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I very strongly oppose this bill

This bill will not do anything to stop "gun violence" , it will not effect the mentally ill. It will un-neccessarily punish and burden law abiding citizens of our state, especially low income, women, the disabled and senior citizens. The permit is an unfunded mandate that our local law enforcement and state budget can not afford. Let's put that money to better use by directing it to mental health. Let's put our energy and time in the legislative process to tightening penalties for criminals and not continue to victimize the law abiding citizen.

Gun Free Zones do not work. They are an attractive soft target that are purposely chosen by criminal shooters because they offer a lot of vicitims in one location and they are undefended, and offer less of a risk to the shooter. These criminals seek notoriety and a high body count, lets not give them that.

As one of Robert Heinlein's characters in his short story "Beyond this Horizon" said: "An armed society is a polite society. Manners are good when one may have to back up his acts with his life". Crime is lower in areas where people are armed as the criminal can not be sure of an unarmed defenseless victim, Chicago has very draconian gun laws and a very high rate of violent crime. Portland disbanded gun crime task forces along with gang task forces after the ferguson riots, violent crime went up because there were no consequences and low odds of being caught for those committing those acts.

Please fund mental health over the unfunded mandate of permit to purchase in these tight budget times, especially juvenile mental health. Please reform the sentencing matrix on property crimes and crimes committed while in possession of a firearm as well as felon in possssion of a firearm.