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(AC-JPP)**

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Assembly

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Judiciary and Personal Privacy

Assembly Bill 605

Relating to: licenses to carry a concealed weapon, granting rule-making authority, making appropriations and providing a penalty.

By Representatives Gunderson, Handrick, Pettis, Gundrum, Suder, Seratti, Musser, Reynolds, Albers, Walker, Nass, Huebsch, Goetsch, Owens and F. Lasee; cosponsored by Senators Zien, Schultz, Welch, Huelsman and A. Lasee.

December 1, 1999 Referred to committee on Judiciary and Personal Privacy.

February 15, 2000 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (8) Representatives Huebsch, Gundrum, Suder, Grothman, Sherman,
Colon, Hebl and Staskunas.

Excused: (1) Representative Walker.

Appearances for

- Representative Scott Gunderson, 83rd Assembly District
- Senator Dave Zien, 23rd Senate District
- James Fendry, WI Pro-Gun Movement
- William Hahn, Franklin
- Bob Niedermeyer, Union Grove
- Fred Marks, Whitefish Bay
- John Klink, WI Rifle and Pistol Association, Rubicon
- John Blochowiak, Milwaukee
- Dave Hickey, Mukwonago
- Daniel Lecus, Sr., Wind Lake
- Chales Bullis, Union Grove
- Joe Lendagarker, Sturtevant
- Paul Taulu, Woodworth
- Jan Gerstner, Delafield
- Brian Czerwinski, Milwaukee
- Carle Egger, Milwaukee
- William Sullivan, Grafton
- Pete Burbach, Sturtevant
- Scott Rollins, Burlington
- William Jerving, Milwaukee
- John Blickle, Franksville
- John Stoltenberl, Elkhart Lake
- R Helgerson, Solan

Appearances against

- Commander Dean Collins, Milwaukee
- Gary Mikulec, WI Chiefs of Police Association
- John Engel, Milwaukee
- Jeri Bonavia, WI Anti-Violence Effort, Milwaukee
- Paul Bucher, WI District Attorneys Association
- Verdell DeYarman, Milwaukee
- Eric Rockafeld, Muskego
- Thomas Seery, Peace Action, Milwaukee
- Rose Stietz, Milwaukee
- Wes Manko, Whitefish Bay

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations for

- James Sorensen, Franksville
- Glenn Dashner, Wind Lake
- Lloyd DeJong II, Racine
- Robert Pilot, Racine
- Richard Baker, Greenfield
- Paul Hutsick, Racine
- Robb Kaminskis, Racine
- Catherine Dashner, Wind Lake
- Frank Tylla, Racine
- Stephen Albright, Rochester
- Robert Egger, Milwaukee
- Gary Furman Sr., Triangle Sportsmen Club, Eagle
- Michael Richetta, Oak Creek
- John Taylor, Racine
- Thomas Lampe, West Allis
- Philip Helgersen, Union Grove
- Ken Jennings, Pleasant Prairie
- Ralph Bonn, Pleasant Prairie
- Orrlin Prindle, Neenah
- Robert Miller, Greenfield
- Pat Burbach, Sturtevant
- Donna Reskeske, Sturtevant
- Harold Gasser, Waterford
- Jim Davison, Salem
- Robert Matern, Racine
- Thomas Gylleck, Jefferson
- Mike Yankech, Racine
- Edward Walter, Franksville
- Paul Knuuti, Kenosha
- Jerry Dzindzeleta, Racine

