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The Ohio Senate
Government Oversight and Reform Committee

12/02/2018

Summary of testimony to be offered in person at the Committee meeting of 12/03/2018 in re: HB 228, as amended:

As Deputy Coroner for Van Wert County, and speaking on behalf of Scott Jarvis, MD, Coroner of Van Wert County, with his knowledge and approval, we both wish to offer support for passage of HB 228, as amended. As Physicians and Coroners, we have experience with criminal violence committed by the use of firearms, and feel that this legislation would generally serve the good citizens of this state by allowing them to better defend themselves when placed in situations of the gravest extreme without having to worry about unjust prosecution due to an unreasonable shift of the burden of proof, as well as the other amendments raised in this legislation.

Speaking solely in my own capacity, I wish to draw the Committee's attention to several possible Amendments which would strengthen this legislation:

Sec 9.68 D (2) "...does not result in a de facto prohibition" amend to "...does not result in a firearms-related commercial establishment being treated differently by ordinance or policy than any other type of commercial establishment." Prohibitions and unnecessarily burdensome restrictions are not the same.

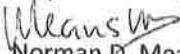
Sec 2307.601 C: Duty to retreat. Add to end of sentence, "...nor shall any such argument be admissible in any trial or any other legal proceeding." This would include grand jury proceedings, and other legal and quasi legal proceedings.

Sec 2307.601 (D)(2)(b)(5): amend "...acting in the lawful performance of the peace officer's official duties." Actual example of a real life situation where this language would have been helpful and instructive will be given.

Section 2923.11(L) paragraphs 1-3 and elsewhere as needed: after the phrase "black powder" add the phrase "or black powder substitute". Black powder substitutes offer safer transportation and handling characteristics than actual black powder, and so encouraging the use of black powder substitutes is in the public interest.

Brief summary statement will be given.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ 
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