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The proposed legislation does not propose any crime-fighting efficacy. It merely seeks to add another burden to people who purchase firearms without an OSP background check using the Federal NICS system. This alone is a double-use of resources compared to most other states.

It is my understanding is the current background checks through the OSP Firearms Unit are kept for a maximum of 24 hours if the applicant passes the screening, and is then permanently deleted from any database. These, of course, are for people who willingly put themselves into the system through an FFL dealer.

I may be alone in the wilderness in this observation, but I do not believe that criminals, or people disposed to future commission of a crime, are going to submit themselves to the scrutiny that is being proposed. They are, after all, in the 'business' of circumventing the law.

In addition, this only complicates matters for the estates of families who then have to go through an unnecessary BG check to simply transfer by written testament antique or otherwise unused firearms that have been valued keepsakes handed down for generations. Probably dad's or grand-dad's old Winchester lever action deer rifle is not going to show up on the street with its stock cut off after it is confiscated in a liquor store heist.

For these reasons and others too numerous to state, I respectfully ask reconsideration of this ill-advised legislation. It may be predictable that since Federal firearm legislation was largely stopped by so-called "Constitutional Sheriffs" all across the country some years back, that states already pre-disposed to such laws would attempt to do an end-run around this jurisdictional hurdle, but it doesn't change the incidents of illegal firearm use one iota. It merely creates another class of violators who are neither predisposed to crime, nor likely to be conversant to all the nuances of its future enforcement.

Respectfully,

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