- Curtis Stoffel, Racine
- Roger Glodowski, Racine
- Richard Nelson, Waterford
- Warren Romberg, Neenah
- John Cumming, Grafton
- David Buse, Milwaukee
- David Martinsen, Milwaukee
- Kenneth Schroeder, Kenosha
- Larry Burchell, Franksville
- David Welbes, Milwaukee
- Kevin Butterfield, Wauwatosa
- Joesph Knorf, Franksville
- Don Kayser, Milwaukee
- James Giles Jr., Kenosha
- Blake Uppleger, Kenosha
- John Helgerson, Union Grove
- Rick Horrmann, Kenosha
- Jerome Kunicki, Racine
- Russell Milner, Racine
- Joanne Milner, Racine
- Anthony Savagian, Milwaukee
- Bob Seitz, Monticello
- Mark Gehl, West Bend
- Robert Resheske, Sturtevant
- Thomas Milnar, South Milwaukee
- Jim Schreiber, Racine
- Randy Walters, Oak Creek
- Philip Reske, Union Grove
- Jeffrey Dunn, Kenosha
- Henry Wilson, Racine
- Ralph Gries, Fox Point
- Ray Liechty, Franklin
- Dale Marson, Burlington
- Paul Grossmeier, Mukwonago
- Peter Schmidt, Menomonee Falls
- W. Palmer, Mukwonago
- Jeffrey Trepanier, Racine
- Frank Hannan-Rock, Racine
- F.A. Myers, Burlington
- Edward Zistoche, Whitefish Bay
- William Pangman, Waukesha
- Jim Webster, Rockton, IL
- Robert Demjen Sr., Franksville
- Dan Jurkiewicz, Racine
- James Gilies, Kenosha

- Donad Looh, Wind Lake
- Byron Butterfield, Brookfield
- James Lee Jaszowski, Milwaukee
- Edward Warnke, Great Lakes Arms Collectors Association, Inc., Waukesha
- Jeffrey Walls, Racine
- Thomas Mikulace, Racine
- Katrina Wittlieff, Racine
- Kris Wittlieff, Racine
- Robert Tylla, Racine
- Mark Cacciohi, Racine
- George Grabhet, Racine
- Kevin Kelley, Franksville
- Jim Sewell, Racine
- Douglas Shult, Milwaukee
- Charles Maki, Kenosha
- Richard Keating Sr., Pleasant Prairie
- Jerry Bose, Kenosha

Registrations against

- Erick Slamka, Milwaukee
- M Zemke, Racine
- Grey Abendroth, Rochester
- Dan Drumel, Wind Lake
- Charles Maki, Kenosha

February 29, 2000

PUBLIC HEARING HELD

Present: (4) Representatives Huebsch, Gundrum, Suder and Sherman.
 Excused: (5) Representatives Walker, Grothman, Colon, Hebl and Staskunas.

Appearances for

- Representative Scott Gunderson, 83rd Assembly District
- Senator Dave Zien, 23rd Senate District
- James Fendry, WI Pro-Gun Movement
- Valgene Fischer, Colby
- Norma Williams, Women's Firearms Alliance of Wisconsin
- Matt Del Fatti, Greenwood
- Michael Noonan, Gun Owners Political Action Committee
- Richard Hajek, Eau Claire
- F.E. Buster Bachhuber, WI Rifle and Pistol Association
- Karen Bunch, Women's Firearms Alliance of Wisconsin
- Gary Klinker, Camp Douglas
- Dennis Williams, River Falls Sportsman's Club
- Michael Haas, Medford
- Thomas Bice, Trempealeu
- Dan Casey, Eau Claire

- Bob Henderson, Milwaukee
- Terence O'Donahue, Merrilan
- Gerald Stram, Prairie du Chien
- Susan Tully, Viroqua
- Ron Ames, Oshkosh
- Steve Nelson, Wausau
- Alan Keal Russell Sr., Prairie du Chien
- Alan Grossmeier, Chippewa Falls
- Kevin Rightmire, KRK Firearms Co.
- Charlie Owen, Colfax
- Robert Guerard, Milwaukee
- Donald Brill, Eau Claire
- Hollis Schager, Eau Claire
- Richard Konsella, Elk Mound
- Gary Stemple, Appleton
- Fritz Luensman, Exeland
- Carle Egger, Milwaukee
- John Klink, Rubicon
- Vern Martin, Maiden Rock
- Edwin Thompson, Eau Claire
- Professor John Lott, New Haven, CT

