

The objective of this bill is reasonable, but it is disappointing that extensive efforts to correct shortcomings in the bill have not resulted in a single word being changed. I detailed suggested improvements in a 27 Nov 2020 letter to Reps. Prusak, Sollman, and Wilde. I had extensive conversations with Rep. Sollman. There is no need for me to repeat the areas addressed in my letter or conversations. Any one of the Representatives could make the letter a matter of record if they desired. While it may be tempting for a party with a majority vote to ignore input, it is sad when constructive ideas are ignored. Our nation is polarized to the extent of being a threat to our way of life. The approach taken with this bill contributes to polarization and makes it difficult for reasonable people to stand up against radical forces. This process is an example of our elected representatives not respecting craftsmanship in the very process of writing and adopting legislation. You may well get this bill enacted with no changes, but your work earns, at best, a C minus grade. I will just cite one issue which I think should be an embarrassment to all of you. While key standards on locks and containers are not required to be established until January 1, 2022, you have determined that such an emergency exists that the bill will take effect on its passage! That is a bit like putting up blank speed limit signs before determining what the speed limit should be!!