2021 HOUSE ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

HB 1450

2021 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Energy and Natural Resources Committee

Coteau AB Room, State Capitol

HB 1450 1/28/2021

Relating to a license to carry a firearm or dangerous weapon concealed

10:47 AM

Present: Representatives Porter, Damschen, Anderson, Bosch, Devlin, Heinert, Keiser, Lefor, Marschall, Roers Jones, M Ruby, Zubke, Guggisberg, and Ista.

Discussion Topics:

- Class 1 license
- Offense involving the use of alcohol
- Reciprocity with MN

#4068 Rep Ben Koppelman, District 16

#3950 Brian Gosch, state director, National Rifle Association

Additional written testimony:

#3960 Ryan Warner, Synthesis.Earth

Closed the hearing 11:04 AM

Kathleen Davis. Committee Clerk

HB 1450

Rep. Ben Koppelman-Testimony

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to introduce HB 1450 to you today.

This bill makes a relatively simple change to the restrictions of class 1 Firearms License, by no longer prohibiting an individual from being eligible for the license solely on the basis on an alcohol violation.

I have researched this topic individually and with the assistance of others, and I can find no compelling reason to have this provision. I cannot find a statistical link between those that had a DUI in the past decade and being a risk to society based on possessing a class 1 firearms license. In fact, that link likely does not exist as we currently allow an individual with an alcohol violation to have a class 2 permit.

I spoke at length with Casey Miller at BCI to see if they knew why we had the provision, and if they knew if any of our reciprocal states required it, and they didn't know. They put me in contact with Liz Brocker with the AG's office to see if they could provide information to those questions, and she did not know for sure, but said that in addition to the mental health provision, it could have been a factor in our original approval.

I then had legislative council research the origin of the provision in North Dakota law. This provision was introduced into Century Code during the 2011 legislative session as HB 1461 along with many other pre-qualifications that we currently have for our class 1 permit. In testimony to the Judiciary Committee, the bill sponsor indicated that previous attempts to get reciprocity with Minnesota had been unsuccessful, and the reason given was that they didn't like our mental health provisions. He went on to say that there was a lot of back and

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January 27, 2021

House Committee on Energy and Natural Resources 600 East Boulevard Avenue Bismarck, ND 58505

Dear Chairman Porter:

I am writing to you regarding House Bill 1450 (HB 1450) and the National Rifle Association's (NRA) support for this piece of legislation. This bill removes an alcohol violation as a prohibiting factor for obtaining a Class 1 Carry Permit.

The NRA supports the right of self-defense of all North Dakotans who are not otherwise prohibited by law from owning or possessing a firearm. This includes carrying outside the home and while traveling. Currently, anyone with an alcohol violation is not eligible for a Class 1 Carry Permit for 10 years. This is severe. This precludes otherwise law-abiding gun owners in North Dakota, who fall under that prohibition, from being able to carry concealed legally, in other Midwest states like Minnesota, Wisconsin and Nebraska.

We believe that individuals that are not prohibited persons, should not lose their right to self-defense when they leave their home. For these reasons, and others, the NRA supports the passage of HB 1450 as it is currently written.

Sincerely,

Brian Gosch State Director North Dakota NRA-ILA



SYNTHESIS.EARTH January 27, 2021

RE: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO HB 1450

HB 1450 seeks to remove restrictions on the acquisition of a class 1 firearm license by those who have been convicted of an alcohol-related offense within the last 10 years.

Simply stated, if someone has proven that they cannot be responsible with alcohol it gives the public little confidence that that person can be expected to be responsible with a firearm.

As written, the current law provides both an additional incentive for citizens to act responsible in regards to alcohol, while also providing for a suitable period of rehabilitation and penance before citizens are allowed to acquire a class 1 firearm license again.

As such, we urge the committee to move forward with a DO NOT PASS recommendation for HB 1450.

Sincerely, Ryan Warner Synthesis.Earth

2021 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Energy and Natural Resources Committee

Coteau AB Room, State Capitol

HB 1450 Subcommittee 2/4/2021

Relating to a license to carry a firearm or dangerous weapon concealed

3:31 PM

Chairman Heinert opened the committee hearing. Present: Representatives Heinert, Roers Jones, M Ruby, and Guggisberg. Absent: Rep D Anderson

Discussion Topics:

- Amendment .01001 Koppelman
- Contingent effective date
- Reciprocity

#5543 Rep Heinert- passed Rep B Koppelman's HB 1450 amendment 01001

3:42 PM

Kathleen Davis, Committee Clerk

21.0948.01001

Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

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1	danger to self or others, the bureau may inspect expunged or sealed records of
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8	concealed firearm or dangerous weapon in the state of Minnesota.

2021 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Energy and Natural Resources Committee

Coteau AB Room, State Capitol

HB 1450 Subcommittee 2/5/2021

Relating to a license to carry a firearm or dangerous weapon concealed

10:47 AM

Chairman Heinert opened the committee hearing.

Present: Representatives Heinert, Roers Jones, M Ruby, and Guggisberg. Absent: Rep D Anderson.