Appearances against

- Joseph Coughlin, Chippewa Falls Police Department
- Patricia Stein, Bolger Refuge House - Jackson County Outreach
- Raymond Pelrine, Eau Claire County District Attorney
- John Engel, Milwaukee
- Pat McNally, Eau Claire Police Department
- John See, Menomonie
- Jeri Bonavia, WI Anti-Violence Effort
- Becky Strey, Marshfield

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations for

- Roy Risberg, Eau Claire
- Dallas Gunderson, Green Bay
- Dan Koich, Eau Claire
- Tom Severson, Eau Claire
- Susan Baldyga Misiora, National Rifle Association
- Bob Schermetzler, Stratford
- Tadd Davis, Chetek
- Miles Cline, Fall Creek
- Clifford Bronstad, Cameron
- Andy Muenich, Eau Claire

- Frank Krusto, Eau Claire
- Matthew Rightmire, Medford
- Leslie Gunderson, Osseo
- Linda Gunderson, Fairchild
- Patrick Casey, Eau Claire
- Wallace Koslo, Chetek
- Doris Ellison, Willard
- Gayle Gunderson, Osseo
- Gayle Saflith, Chetek
- Robert Stockdale, Nashotah
- James Greenwold, Chippewa Falls
- Bob Risberg, Eau Claire
- Ronald Liljedahl, Chippewa Falls
- Cheri Nelson, Thorp
- David Nelson, Thorp
- John Dorsey, Eau Claire
- Dan Martin, Fall Creek
- Matthew McHugh, Eau Claire
- Donald O'Donahue, Eau Claire
- Bob Seitz, Monticello
- Dave Wakefield, Wheeler
- Paul Wagoner, Eau Claire
- Benjamin Clough Downing
- William Ripley, Cashton
- Tom McHugh, Eau Claire
- Wylie I. Peterson, Colfax
- Luke Henning, Fall Creek
- Jon Eyler, Monticello
- Peter Stem Jr., Monticello
- Tim Karpenske, Chippewa Falls
- Todd Nordwig, Chippewa Falls
- David Koutney, Eau Claire
- Micheal Steinhauer, Eau Claire
- Scott Donaldson, New Auburn
- Peter Torgerson, Colfax
- John Torgerson, Eau Claire
- David Nesja, New Auburn
- Charles Murphy, Rice Lake
- James Sawyer, Rice Lake
- James Regnen, Eau Claire
- Steve Tilbury, Chippewa Falls
- Dave Robinson, Strum
- Linda Zwistoush, Eau Claire
- Andy Field, Eau Claire
- Kathy Schmertzlee, Stratford

- Sue Fisher, Lyndon Station
- Richard Morchinek, Whitehall
- George Hare Jr., Greenwood
- Audrey Paringer, Wauwatosa
- Michelle Edwards, Onalaska
- Cliff Graham, Chippewa Falls
- Scott Ellison, Willard
- Scott Biederman, Altoona
- Robert Wall, Eau Claire
- Steve Joseph, Black River Falls
- Shirley Joseph, Black River Falls
- Pam Jung, Janesville
- Jeffrey John Jung, Janesville
- Ron Johnson, Park Falls
- Connie Huebner, Park Falls
- Gregory Thompson, Holcombe
- Stephen Turany, Cornell
- Thomas McCann, Bloomer
- Russell Ellison, Willard
- Randy Myren, Eleva
- Mary Hill, Chippewa Falls
- Jerry Hill, Chippewa Falls
- Wayne Price, Eau Claire
- Thomas Jolicoeur, Jim Falls
- Jimmy Boy Edming, Wisconsin
- Jim Schwerger, Cumberland
- Ronald Baker, Cornell
- Jeff Miller, Cornell
- Chet Robinson, Eau Claire
- Robert Flancher, Racine County District Attorney
- David Wyatt, Caledonia
- Andrew Busch, Eau Claire
- Jaimie Kouba, Fall Creek
- John Embergson, Eau Claire
- Kevin Zawacki, Chippewa Falls
- Robert O'Connell, New Auburn
- Robert Bungartz, Bloomer
- Mike Englesby, Eau Claire
- Randy Sakeim, Eau Claire
- Roxie Saheim, Eau Claire
- Hal Harmsen, Eau Claire
- Dennis Gordon, Baldwin
- Lewis Kohn, Cadott
- John Smoczyk, Stanley
- Chuck Yost, Menomonie

