

# Public Safety and Security Committee

## JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No.:** HB-5307

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ROLE OF MUNICIPAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS IN FIREARM PERMITTING, TAKING OF FINGERPRINTS FOR CERTAIN OUT-OF-STATE FIREARM PERMIT APPLICANTS AND SUBMISSION OF PHOTOGRAPHS ACCOMPANYING FIREARM PERMIT

**Title:** RENEWALS.

**Vote Date:** 3/15/2022

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable Substitute

**PH Date:** 3/10/2022

**File No.:**

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### SPONSORS OF BILL:

Public Safety and Security

### Co-sponsor(s):

Sen. Dan Champagne, 35th Dist.

### REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill would specify that when no chief of police is available to perform such functions, a municipal CEO would be allowed to proceed. Municipal CEO's have proven to have the necessary knowledge to effectively take action such as taking fingerprints, photographs and provide permits.

### Proposed Substitute Language

The changes in the proposed substitute language clarifies that in the case of no chief of police a chief executive officer may issue a temporary state permit to such person to carry a pistol or revolver within the state, as well as may take fingerprints.

### RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

**James Rovella Commissioner, Dept of Emergency Services**, supports the bill. States that this bill would specify that a municipal chief executive officer can perform certain functions regarding firearm permits when there is no chief of police.

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:**

**Mike Muszynski, Federal Relations Manager, Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM)**, supports the bill **with** amendments. They recommend the committee to amend the language allowing municipal CEO's that do not have an organized police department be allowed to designate the Resident State Trooper or designee within the corresponding State Police Barracks, to perform select duties associated with pistol permit applications. This would provide a beneficial mandate relief for local officials.

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

**David Godbout opposes all bills** as he feel that his Fourth Amendment rights are being violated by CT General Assembly.

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