

**GRNC Alert 03-22-09:
Return of the Rapist Protection Act!**

SB 664 is the reincarnation of the Rapist Protection Act which anti-gunners attempted to enact back in 2001. The bill at that time came from the House in the guise of HB 320. Research has shown that mandatory storage laws lead to increases in rapes, murders and aggravated assaults. This is due to an increased sense of safety “on the job” experienced by the criminal element. Who do you wish to feel safer in your home, you or the criminals?

Use our auto-email link found at the end of this alert to send a message to the Senate that you want to feel safer in your home than a rapist does.

Among the other features of SB 664, like HB 320 are these:

- Changes existing law to apply to firearms misuse by minors who do not reside in the residence of the gun owner, and who may not even be under his or her control.
- While current law only applies to the owner of a firearm which is misused by a minor, the bill includes even people who do not “own or possess” the firearm. It could even be applied to a homeowner whose guest brings a gun into the home.
- While current law exposes gun owners to prosecution if they leave a firearm “in a condition that the firearm can be discharged,” the bill removes this provision, meaning storage requirements would apply not only to unloaded firearms, but even to parts of firearms which could theoretically be assembled.
- Current law applies to cases in which minors display firearms in a “careless, angry, or threatening manner,” who “cause personal injury or death with it not in self defense,” or who use it “in the commission of a crime.” By contrast, this would extend to anyone whose gun is taken into “public,” even if the gun is being used responsibly.
- Under a new section the only way lawful gun owners could protect themselves from prosecution is to store firearms “unloaded in a locked box or container, with the ammunition stored separately or “kept unloaded and equipped with a tamper-resistant mechanical lock or other safety device properly engaged so as to render the weapon inoperable by any person other than the owner or other lawfully authorized user.” As thousands of people who have used guns for self-protection can attest, a gun which is locked away, unloaded and with the ammunition stored separately is useless for self-defense. Moreover, because several brands of trigger locks have been recalled due to defects which permit unauthorized access to the firearm, no clear definition exists of what constitutes a “tamper-resistant” device.

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED

- Use our automated email system to send the message found below. Go to:
<http://grnc.org/alerts/autoemail.htm>

Dear Senator:

Research has shown that mandatory gun storage laws lead to increases in rape, murder and aggravated assault because criminals know that guns are locked away. So SB 664 will do more to protect and enable rapists than to provide any false sense of safety in the home.

It is vital that you do everything in your power to stop this latest version of “The Rapist Protection Act.” Stop the madness, protect law abiding citizens, not rapists.

I will be monitoring your actions on this bill through Grass Roots North Carolina.

Sincerely,

A Concerned North Carolina Voter

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