- Representative Tom Sykora, 67th Assembly District
- John Prince, Eau Claire
- Robert Kremsreiter, Abbotsford
- Randy Kremsreiter, Athens
- Joe Kremsreiter, Abbotsford
- Marina Thompson, Chippewa Falls
- Sharon Zweifel, Chippewa Falls
- Fred Johnson, Elk Mound
- John Curtis, Eau Claire
- David Pensous, Eau Claire
- Virginia Muenich, Eau Claire
- Robert Irwin, Cadott
- Joseph Johnson, Baldwin
- Jenny Spinner, Jr., Baldwin
- Jason Johnson, Woodville
- Steve Daniels, Rock Falls
- Alan Alleshaski, Loyal
- Bruce Burish, Cadott
- Lee Christianson, Baldwin
- Mark Grhl, West Bend
- Gary Nesgooda, Eau Claire
- Brian Senn, Eau Claire
- Larry Olson, Chetek
- Daniel Hedrington, Chippewa Falls
- Edward Marifke, Augusta
- Alexandra Marifk, Augusta
- David Hahn, Pittsville
- Keith Leach, Babcock
- D.A. Dahms, Antigo
- Daniel Oleson, Wisconsin Rapids
- Mark Ruedy, Sparta
- Shawn Klinker, Camp Douglas
- Larry Hagmann, Chippewa Falls
- Charles Gordon, Downing
- Donald Schmit, Fall Creek
- Bud Stafford, Mondovi
- Frank Tower, Oshkosh
- Joe Lanoa, Cadott
- David Kraft, Menomonie
- Robert Holmber, Menomonee
- Judy Larson, Eau Claire
- Thomas Pfremme, Eau Claire
- Arnold Larson, Eau Claire
- Mark Stolp Sr., Eau Claire
- Vernon Folheartg, Eau Claire

- Warren North, New Auburn
- Walter Kogutikiewicz, Chippewa Falls
- Kevin Behlke, Eau Claire
- Patricia Evon, Wauwatosa
- William Northcolt, Eleva
- Larry Sleznikow, Greenwood
- Dale Sleznikow, Withee
- Philip Swanson, Cadott
- Sharon Seefluth, Chetek
- Scott Lightner, Chippewa Falls
- Ron Peterson, Colfax
- Richard Morchinek, Whitehall
- Steven Stokke, Elk Mound
- Byron Fay, Greenwood
- Alan Buristt, Cadott
- Ron Purvis, Knapp
- Mary Purvis, Knapp
- Wayne Sarufin, Eau Claire
- David Boelter, Amery
- John Pettis, Fall Creek
- David Weitz, Mondovi
- William Pangman, Waukesha
- Doug Wall, Eau Claire
- Thomas Knowlton, Chippewa Falls
- Ronald Stevens, Chippewa Falls
- Dave Schidler, Fall Creek
- Arpha Mattix, Eau Claire
- Duane Crank, Cadott
- James Hager, Fall Creek
- Norman Walker, River Falls
- Sylvester, Suchter, Boyd
- Gene Kolbo, Greenwood
- Karey Kolbo, Greenwood
- Thomas Irwin, Hudson
- Gerry Gully, Boyd
- Tomiena Miller, Antigo
- Dale Erlandson, Antigo
- Fred Lazlo, Milwaukee
- Mardell Berry, Fairchild
- William Berry, Fairchild
- Rodney Cloutier, Chippewa Falls
- Dirk Hagerah, Cashton
- Steven North, Cornell
- Danny North, New Auburn
- Scott Kniprath, Eau Claire

