

## SB 69 - Concealed Firearms in Cars

## **Sponsor Statement**

SB 69 will make Alaska police officers safer when they make traffic stops and investigate incidents in parking lots.

Today, an Alaskan with a handgun concealed under his jacket has a legal responsibility to tell a police officer about it as soon as the officer makes contact. But there's no rule about disclosing a handgun tucked in the center console or driver's door pocket. Traffic stops are risky situations for police, and knowing whether a firearm is in reach keeps everyone safe.

SB 69 respects our Second Amendment rights. It doesn't change who can carry or where. The bill applies the same rules for a firearm concealed on the person to a firearm concealed in the vehicle. It does not change any penalties or the severity of any offense.

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