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The Honorable Robert W. Harrell, Jr.
South Carolina House of Representatives
P.O. Box 11867
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Dear Rep. Harrell:

H. 3964 MUST NOT PASS AS AMENDED BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE! The newly proposed Section 23-31-245 will negate every concealed weapon permit (CWP) reciprocity agreement that South Carolina has entered into with every other state! This amendment is totally unacceptable to the 50,000 CWP holders in South Carolina! The Judiciary Committee's proposed Section 23-31-245 must be deleted from H. 3964!

The newly proposed Section 23-31-245 would become part of the South Carolina CWP law. As such, SLED must take this section of law into consideration when determining whether another state has "permit issuance standards equal to or greater than the standards contained in" the South Carolina CWP law. Since other states do not require what Section 23-31-245 would require of South Carolina CWP holders, ALL reciprocity agreements with South Carolina would be voided. This is totally unacceptable to the 50,000 CWP holders in South Carolina.

If the newly proposed Section 23-31-245 is amended to change it so as to not be part of the CWP law, then it would no longer be germane to the rest of H. 3964. Thus, the newly proposed Section 23-31-245 can not be amended within H. 3964 either without voiding all SC CWP reciprocity agreements or becoming non germane to the rest of the bill. Therefore, Section 23-31-245 should simply be deleted.

The newly proposed Section 23-31-245 destroys the privacy of medical records. Destroying the privacy of medical records is a controversial issue that will bring together a diverse coalition to oppose such a draconian measure. Resolution of this controversial issue will take quite some time to accomplish.

South Carolina CWP holders should not be forced to remain in the cross fire that is sure to occur once the issue of the destruction of the privacy of medical records is discovered. South Carolina CWP holders and public safety should not be held hostage to this issue while the fight drags on. The destruction of medical records privacy needs to be addressed outside of the CWP law.

GrassRoots GunRights - on behalf of the 50,000 SC CWP holders - requests first that the newly proposed Section 23-31-245 be deleted from H. 3964, and then, that the rest of H. 3964 be passed exactly as it came from the Judiciary Committee. The public safety benefits H. 3964 brings to the people of South Carolina demand the proposed Section 23-31-245 be deleted and the rest of H. 3964 get passed as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



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