

Firearms in the hands of prohibited persons is a problem. HB 2543 offers no solution to that problem. I've read the bill and it contains nothing to promote public safety.

The State Police currently have 3 days to complete a background check. This seems a sufficient time frame. The bill's authors have not identified a problem with the current system; what is the bill proposing to solve? I've haven't heard any story that OSP allowed a person to have a gun that wasn't supposed to have one. Also, the bill contains no due process for people wrongly identified as a prohibited person. This is a step backwards from the current law. The State Police could simply refuse to conduct background checks and thereby deny gun ownership for no legitimate reason. Under current law, constituents are protected.

Please vote no on HB 2543.

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