

A RESOLUTION

22-484

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

May 1, 2018

To declare the sense of the Council in opposition to congressional action that would make the District less safe by imposing concealed carry reciprocity, thereby allowing people who are licensed to carry a concealed firearm in any state to carry their firearms in the District.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Sense of the Council in Opposition to Concealed Carry Reciprocity Resolution of 2018”.

Sec. 2. The Council finds that:

- (1) Every day in America, 318 people are shot, and 96 people die from gun violence, including 7 children and teenagers.
- (2) Every year in America, 35,141 people die from gun violence, including from 12,246 murders and 21,637 suicides.
- (3) Countries around the world, such as Australia, the United Kingdom, and Japan, have dramatically reduced gun deaths by enacting strong gun control laws. For every 100,000 people, there are approximately 12 firearms deaths per year in the United States, compared to only one in Australia, 0.2 in the United Kingdom, and none in Japan.
- (4) In the District, in 2016, there were 19.7 homicides per 100,000 people, compared to a national rate of 5.3 murders per 100,000 people. The Metropolitan Police Department reported that 77% of the homicides in the District were by firearm.
- (5) While the U.S. Supreme Court and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit have imposed some limits on the District’s ability to regulate firearms, the District’s gun control laws remain some of the strongest in the country.
- (6) H.R. 38 and S. 446 have been introduced in Congress with the support of the National Rifle Association and President Donald Trump. Both bills, if passed into law, would undermine local law by allowing anyone who has a license to carry a concealed firearm in any state to carry a concealed firearm in every state, including the District.
- (7) The U.S. Conference of Mayors, the American Bar Association, and cities across the country have adopted resolutions opposing H.R. 38, S. 446, and similar legislation before Congress, citing the deleterious impact on public safety such laws would cause.

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(8) In addition, Representative Thomas Massie (R-WV) introduced H.R. 2909, the D.C. Personal Protection Reciprocity Act, in the House of Representatives on June 15, 2017, to specifically impose concealed carry reciprocity on the District.

(9) Furthermore, Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) introduced S. 162, the Second Amendment Enforcement Act of 2017, which would repeal the ban on semiautomatic firearms in the District and the firearm registration requirement in the D.C. Official Code. Representative Thomas Garrett (R-VA) introduced identical legislation, H.R. 1537, in the House of Representatives.

(10) The District has long suffered from the illegal transportation of firearms across its borders from surrounding jurisdictions and remains particularly vulnerable to gun violence.

(11) Concealed carry reciprocity would dramatically increase the number of firearms in the District, place unreasonable burdens on the District's law enforcement, and harm public safety. Moreover, repealing firearm regulations enacted by the duly-elected legislature of the District would undermine the will of District voters.

Sec. 3. It is the sense of the Council that members of Congress should oppose H.R. 38, S. 446, H.R. 2909, S. 162, H.R. 1537, and any similar legislation, and allow the District and other states to establish and maintain gun control measures that reflect the needs of each jurisdiction.

Sec. 4. The Council shall transmit a copy of this resolution, upon its adoption, to the Mayor, the President and Vice President of the United States, the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate, and the Delegate to the House of Representatives from the District of Columbia.

Sec. 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.