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HB 3075 is flawed and an egregious attempt to make firearm ownership overly and unlawfully burdensome for the law abiding citizen. It will do nothing to stop crime and homicide. The facts are clear; nowhere in the US has Crime & Homicide decreased due to anything contained in this bill, and the parts have been ruled unconstitutional in other recent cases.

"No state shall convert a liberty into a license, and charge a fee therefore." [Murdock v. Pennsylvania, 319 U.S. 105]

"if a state converts a right (liberty) into a privilege, the citizen can ignore the license and fee and engage in the right (liberty) with impunity. (Shuttlesworth vs City of Birmingham Alabama, 373 US 262)

"The laws that forbid the carrying of arms are laws of such a nature. They disarm only those who are neither inclined nor determined to commit crimes.... Such laws make things worse for the assaulted and better for the assailants; they serve rather to encourage than to prevent homicides, for an unarmed man may be attacked with greater confidence than an armed man."

- Thomas Jefferson, Commonplace Book (quoting 18th century criminologist Cesare Beccaria), 1774-1776

Limiting Magazine size has no real impact on crime and just places a financial burden on firearm owners requiring them to obtain non-standard magazines that are sometimes difficult to find and leave citizens at a disadvantage in some situations for no reason at all. not to mention that the wording of the bill indicates that any magazine with a detachable baseplate would not meet the requirements even if less than 10 rounds. Magazines with non-detachable baseplates are so rare that they basically don't exist.

"A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed."

Definitions:

Well Regulated = Something being in proper working order

Militia = Organized group of Ordinary Citizens that are non military

Necessary = Must have, Mandatory

Security = Safe, Secure, Protect

Free State = Free country, free of despotism

Right = Guarantee

People = Every Individual Citizen

Keep = Own

Bear = Carry

Arms = Any and all Weapons that can be operated as an individual

Shall not = Can not

Infringe = Restrict, or Abolish