- David Nesja, New Auburn
- Scott Donaldson, New Auburn
- Rev. Mark Clements, Holmen
- Dave Miller, Boyceville
- Judith Ostwald, Oshkosh
- James Reiff, Oshkosh
- John Mattson, Eau Claire
- Paul Lein, Jim Falls
- Sid Lewis, Willard
- Mark Ives, Eau Claire
- Michael Zwoniarkiewicz, Altoona
- Gordon Pederson, Eau Claire
- Lester Maki, Chippewa Falls
- Herman Steinham, Eau Claire
- Robert Moe, Chippewa Falls
- Harry Untiedt, Colby
- Kimby Colbenson, Holcombe
- Scott Colbenson, Holcombe
- Phillip Ross, Washburn
- Richard Verbockel, Kaukauna
- Jeff Zastrov, Eau Claire
- Joyce Maher, Beldenville
- Pete Schumacher, Elk Mound

Registrations against

- Mary Bowe, Family Support Center, Chippewa Falls
- Donald Stuttgen, Eau Claire
- Matthew Corso, Eau Claire
- Darrel Wekkin, Eau Claire
- Harry Hertel, State Bar of Wisconsin
- John Flynn, Eau Claire
- Bruce Peloquin, Chippewa Falls
- Charlie Martersen, Eau Claire
- Shelli La Barre, Eau Claire
- Loralee Brumund, State Patrol, Madison
- Barbara Lyon, Dunn County News
- Margaret Goyette, Cornell
- Carol Day, Crime Victim Services, Eau Claire
- Diane Skovz, Jackson County Outreach, Black River Falls
- Tom Deinhammer, Eau Claire
- John Ruder, Eau Claire
- Shirley Rude, Eau Claire
- Joe Orfe, Eau Claire
- Kellie Blechinger, Chippewa Falls
- Ellen Kiefer, Family Support Center, Chippewa Falls

- Sue Miller, Eau Claire
- Elaine Fely Secard, Menomonie
- Kristine Chartrand, Altoona

March 30, 2000

Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1.

Robert Delaporte
Committee Clerk



STATE SENATOR

DAVE ZIEN

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ATTENTION GUN OWNERS!

A CALL TO ACTION

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"Laws that forbid the carrying of arms . . . disarm only those who are neither inclined nor determined to commit crimes . . . Such laws make things worse for the assaulted and better for the assailants; they serve rather to encourage than to prevent homicides, for an unarmed man may be attacked with greater confidence than an armed man." – Thomas Jefferson's "Commonplace Book," 1774-1776, quoting from On Crimes and Punishment, by criminologist Cesare Beccaria, 1764

Defend Your Right to Defend Yourself!

Dear Friend of Liberty:

You've waited a long time while we paved the way for the Right to Carry Concealed Weapons. Since we drafted the Personal Protection Act (PPA), we have worked to pass the laws we need to make it work.

First, we preempted local anti-gun laws to keep local gun bans from thwarting self-defense. Then, we passed the Range Protection Act with Representative Mike Huebsch to ensure Wisconsin always has places for citizens to learn how to safely and effectively use firearms. Finally, I was proud to author the Right to Keep and Bear Arms Constitutional Amendment to protect firearms ownership and use in Wisconsin for our children and grandchildren.

Now, we are prepared to focus all of our efforts on giving law-abiding citizens the ability to protect themselves, their families and neighbors from violent crime through the PPA.

Representative Gunderson and I introduced the PPA on Wednesday, November 17th. **Senate Bill 293 (SB293)** and **Assembly Bill 605 (AB605)** are the first bills ever to give law-abiding Wisconsin citizens the security and safety of a concealed weapon.

You are the key to our success. We have repeatedly defeated anti-gun forces through grassroots citizen campaigns. We can do it again! We need to build a grassroots force that overwhelms the nay-sayers in Madison with common sense and irrefutable facts.

We need phone calls and letters to legislators and education of family and friends through rational discussion and letters to the editor. We must refute every piece of misinformation presented with calm reasoning. **We need you!**

The pages inside can be copied as regular sized pages. Please copy and distribute them everywhere you can.

Working together we have never been stopped. We will win for the safety of ourselves, our children and our communities.

We need hunger in the heart, fire in the belly, and souls absolutely on fire!

