

Weapons bills

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I would like to register mu opposition to the following bills:

- HB 5436 – Rhode Island Assault Weapons Ban Act of 2025
 - This law will not stop criminals who will buy "Assault Weapons" regardless of the law.
 - The definition of an "Assault Weapon" is too broad and includes many weapons used for sporting purposes.
 - It will needlessly restrict the rights of law abiding gun owners.
- HB 5443 – Suicide Prevention – Voluntary Firearm Restrictions Act
 - The situation on which this bill is predicated is highly unlikely to occur.
 - This law imposes an unfunded mandate on local police departments.
- HB 5654 – Weapons – Concealed Carry Permit Restrictions for Out-of-State Residents
 - Imposing this law on Out-of-State residents could well result in law abiding gun owners with a valid RI Carry Permit from being issues Our-of-State carry licenses in adjoining states.
- HB 5889 – Expungement of Criminal Records – Consideration in Firearm Licensing
 - Records are not expunged lightly and are expunged for valid reasons.
- HB 5890 – Weapons – Prohibition on Firearm Possession Under 18
 - I was on a rifle shooting team in my high school and learned gun safety at an early age.
 - The law will likely have little effect as if a parent wants his/her child to have a gun then the parents can buy it and own it.
 - It will also have little effect because fake IDs are easily available and frequently used for alcohol purposes.
- HB 5653 – Weapons – Licensing Authority Restrictions
 - While I agree in theory with this bill I can not support as written. I believe the Legislature should set the requirements, not the Attorney General.

I do support the following bills:

- HB 5935 – Weapons – Concealed Carry Reform and Out-of-State Permit Recognition
 - The ability to appeal arbitrary decisions by local authorities should be able to be appealed.
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- HB 5936 – Weapons – Review and Appeal Process for Handgun Permits
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