

HB 1194
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HB 1194 Presentation to the House Energy and Natural Resources Committee

Distinguished Chairman Porter; Vice Chair Anderson; fellow colleagues,

For the record, I am Representative Bill Tveit, Hazen, District 33. District 33 consists of: all of Mercer, all of Oliver and the best areas of McLean and Morton Counties.

District 33 is the Heart of Coal Country, we produce and supply your lights, heat and air conditioning, for your comfort. We will leave the Lights on!

HB 1194 is designed to assist in the protection of people from an active shooter or other life threatening situations wherever people gather.

This bill does not require or appoint any individual to carry. It simply allows a well trained, competent and willing person to be available in case of any extreme threat or active shooter situation.

HB 1194 was designed to be an asset in rural and/or remote areas where Law Enforcement Centers (LEC) or Law Enforcement Personnel are several minutes or even miles away.

HB 1194 can afford extra security in any situation during a crises even in less remote areas.

HB 1194 will provide security for school facilities, both in session or during extra curricular activities, at community events, church functions, and most other community or public gatherings.

The willingness to carry, is a free will gift from a highly trained professional, a military veteran.

* An individual who has been required to safely handle a fire arm under extreme circumstances.

* An individual who most often has a high marksmanship proficiency.

* An individual trained to shoot at not just any target, but, targets shaped like humans, (which, alone brings reality and seriousness to the mind of the trainee).

Under the requirements of HB 1194, this individual will need to possess a Class 1 Concealed Carry License.

A Class 1 permit requires, not only a full and complete back ground check by the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI); It is also required that this individual pass an actual shooting test.

This shooting test requires a high percentage in marksmanship, shooting from various positions.

An added security in requiring a Class 1 Concealed Carry as a qualification is that BCI can pull a Carry Permit any time that the permitted individual is facing domestic violence charges or has been convicted of a crime.

A strong part of this legislation is that the Qualified Individual can remain totally incognito. There is no provision requiring this individual to announce, proclaim or declare he/she is concealed carrying on public premise or within a public crowd.

Therefore, a tentative assailant will not be able to single the individual "Carrying" out and avoid their presence or worse yet, take them out first, as they could with a uniformed officer or a designated known Resource Officer.

In cases where the Security individual is publicly known, it is too easy to avoid the area of the facility the S.O or S.R.O is and plan/carry out an attack in a different wing or building where the S.O./S.R.O. is absence from that specific area of attack.

For the protection of innocent children, faculty, bystanders and other occupants, I urge a unanimous DO PASS on HB 1194.

Mr Chairman and committee members, this concludes my testimony and I will stand for any questions.