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DATE: February 28, 2017
RE: **Support for 2017 Senate Bill 7**
TO: Senate Committee on Judiciary & Public Safety
FROM: Representative Mike Kuglitsch
SUBJECT: Concealed Carry License Renewal Notices

Good morning Chair Wanggaard and members of the committee--thank you for the opportunity to share my support for Senate Bill 7.

My effort today is to clarify the renewal process for 2011 Wisconsin Act 35 and save Wisconsin citizen's time and fees when renewing a concealed carry license.

Senate Bill 7 clarifies the law and guarantees each license holder receives 5-years/ 60 months of conceal carry time.

In July of 2016, my office was contacted by a constituent concerned as to why he did not receive a full 5 years/ 60 months for his original conceal carry license, which was the intention when the Legislature adopted 2011 Wisconsin Act 35.

Citizens currently renewing their Conceal Carry Weapon License are losing time covered under the original application because Act 35 requires the Department of Justice to certify and implement each license within 21-days of application.

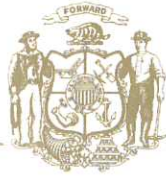
SB 7 fixes this problem and guarantees gun owners receive a full 5-years for their CCW License.

Overall, the Concealed Carry Weapon License has worked smoothly for 5 years, but the renewal process has caused frustration with many license holders because the Department of Justice is required to notify license holders of renewal more than 90-days in advance of expiration.

Problems first began to appear when the first license renewals were sent out in July of 2015 for permits expiring in November of last year.

A bi-partisan coalition of state legislators has endorsed SB 7 and the National Rifle Association has submitted testimony supporting passage of the legislation.

Please support SB 7 and I am happy to answer any questions you may have. Thank you.



DEVIN LEMAHIEU

STATE SENATOR

Senate Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety Testimony on Senate Bill 7 February 28, 2017

Chairman Wanggaard and Members,

Thank you for hearing my testimony today on Senate Bill 7. This bill offers a simple, technical fix to the concealed carry renewal process to ensure licenses are valid for a full 5 years.

Under current law, concealed carry license holders are required to be mailed a notice of expiration and renewal application by the Department of Justice 90 days before their license expires. Our CCL statutes also state that licenses go into effect as soon as they are approved. Therefore CCL holders may not receive a full 5 years.

SB 7 fixes this oversight by stating CCL renewals begin at the end of the previous license, not when a renewal application is approved.

I first learned about the renewal problem last year, when multiple constituents contacted me upset that their concealed carry license was not valid for 5 years as expected. Over the summer Representative Kuglitsch and I worked with the Department of Justice to find a solution.

The bill is supported by DOJ, the NRA, and of course by concealed carry license holders across the state who have been effected by this law. Also, the Assembly version passed out of committee unanimously earlier this month. Thank you again for listening to my testimony. I am happy to answer any questions you may have about the bill.