God Bless You,



Highlights of the Personal Protection Act (PPA)

What is the intent of the PPA?

- The PPA is for citizens who are so conscientious about following the law that they won't risk a misdemeanor charge for illegal possession of a concealed weapon even to protect their own lives and those of their families.
- The PPA will give these individuals a responsible means follow the law while protecting themselves from those for whom the law means nothing.
- The PPA means that not all the advantages will go to biggest, strongest or most violent. Men and women, senior citizens and disabled individuals will stand a fighting chance against the thugs who prey on us.
- The PPA means that *criminals* will finally have to worry when they go out at night.

What is a concealed weapons license?

- A five year tamper-proof photo license (like the drivers license) which entitles an individual to carry a concealed weapon to defend against crime.
- Licenses will be issued by Sheriffs to any qualified individual who applies and pays a fee. The state Department of Justice (DOJ) will keep computerized records of all active licenses.

Who Qualifies for a License?

- Age 21 or older
- Not prohibited from possessing a firearm due to a felony conviction, a juvenile delinquency adjudication or a civil mental commitment.
- Successfully completed specified firearms training or safety courses.
- Not found to be incompetent, drug or alcohol dependent or mentally ill.
- Not found guilty of violent misdemeanors such as disorderly conduct or domestic abuse.

How will the Sheriff ensure criminals don't get licenses?

- State DOJ Background Check to find state or local offenses or commitments, and
- Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) fingerprint analysis and background check to determine convictions in other states or under other names.

What will the license fee cover?

- County and state administrative costs,
- All background check fees,
- Law Enforcement Excellence Fund - From every license, \$15 will go to a fund in the issuing county to improve law enforcement. The funds must be used for improvement of services, not replacement of current funding.
- Range Improvement Fund - From every license, \$15 will go to a fund to develop and improve shooting ranges. Matching grants will be awarded to ranges that offer low cost firearms safety courses as a means of ensuring affordable safety training.
- Experience in other states indicates the total license cost should not exceed \$75 in Wisconsin.
- Sheriffs can waive the fees and use an instant background check to issue an immediate license if they feel the individuals life is in imminent danger.

Does every county have to offer licenses?

- If the Sheriff requests and the County Board approves by a 2/3 vote, counties can opt out of the program. Counties cannot prevent their law-abiding citizens from receiving a license from another county.
- Sheriffs can enter into cooperative agreements with other counties to offer licenses in one of a group of counties to increase cost efficiency.

Is carrying prohibited anywhere?

- Licensees may not carry in: police stations, sheriffs offices, state patrol stations, prisons, jails, houses of correction, courthouses, athletic events, schools, school administration buildings, taverns, airports and other places where carrying is prohibited by state or federal law.

How will we know how the law works?

- The bill requires the Attorney General to report to the Legislature and the Governor annually on all licenses that have been applied for, issued, denied, suspended or revoked in that year. The report must include the reasons for denial, suspension and revocation.

Claims You Will Hear Against the Personal Protection Act (PPA)

Claim: Wisconsin will return to the "Wild West" with shootouts on every corner.

√ **Fact:** This same claim was made when Wisconsin allowed deer hunters to carry handguns. But, since the law passed, deer hunters haven't been in one shootout and no increase in accidents or deaths has ever been suggested. In fact, deer hunting has gotten safer.

√ **Fact:** This same claim was made when gun preemption was considered in November of 1995. But, since the law passed, not one shooting has been attributed to it.

√ **Fact:** This same claim was made in Florida when they considered their concealed weapons law in 1987. But, since the law passed, 320,571 permits have been issued and murder rates have dropped 41% in Florida while decreasing 20% in the rest of the U.S. (according to FBI crime statistics).

√ **Fact:** This same claim was made in every state that instituted a concealed weapons law. But, overall, violent crime (24% lower), homicide (19% lower), robbery (39%) and aggravated assault (19%) are lower in the states that allow concealed carry than in states that don't.

√ **Fact:** The nine states with the lowest violent crime rates all allow the right to carry.

