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These comments are in response to the amended version of SB348.

Clearly this is a gut and stuff amendment to this bill as the amendment has no relationship at all to the original.

Given it was submitted on a Friday with the hearing scheduled for the following Monday, makes it even more odious.

The attempt to incorporate HB2005/6/7 into this bill was poorly done as the author couldn't even bother to correct the typos/problems before doing a cut and paste.

For example (this is from my previous submission on HB 2006):

1.(F) A shotgun with a pump, break, level or revolving action;

No idea what a "level" action is, assuming this should be "lever" action. They also left out sliding breech shotguns.

2.(E) A muzzleloader rifle

Common terminology is "muzzleloading" rifle. Also the authors are apparently unaware that there are numerous smooth bore (ie not a rifle) muzzleloaders and this bill does not include them. So a twenty year old at a Rendezvous can shoot a muzzleloading rifle, but would be guilty of a felony if shooting in the trade gun (smoothbore) events.

3. (B) A double-barreled shotgun

Why is a double-barreled shotgun listed separately when it is covered as a "break" action shotgun in paragraph (F)?

The whole thing reeks of bad faith.

SB348 also increases the fee for obtaining a permit to \$150 from the original \$65. This fee structure is getting into the realm of being punitive and will cause lower income people to forgo obtaining a firearm altogether. Maybe that is point.

In addition, the ban on obtaining a 10+ round magazine is made retroactive to 8 Dec

22. Other than laying a trap for people who purchased a magazine in good faith, fully believing they were legal at that time, what purpose does this serve?

Measure 114 was a poorly written measure to begin with. This bill is an attempt to replace it with an even more poorly written bill denying even more people their right to obtain a firearm and to continue to possess property they believed was legally purchased.