
Chair Roegner, Ranking Member Leland and members of the House Federalism & Interstate Relations Committee. My name is Hugh Lynch and I am in favor of HB 142.

It's not good that Ohio Concealed Carry licensees are required to proactively notify police, when approached by them, to the fact that the licensee is in possession of a handgun.

The police officer will usually already know that a driver is licensed to carry, in the case of a traffic incident, because the radio dispatcher will have advised him.

But here's a point that isn't often raised: Often (usually) the licensee does not want others to know that he is carrying. Frequently there will be passengers in the car with him; or people nearby in any surrounding. If the licensee immediately advises the officer, then those nearby will simultaneously learn as well. Not good.

We need HB 142 to become law.

Sincerely,

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