

# Public Safety and Security Committee

## JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No.:** HB-6839

AN ACT CONCERNING TEMPORARY STATE PERMITS TO CARRY A PISTOL  
**Title:** OR REVOLVER ISSUED BY TRIBAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS.

**Vote Date:** 3/16/2023

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable Substitute

**PH Date:** 3/9/2023

**File No.:** 368

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### SPONSORS OF BILL:

Public Safety and Security Committee

### REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill permits temporary state permits to carry a pistol or revolver to be issued by tribal police departments providing that the applicant is a bona fide permanent resident within the jurisdiction of any federally recognized Native American tribe within the borders of the state. This bill will allow easier access for individuals within these jurisdictions to have access to these permits and grants through the tribal police department.

### Proposed Substitute Language

Section 1 clarifies that said applicant of temporary pistol permit will submit to a state and national criminal background check.

The following sections were added for clarification and accuracy.

Section 2 was added

Section 3 was added

### RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None expressed.

### NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

**Jody Cummings, General Counsel to the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation:** supports this bill and states their appreciation, explaining that the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation is a federally recognized Indian Tribe with a reservation that is land held in trust by the U.S. Government. It is stated that the Tribe provides many government services for the people

within this area and maintains that this bill will allow their tribe to provide more resources to these people. It is also stated that this bill is a first step in overcoming challenges that the tribe faces.

**Jason Sewell, Connecticut Resident:** supports this bill.

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

None expressed.

**Reported by: Kaitlin Hall**

**Date: 03/21/2023**