

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Submitted to the Committee on Community Safety, Select
For HB 2960

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Hearing Date: April 4, 2023 2:00 PM - or upon final adjourn./recess or bill referral if permission granted

Jon Zachary
Self, Computer Programmer
Katy, TX

Simplifies provisions relating to defenses to prosecution against charges of carrying in a prohibited location by streamlining notice requirements.

George Flach
self/retired
Weatherford, TX
Support.

Richard Wood
Self - paramedic
Conroe, TX
I support this bill.

Robert Simonds
Self - retired
Sugar Land, TX
I am in favor of this bill

George Schuler III
Self and Family
Sugar Land, TX

I encourage a vote in FAVOR of HB 2960.

Dennis Hays

Self

Plano, TX

In Favor of

James Floyd

Self retired

Tyler, TX

FOR

G. Gillenwaters

Single Action Shooting Society

Manchaca, TX

In SUPPORT of HB 2705, HB 2960, HB 3137, HB 4327, & HB 4827

In OPPOSITION to HB 1617 & HB 3938.

Kent Lawson

KentsKovers

Gilmer, TX

I firmly SUPPORT this bill.

Penny O'Rear, Mrs.

Self

McKinney, TX

In FAVOR of!

Paula Hansen

self - retired

Sugar Land, TX

I oppose HB 2960. This bill is an attempt to erode the law prohibiting guns in sensitive locations.

Tracy Hays

Self

Plano, TX

Favor

Ted Woods

self

Katy, TX

For.

Delaina Bishop

SELF/Parent

Austin, TX

I highly OPPOSE this bill! This is the time to be making common sense gun control legislation; NOT make it even easier, add more gun options, let them be anywhere and everywhere. Have any of you not heard the polls that show the majority of Americans support common sense gun laws, like banning AR-15 and other assault style weapons, red flag laws, more in depth background checks, waiting periods, etc.. I know a lot of responsible gun owners and they all want these things. I was born and raised in Texas and these past few years have made me ashamed of my once great state.

David Berleth

self

Houston, TX

I agree with bill that simplifies provisions to defenses to prosecution against charges of carrying in a prohibited location by streamlining notice requirements.

David Wittman

Self; consultant

Horseshoe Bay, TX

I encourage you to vote FOR this legislation as it is your responsibility to simplify the laws and the statutes of this great state, as well as simplify the clarity of these statutes to the citizenry of this great state.

John T Baker, Dr

John T Baker Farm

Dallas, TX

I support this bill.

JTB

Richard Carroll

Self and Family - Retired

Carrollton, TX

I support this bill.

Paul Savage

Self/Life and Organizational Coach

Baytown, TX

Please vote for this. It seems to make a lot of sense.

David Fairley

Self, gas marketing

Magnolia, TX

I strongly support this bill. Please move forward with the bill.

David Nelson

Self, Instructor

Weatherford, TX

Please streamline the notice requirements, cleaning up provisions from last session's permitless carry bill.

Dona Crumpler
self - Respiratory Therapist
Hewitt, TX

I am in support of HB 2960!

Charles Stigall
Self, retired
Sealy, TX

I support this bill since it will clean up and simplify existing law.

Kathryn Crenshaw
Self
Rowlett, TX

Dear Representatives

As a Texas citizen who approves of gun ownership, I must still speak against this bill.

Weakening the rules in this case could allow a gunmen to enter areas where my children eat, play, and learn, and use ignorance as an excuse.

Ignorance of a rule or law is never an excuse to get away with breaking it.

Furthermore in a state where my Representatives have passed laws that hamstring law enforcement's ability to protect us from shooters- legally police can not stop or interfere with a gunman until they open fire- this bill only further emboldens bad actors.

Imagine a gunman walking into a police precinct to intimidate someone. They would be technically shielded by this law by claiming they were "unaware" then gun was prohibited.

