

Hello To All,

Monday, Feb. 7th will prove to be a big day at the capital. Our 3rd bill was introduced last week and that brings our total to 3 bills for this session. My apologies for the lateness in bringing the newest bill to your attention, but I spent most of last week at the capital preparing for Monday's triple hearing. These bills were drafted by SD Shooting Sports Association and the NRA. The House Majority Leader (Rep. Larry Rhoden) made the arrangements for all of our bills to be heard on the same day which is greatly appreciated. Rep. Rhoden is also the prime sponsor on 2 of our bills, Rep. Novstrup - the third.

A review of the previous introduced bills (click on the bill number to link to the text)

[HB-1189](#) --- this bill corrects an area of law which (if enforced) would criminalize most private sales and gun shows in South Dakota. I believe the original intent of this law (23-7-9) when it was written in 1985, was to define the responsibilities of a **Federal Firearms Licensee** when selling a handgun. As written presently, this law makes no exception for sales among individuals. We are requesting the appropriate language change to revert this law to what we believe was the original intent.

[HB-1190](#) --- is a joint effort by SDSSA and the NRA to add South Dakota to the list of states that provide "full recognition" of Right-To-Carry permits from all 46 issuing states. This will add SD to the list of 10 states that presently recognize permits in this fashion. We made this our priority project at the end of the 2004 Legislative Session and worked all last year towards a solid bill with high possibilities of passage in 2005. Now with your help, this will become a reality.

[HB-1209](#) --- is the newest bill to be introduced. As with the previous 2 bills, this is a joint venture by the SDSSA and NRA. This bill will provide several benefits to both gun owners and law enforcement officers. It provides a much stronger and more definitive description of what constitutes a "data base", to now include serial numbers from stolen and recovered firearms. The other side of this bill allows law enforcement officers the ability to verify the validity, or the existence of a pistol permit 24 hours a day, while still protecting the security and privacy of our Pistol Permit registry. This portion of the bill ONLY allows for individual officers to verify individual permits presented or declared to the officer in the field. Contrary to the misleading claims being circulated by certain people, this bill will not create an obtainable database of permit holders and we are totally comfortable that it cannot be used to create such a database. Using amendments, we have installed all of the necessary safeguards to avoid potential abuse. What this section of the bill WILL do is prevent any unnecessary citation or detention if a person should forget their permit while carrying concealed. The records will still remain secured in the Secretary of State's office in the same fashion they are presently. The only difference is, we are giving LE a method to verify a permit on the weekends and weekdays when the SOS office is closed. If anyone needs additional information concerning this bill, please feel free to contact me at the below address. The campaign of misinformation surrounding this bill may make

some feel uneasy about it, but it poses no threat to our firearms and permit privacy. The bill introduced in 2001 was done without SDSSA or NRA involvement or recommendations and that is the reason why SDSSA and NRA led the charge to defeat that bill.. This bill was crafted by us, using our guidelines to ensure utmost privacy, while allowing our LE agencies the ability to still conduct their routine business. This bill was meticulously organized.

The NRA is naturally supporting these 3 bills. To view their release, go to <http://www.nraila.org/CurrentLegislation/Read.aspx?FormMode=Detail&ID=1338&EID=185871-242005>

Since all 3 bills will be heard by the same committee, at the same hearing, contacting the committee members to ask them for their support of these bills will be much easier. Below is a list of their names and e-mail addresses with embedded hyperlinks. Not all ISP's will reflect the link, if yours does not; type the address as it is printed. Be sure to put "Please Support HB-1189-1190-1209" in your Subject box. A brief message would be great. I have informed the committee members to be on the lookout for these e-mail messages. We have everything in place to pass these bills, now is the time we need your input to push it over this hurdle.

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