

Public Safety and Security Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-967
AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN PROCEDURES FOR BACKGROUND
Title: CHECKS OF PISTOL PERMIT APPLICANTS.
Vote Date: 3/16/2023
Vote Action: JOINT FAVORABLE
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File No.: 340

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Public Safety and Security Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

PA22-102 was passed last year, but according to the standards put forth by the FBI it did not correctly meet those standards. If a person is applying for an initial pistol permit or renewal when they currently hold a permit from another state, they will need to submit to a state and national background check. If they have previously had fingerprints taken and the identity is established the applicant's prints will be sent to the State Police Bureau of Identification to have the appropriate background checks. These changes will correct the issues put forth by the FBI.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

James Rovella, Commissioner, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection

Commissioner Rovella states that DESPP supports this bill. According to FBI PA22-102 did not address the Department's inability to require FBI background check for Out of State pistol permit applicants. This bill will correct this and will follow FBI practice.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Numerous Connecticut citizens submitted testimony in support of this bill however in the body of the testimony it is not clear and the intent is leaning in opposition.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

Marcus Catania: Mr. Catania opposes this bill. Connecticut is one of the most restrictive states for gun laws. Connecticut laws are very unconstitutional.

Paul Miller: Mr. Miller does not support any gun bills that infringe on law abiding citizens to own guns. Criminals do not obey laws.

Officer Gary Corigliano: Officer Corigliano opposes all gun laws that violate the 2nd amendment.

Numerous Connecticut citizens submitted testimony in opposition of this bill.

Reported by: **Bonnie Gray, Assistant Clerk**

Date: **3/16/2023**