While I support the rights of our citizens to own firearms, I stand against this bill due to the needless danger it places children and police in. The second amendment specifies "well-regulated" and I see nothing well-regulsted in a bill that allows gunmen to ignore or not even be aware of signage!

Thank you for your time,

Lisa Songy
self
Dallas, TX

Your bill infringes upon individual's rights to ban firearms from their properties and interferes with a business' right to do business in Texas. Creating a defense to a criminal charge for the illiterate is as insane a law as you could pass. I oppose loosening gun laws in Texas. I send my thoughts and prayers that you will do the right thing and not let this bill out of committee.

Sarah Lewis
self - mom
Kerrville, TX

As a mother of two who is terrified to even send her kids to public school, I am firmly opposed to any loosening of gun restrictions.

arthur j belanger jr
self
liberty, TX
please vote FOR , thank you .

Heidi Wicker
Self
Highland Village, TX

This bill completely eliminates the ability for personal property ownership. The right to allow or not allow certain items on your own property. This is big government and government overreach in action. Don't support a bill that strips away rights from citizens.

Heidi Wicker
Self
Highland Village, TX

This is a giant overreaching act by big government and strips property rights from citizens.

Sara Ainsworth
Self
Dallas, TX

This bill would circumvent a business's right to refuse entry to those carrying weapons, which takes away a business owner's ability to maintain a secure place of business. An individual's desire to carry a firearm should not be greater than a business owner's ability to create an environment that they are comfortable with. Businesses are not public property - they are spaces made available to the public. we have seen on more than one occasion in Texas that people use firearms in businesses to harm others. Limiting a prosecutor's ability to criminally charge such individuals for such harm decreases public safety in the state. I strongly oppose this bill.

Jason Chambers
self: high school math teacher
Arlington, TX
Support.

Susan Markus
self, retired, mother, grandmother
Austin, TX

Vote no. This is a terrible bill, especially as we see so much more gun violence in our state and country. We can honor the right to bear arms and set reasonable rules for the possession and use of guns in certain places.

richard clampitt
Self
dallas, TX
Please pass this bill. Vote YES.

Kenneth Gibson
SELF
Sidney, TX
I SUPPORT HB 2960

Wesley Virdell
Gun Owners of America
Brady, TX

Gun Owners of America supports this bill.

Maritza Wong, Mrs.
Self - Stay at home mom
Manvel, TX

I am opposed to this bill. It would erode the law prohibiting guns in sensitive places. We are supposed to be keeping guns out of schools, and this bill is yet another attempt to soften our society's standards for protecting children. Please do not let this bill advance out of committee. Our children deserve better than continued irresponsible actions by our legislature. Thank you.

Wesley Virdell
Gun Owners of America
Brady, TX

Gun Owners of America supports this bill. We thank Representative Cain for filing it. Texas already has three signs that cover open and concealed carry. The 46.03 signage was slipped into the HB1927 bill last session and we support it being removed from the penal code. It is unnecessary for it to exist.

Cynthia Dwyer
The Tarrant Together Project
Fort Worth, TX

I am writing today to urge the committee to oppose this bill. Where do citizen rights end in regard to the 2nd Amendment? If a sign is posted restricting firearms that should be honored. PERIOD! This bill is an over reach by the state and is out of touch with the opinion of most Texas.

<https://www.politico.com/news/magazine/2022/05/27/why-texans-cant-get-the-gun-laws-they-really-want-00035709>

I look forward to watching this bill die in committee today.

Carolyn Lux
Self/Retired RN
Fredericksburg, TX

I am for the passage of this bill.

Claudia Torres Yanez
Pflugerville Area Democrats Club
PFLUGERVILLE, TX

I oppose this bill and ask the Committee to reject it. It does not make sense to basically this would allow people that "accidentally" bring weapons into prohibited areas to just leave with no consequences. I thought consequences were a deterrence (like with the many election laws being proposed supposedly). This bill is an attempt to erode the law prohibiting guns in sensitive locations. Please reject this bill.