

609.666 NEGLIGENT STORAGE OF FIREARMS

I oppose this legislation for the following reasons:

It violates the Second Amendment of a restriction of the right to bear arms. This is particularly bad because my home is my castle and having a prompt and ready means of self-defense against possible armed intruders is a right of self-defense.

It makes me guilty of an act that a thief committed. I did not know the thief and did not aid or help the thief in the commission of a crime.

I live on a farm and quite often predators come on my farm site to kill my chickens, attack my dog, and attack the cats. It takes too long to unlock my firearm and ammunition to stop such predators. My response time is measured in one or two minutes. This law gives predators open and continued access to my farm.

If my car is stolen and used in a crime, am I considered a co-conspirator in the crime? This bill is the same idea.

It places the lawful abiding citizen as guilty of a crime by the reasoning of guilty by association for a crime someone else committed.

The one who uses any firearm in a crime should be prosecuted not the lawful citizen simply for owning a firearm.

Thank you,

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