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This bill will not save any lives or make anyone safer. If a criminal wants to carry out an act of violence, they would not care to violate this law. At the same time, this bill will reduce public safety, removing life saving tools from the hands of responsible citizens. It turns these responsible citizens into criminals simply by wanting the tools to protect themselves and their families as they go about their daily business. This is also a clear violation of constitutionally guaranteed rights under the 2nd amendment. This bill will disproportionately impact women and people of color, as they are more likely to be victims of gun violence. This bill strips these vulnerable people of their right to self defense. An unarmed woman attacked and killed is just as dead no matter where the attack happens. This bill basically creates safe spaces for predators.

It would be more effective to create zones where carrying a gun is required. You would see zero crime in those areas.