√ **Fact:** Research by Professors John Lott and David Mustard at the University of Chicago shows that states allowing concealed carry of weapons experienced reductions in murder (8.5%), rape (5%) and aggravated assault (7%). This means that, if states (like Wisconsin) that don't allow concealed carry had passed it in 1992, 1,570 murders, 4,177 rapes and over 60,000 aggravated assaults could have been prevented. In other words, we are closer to the "Wild West" than states that allow citizens to protect themselves.

Claim: "Wild West" shootouts haven't occurred in Florida. But, Wisconsin isn't Florida.

√ **Fact:** This claim is absolutely true. Wisconsin has better education and lower crime than Florida. Our citizens are more likely to be responsible than Florida's.

Claim: Law enforcement opposes concealed weapons laws.

√ **Fact:** In Florida, all major law enforcement groups opposed the bill when it was first proposed. But, by the time it passed, all major law enforcement groups supported the law. After over 10 years of experience and over 320,000 licenses, they still support the law.

√ **Fact:** The Law Enforcement Alliance of America, with over 50,000 members, supports Wisconsin's Personal Protection Act.

√ **Fact:** The perception of opposition comes mainly from politically appointed police chiefs.

Claim: Concealed weapons laws are rammed through by special interest groups.

√ **Fact:** While there are interest groups on both sides (NRA and Handgun Control Incorporated), this is a grassroots effort as evidenced by over 15,000 voluntary petition signatures collected by Senator Zien. No one had to be paid to circulate these petitions.

√ **Fact:** No concealed weapons law has ever been revoked. This is proof both that it works and that it has broad-based support.

Claim: A study by researchers at the University of Maryland shows an increase in gun related homicides in three states with concealed weapons laws.

√ **Fact:** These same researchers showed in 1991 that Washington D.C.'s gun ban had worked even though the murder rate had tripled under the ban.

√ **Fact:** The study shows no data to suggest that licensees were involved in a single homicide.

√ **Fact:** According to FBI crime statistics, the homicide rate in 2 of the 3 states studied declined while the third had an increase at less than the national average.

√ **Fact:** The "study" looked only at a few cities they selected. Our statistics from the FBI cover the entire state.

Claim: Provisions in the PPA will not be effective in preventing criminals from getting licenses.

√ **Fact:** The background check provision in the PPA is tougher than the one Handgun Control Inc. praises in the Brady Bill. Our waiting period of 21 days is also longer than the Brady Bill's wait.

Claim: The PPA irresponsibly places guns in people's hands.

√ **Fact:** Anyone willing to break the law and pay a fine can carry now. Very few criminals decide against felonies like murder or armed robbery for fear of a misdemeanor fine for illegal concealed carry. So, the issue is about citizens who would not consider carrying a weapon to commit crime. These people will be trained and registered with the state under the law.

Claim: Police will have to treat every traffic stop as if the subject was armed.

√ **Fact:** Police are trained to do this now. Who would consider shooting an officer over a speeding ticket, but wouldn't carry a concealed weapon for fear of a misdemeanor charge?

√ **Fact:** Officers' lives have been saved by licensees using their concealed weapon. In the 31 states that have this law, no concealed weapon licensee has ever been charged with shooting an officer.

√ **Fact:** Any person who would consider shooting an officer can carry today and risk only an additional misdemeanor charge. Criminals are very unlikely to apply for a picture I.D. to commit crimes with firearms.

Claim: People are more likely to be killed with their own gun than to kill an attacker.

√ **Fact:** Only 0.1% to 0.2% of defensive gun uses involved the death of the criminal.

√ **Fact:** Deaths with the person's own gun include suicides, which have nothing to do with carrying concealed or defensive uses of guns. Guns are used up to 2.5 million times per year for protection.

√ **Fact:** According to a study by Professor Kleck of the University of Florida, as many as 75 lives are protected by a gun for every life lost to a gun. Guns are used up to 2.5 million times per year for protection.

How can I help?

