



# Buckeye Firearms Association

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Good afternoon Chairwomen Roegner, Vice Chairman Lipps, ranking member Leland and members of the House Committee on Federalism and Interstate Relations. I testify today in support of Sub H.B. 142.

This committee has heard testimony that the penalties under current law for concealed carry licensees are far too severe and out of touch with best practice and nationally recognized normals. Law enforcement when pressed were unable to explain why Ohio should have penalties that no other state does.

Still, Ohio law enforcement insisted that the burden of notification must remain on the license holder, and that there must be penalties for failing to do so.

This sub bill strikes a reasonable balance. It maintains the burden on the license holder to notify law enforcement, and maintains penalties, but greatly reduces them to something reasonable and manageable for the license holder.

Further this bill addresses the vagueness of the word “promptly” that has plagued both law enforcement and license holders through the history of concealed carry in Ohio. It provides a specific trigger (officer asking for ID) which creates the duty of the license holder to notify that they are carrying a firearm.

It maintains the current option of verbally informing, and adds a second option for the license holder of physically handing their CHL to the inquiring officer.

Finally, it specifies who a license holder must notify; the inquiring officer. This is a significant improvement over the “any law enforcement officer” language in current law.

Sub H.B. 142 is a significant improvement over current law for CHL’s, and is good public policy. We encourage its passage.

Respectfully submitted,

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