Also present: Samantha Kramer, LC legal counsel

Discussion Topics:

- Contingent effective date
- Reciprocity
- Recommendation of amendment 01002

Additional written testimony:

Rep Roers Jones - amendments #5671, #5672

Closed the hearing 11:04 AM

Kathleen Davis, Committee Clerk

21.0948.01002 Title. Prepared by the Legislative Council staff for Representative Roers Jones February 5, 2021

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1450

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Energy and Natural Resources Committee

Coteau AB Room, State Capitol

HB 1450 Subcommittee 2/11/2021

Relating to a license to carry a firearm or dangerous weapon concealed

10:25 AM

Chairman Heinert opened the committee hearing.

Present: Representatives Heinert, Roers Jones, M Ruby, Guggisberg and Anderson.

Discussion Topics:

- Proposed changes
- 3-year limitation for misdemeanors
- Unknown MN interpretation if this bill is passed

Rep M Ruby moved for a favorable recommendation on the 21.0948.01002 version, seconded by Rep Guggisberg.

Representatives	Vote
Representative Pat Heinert	Υ
Representative Shannon Roers Jones	Υ
Representative Dick Anderson	Υ
Representative Matt Ruby	Υ
Representative Ron Guggisberg	Υ

Motion carried. 5 - 0 - 0

Rep Roers Jones #5671, #5672

10:36 AM hearing closed.

Kathleen Davis, Committee Clerk

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2021 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Energy and Natural Resources Committee

Coteau AB Room, State Capitol

HB 1450 2/19/2021

Relating to a license to carry a firearm or dangerous weapon concealed

9:45 AM

Present: Representatives Porter, Damschen, Anderson, Bosch, Devlin, Heinert, Keiser, Lefor, Marschall, Roers Jones, M Ruby, Zubke, Guggisberg, and Ista.

Discussion Topics:

MN reciprocity

Rep Roers Jones #5671

Rep M Ruby moved the amendment (21.0948.01002), seconded by Rep Roers Jones. Voice vote, motion carried.

Rep M Ruby moved a Do Pass as Amended (21.0948.01002), seconded by Rep Roers

presentatives	Vote
e Todd Porter	Y
Chuck Damschen	Y
Dick Anderson	Υ
e Glenn Bosch	Y
e Bill Devlin	Y
Ron Guggisberg	Y
Pat D. Heinert	Y
Zachary Ista	Υ
e George Keiser	Υ
e Mike Lefor	Υ
e Andrew Marschall	Y
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Matthew Ruby	Y
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Motion carried. 14 - 0 - 0 Rep M Ruby is carrier.

9:49 AM hearing closed.

Kathleen Davis, Committee Clerk

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1450

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Module ID: h_stcomrep_11_042 Carrier: M. Ruby Insert LC: 21.0948.01002 Title: 02000

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

- HB 1450: Energy and Natural Resources Committee (Rep. Porter, Chairman) recommends AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS and when so amended, recommends DO PASS (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1450 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.
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2021 SENATE JUDICIARY

HB 1450

2021 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Judiciary Committee

Peace Garden Room, State Capitol

HB 1450 4/6/2021

A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 62.1-04-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a license to carry a firearm or dangerous weapon concealed; and to provide an expiration date.

Hearing called to order all Senators Present: Myrdal, Luick, Dwyer, Bakke, Fors, Heitkamp, Larson. [9:00]

Discussion Topics:

- First Responder Safety
- First Amendment Protections

Rep. Ben Kopppleman, R-West Fargo, provided testimony in favor [9:02]

Brian Gosch, NRA, provided testimony in favor [9:04]

Senator Luick Moved a DO PASS [9:08] Senator Myrdal Seconded the Motion Vote Passed 7-0-0 Senator Fors Carried the Bill

DO PASS ON HB 1450	Vote
Senator Diane Larson	Υ
Senator Michael Dwyer	Υ
Senator JoNell A. Bakke	Υ
Senator Robert O. Fors	Υ
Senator Jason G. Heitkamp	Υ
Senator Larry Luick	Υ
Senator Janne Myrdal	Υ

Additional written testimony:

Timothy Swanson, Crosby, ND, provided testimony in favor #11376

Hearing Adjourned [9:06]

Jamal Omar, Committee Clerk

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Carrier: Fors

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1450, as engrossed: Judiciary Committee (Sen. Larson, Chairman) recommends

DO PASS (7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1450

was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

#11376

Chairman Larson and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide my in favor testimony on 1450. My name is Timothy Swanson and I am a resident of Crosby, North Dakota where I serve my city and county as a full time Critical Care Paramedic.

In March of 2015 just months before my 21st birthday, I consumed alcohol and subsequently received a Minor in Consumption. I broke the law, did not contest the charge, and paid my dues to the court and society.

I have held a class 2 concealed weapons license since before I was charged with Minor in Consumption, I have purchased firearms, and I consistently exercise my right to carry a firearm. I continue to be a law-abiding citizen.

The class 1 concealed weapons license is functionally no different than the class 2 – I can carry the same weapons in the same places within North Dakota, I just do not have the same reciprocity. There is no reason someone with an alcohol offense who otherwise is a law-abiding citizen should be prevented from receiving a class 1 concealed weapons license if that criminal history does not preclude them from carrying in a reciprocal state.

Thank you,

Timothy Swanson