- Write letters to the editor giving common sense reasons backed up by fact.
- Discuss the issue with family and friends to add them to the team (start at Deer Camp).
- Call and write your elected state Representative, Senator and Governor. Give them information if they need it and thank them if they are already on the team.
- Distribute information to your gun club and any other organization to which you belong.
- Hang the information on public bulletin boards.
- Keep us informed of what local media are saying about PPA.
- Convince opinion leaders (like newspaper editors, Doctors, lawyers and local elected officials) to join the team.

Who to Contact to Express Your Support for SB293 and AB605, the PPA:

Your State Representative

P.O. Box 8952 (Last Names A-L), or
P.O. Box 8953 (Last Names M-Z)
Madison, WI 53708

Your State Senator

P.O. Box 7882
Madison, WI 53707-7882

To find out who your Senator or Representative is, or to leave a message for him/her:

Legislative Hotline **1-800-362-9472**

Governor Tommy Thompson

P.O. Box 7863
Madison, WI 53702

Senator Dave Zien **(608) 266-7511**

Rep. Scott Gunderson **(608) 266-3363**

Email your Senator or Representative. Look up his/her address at: www.legis.state.wi.us



PUBLIC HEARINGS

on the

RIGHT TO CARRY CONCEALED WEAPONS

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE on JUDICIARY & PERSONAL PRIVACY HEARINGS
on
ASSEMBLY BILL 605 (AB-605)

*Chairman Mike Huebsch is taking the Personal Protection Act (PPA) on the road so **YOU** can publicly voice your opinion on your right to protect yourself and your family from violent crime. This is **YOUR CHANCE** to be heard, to let legislators know that **YOU SUPPORT** a bill that has already been approved by 31 other states. Please attend these unprecedented hearings and take the opportunity to register or testify in favor of AB-605.*

Tuesday, February 15

11am – 3pm

STURTEVANT, WI

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14200 WASHINGTON AVE.

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Tuesday, February 29

11am – 3pm

EAU CLAIRE, WI

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ATTENTION GUN OWNERS!

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

ON THE

RIGHT TO CARRY CONCEALED WEAPONS

Legislators to hold public hearings on AB-605, the Personal Protection Act (PPA)

Pro-gun activists strongly urged to attend

This is **YOUR CHANCE** to publicly voice your opinion on a right already afforded to citizens of all but 7 states, the ability to carry a concealed weapon. AB-605 will be the first bill ever to give to law-abiding Wisconsin citizens the security and safety of a concealed weapon.

Representative Gunderson, author of AB-605, and I strongly urge you to attend these first ever hearings in Wisconsin on **February 15, in Sturtevant, and February 29, in Eau Claire.**

The anti-gun opposition is fierce. They will do **ANYTHING** to keep law-abiding citizens, like you and I, from having guns to protect our families and ourselves. We know they have organized themselves and plan to fill the hearings rooms with their people.

We Need You There! Bring everyone you can with you to fill the rooms with people who cherish freedom, like you and I!

God Bless You,





****Amended Notice****

PUBLIC HEARING

on the

RIGHT TO CARRY CONCEALED WEAPONS FOR PERSONAL PROTECTION

Representative Mike Huebsch, Chairman of the Assembly Committee on Judiciary and Personal Privacy, is taking AB-605 on the road so **YOU** can publicly voice your opinion on your right to protect yourself and your loved ones from violent crime

Please attend this hearing to register or testify in favor of AB-605.

Due to the tremendous success of the hearing on Tuesday, February 15, in Sturtevant, where over 100 people were in attendance to express their support for the Personal Protection Act, we are extending the Eau Claire hearing by an hour.

The hearing will begin at 10:00am, NOT 11:00am as previously scheduled.

Tuesday, February 29

10:00am

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PERSONAL PROTECTION ACT

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FOR PERSONAL PROTECTION**

Hearing will begin at 10:00am

Thanks to you, the hearing in Sturtevant on February 15 was a huge success! Over 100 PPA supporters were in attendance, compared to about 8 people in opposition.

Representative Gunderson, the Assembly author of AB-605, and I strongly urge you to attend the second public hearing being to be held in Eau Claire at 10:00am on February 29, 2000.

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