax.

Mackenzie Larson

Ms. Larson expressed her support for this bill and noted the necessity of bear hunting to managing wildlife.

Additional Testimony: Fourteen individuals expressed their support for increasing the legal magazine capacity for pistols to fifteen rounds. Testimony was provided by:

- [Thomas Calvanezi](#)
- [Christopher Cherry](#)
- [Patrick Collins](#)
- [Mark Drebot](#)
- [Zachary Dyson](#)
- [Cody Hess](#)
- [Garry Heyward](#)
- [Sir On Kang Dave-it](#)
- [Nicholas Kittle](#)
- [Aaron Maitz](#)
- [Anthony Mele](#)
- [Johnny Nucifora](#)
- [Josh Wojcik](#)
- [Napoleon Yates](#)

Additional Testimony: Seventeen individuals expressed their support for this bill. Testimony was provided by:

1. [Stephen Blake](#)
2. [Joseph Brouillard](#)

3. [Spejtim Fejzulai](#)
4. [Robert Harris](#)
5. [Suzanne Herbst](#)
6. [Ryan Johnson](#)
7. [Sean Johnston](#)
8. [Larry Lauer](#)
9. [Mike M.](#)
10. [Dylan Martinez](#)
11. [Luis Martinez](#)
12. [Ryan Naranjo](#)
13. [Henry Orlich](#)
14. [Terence Payne](#)
15. [Justin Rosebrock](#)
16. [Frank Slapski](#)
17. [Jeffrey Yale](#)

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

Michael Lusardo:

Mr. Lusardo expressed his opposition to HB7052 on the grounds that it is unconstitutional.

Reported by: Sam Sims

Date: 3/27/25