

Chairwoman Bynum, Vice Chair Noble and Members House Committee on Judiciary

HB 2543 stops firearm sales when required background checks have not been completed by the Department of State Police. The catastrophic shooting of nine people in the Emanuel A.M. E. Church in Charleston, SC, by a White Supremacist shooter, was facilitated by the sale of a gun before the background check was complete. The shooter would have been disqualified from purchasing the gun had the background check been completed. The resulting atrocity has been labeled the "Charleston Loophole" because rushing the sale without the background check created the loophole that allowed the purchase. HB 2543 would prevent such a tragedy.

Thank you for considering this crucial bill.

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