

The basic provisions of this bill have already been found to be unconstitutional, and therefor null and void by the US Supreme Court [Heller v WA DC]. If passed, this bill will be challenged and thrown out. Consideration of this bill is a waste of time and money. Requiring that firearms be stored in an unusable condition infringes on the right to defend one's home and one's self.

This bill also imposes strict liability on gun owners for the illegal acts of others using the owner's stolen firearm. A basic tenet of American and Anglo-Saxon law for centuries is that one cannot held to be accountable for foreseeing the illegal acts of others. This bill throws hundreds of years of jurisprudence out the window.

Instead of imposing penalties after the fact, why not offer incentives to store firearms safely, like absolute immunity from criminal and civil responsibility for the unauthorized use of firearms if one can prove that those firearms were stored securely and safely?

I oppose this bill.