

Please **OPPOSE** HB 1257
Public Safety – Licensed Firearms Dealers
(Firearms Dealers’ Safety Act)

Would we ever see a bill that would require pharmacies to create video and audio recordings of every prescription transaction dealing with opioids? Would we ever see a bill to create video and audio recordings of every transaction at a medical cannabis dispensary? People would accuse such bills of attaching a stigma to purchasing such items. One might even say this would be degrading the buyers or at least an attempt to embarrass them. Could it be that such a flagrant violation of a firearm purchaser's privacy is to make them feel they are doing something wrong and to stigmatize them? Think about it this way; what if video and audio recordings were required of all contraception products?

At one place in the bill it is stated that a licensed dealer shall:

(II) ENSURE THAT EACH FIREARM THAT IS DISPLAYED TO A CUSTOMER IS RENDERED INOPERABLE WITH A TRIGGER LOCK OR ANOTHER MECHANISM.

Lets replace some words to illustrate the unreasonableness of this statement.

(II) ENSURE THAT EACH [CAR] THAT IS DISPLAYED TO A CUSTOMER IS RENDERED INOPERABLE WITH A [BREATHALYZER] OR ANOTHER MECHANISM [WHICH PREVENTS THE STEERING WHEEL FROM MOVING].

I would imagine that test driving would be totally out of the question and hence quite detrimental to selling the vehicle; the same would go for testing a trigger and properly holding the firearm in one's hand which can't be done with other mechanisms attached.

We would all hope that government is honest and transparent; but this bill does not reflect those virtues. This bill is solely meant to discourage and stigmatize firearm purchasers while making it more difficult, if not impossible, for firearm dealers to remain in business; you know it; I know it; we all know it. Please oppose this bill.

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