

**SB**

**294**

DRAFT HCS for CSSB294 ( )

**\*\* CHANGES \*\***

1. Changes the photograph requirement from two frontal photos to only one – requested by the Department;
2. Deletes the change in length of time an applicant's photograph is valid; from seven years back to the current requirement of 30 days – requested by the Department;
3. Deletes the requirement that the applicant submit a renewal form in person – requested by the Department;
4. Places the competency requirement back in statute and keeps the current definition of competency (AS 18.65.790(2)) – requested by the Department.

The bill sponsor, the Department of Public Safety and the NRA all support the changes proposed in the new draft CS (version-LS1543/K).

**DRAFT HCS CSSB 294 ( )**  
**SECTIONAL**

- Section 1-2** Deletes criminal offense of possession of a concealed handgun while in a local community with an opt-out ordinance.
- Section 3** Deletes statutory requirement that the application be executed under oath and changes the requirement from two photos to one photo.
- Section 4** Deletes requirement to list specific action type and caliber on permit.
- Section 5** Amends qualifications to obtain a permit to: "has successfully completed a handgun course."
- Section 6** Deletes warning that the application is executed under oath and changes the penalty for providing known false or inaccurate information from perjury to unsworn falsification
- Section 7** Retains requirement that the applicant demonstrate physical competence with a handgun; deletes the requirement for specific action type and caliber.
- Section 8** Repeals the requirement that a permit holder apply "in person" for a renewal; retains the requirement that a photograph be taken within the previous 30 days; changes the photo requirement from two photos to one photo.
- Section 9** Amends permit renewal process to allow an applicant to file for a renewal of the permit for up to 60 days after the expiration date of the permit.
- Section 10** Retains replacement of permit process to provide a photograph taken within the preceding 30 days; and changes the photo requirement from two photos to one photo.
- Section 11** Revocation of permit (no changes to current law).
- Section 12** Expands and better defines guidelines for recognition of permit holders from other jurisdictions and provides for a program for reciprocity with other states as approved by the Department of Public Safety.
- Section 13** Provides for an exception to expired permit penalty if the applicant has filed in a timely manner for a permit renewal and has not yet received the permit from the state of Alaska.
- Section 14** Deletes local opt-out provisions of municipal preemption statute.
- Section 15** Repeals sections to conform to the changes made throughout the bill.

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HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 294( )  
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY

Offered:  
Referred:

Sponsor(s): SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the possession of concealed handguns and to concealed  
2 handgun permits."

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

4 \* Section 1. AS 11.61.220(b) is amended to read:

5 (b) In a prosecution under (a)(1) of this section, it is an affirmative defense  
6 that the defendant, at the time of possession, was

7 (1) in the defendant's dwelling or on land owned or leased by the  
8 defendant appurtenant to the dwelling;

9 (2) actually engaged in lawful hunting, fishing, trapping, or other lawful  
10 outdoor activity that necessarily involves the carrying of a weapon for personal  
11 protection;

12 (3) the holder of a valid permit to carry a concealed handgun under  
13 AS 18.65.700 - 18.65.790 and [,] the weapon was a concealed handgun as defined in  
14 AS 18.65.790 [, AND THE POSSESSION DID NOT OCCUR IN A MUNICIPALITY

1 OR ESTABLISHED VILLAGE IN WHICH THE POSSESSION OF CONCEALED  
2 HANDGUNS IS PROHIBITED UNDER AS 18.65.780 - 18.65.785]; or

3 (4) considered a permittee under AS 18.65.748 and

4 [(A)] the weapon was a concealed handgun as defined in  
5 AS 18.65.790 [; AND

6 (B) THE POSSESSION DID NOT OCCUR IN A  
7 MUNICIPALITY OR ESTABLISHED VILLAGE IN WHICH THE  
8 POSSESSION OF CONCEALED HANDGUNS IS PROHIBITED UNDER  
9 AS 18.65.780 - 18.65.785].

10 \* Sec. 2. AS 11.61.220(d) is amended to read:

11 (d) In a prosecution under (a)(2) of this section, it is

12 (1) an affirmative defense that

13 (A) the defendant, at the time of possession, was the holder of  
14 a valid permit to carry a concealed handgun under AS 18.65.700 - 18.65.790  
15 or was considered a permittee under AS 18.65.748;

16 (B) the loaded firearm was a concealed handgun as defined in  
17 AS 18.65.790; and

18 (C) the possession occurred at a place designated as a restaurant  
19 for the purposes of AS 04.16.049 and the defendant did not consume  
20 intoxicating liquor at the place; [AND

21 (D) THE POSSESSION DID NOT OCCUR IN A  
22 MUNICIPALITY OR ESTABLISHED VILLAGE IN WHICH THE  
23 POSSESSION OF CONCEALED HANDGUNS IS PROHIBITED UNDER  
24 AS 18.65.780 - 18.65.785;]

25 (2) a defense that the defendant, at the time of possession, was on  
26 business premises

27 (A) owned by or leased by the defendant; or

28 (B) in the course of the defendant's employment for the owner  
29 or lessee of those premises.

30 \* Sec. 3. AS 18.65.700(a) is amended to read:

31 (a) The department shall issue a permit to carry a concealed handgun to a

- 1 person who
- 2 (1) applies in person at an office of the Alaska State Troopers;
- 3 (2) qualifies under AS 18.65.705;
- 4 (3) submits a completed application on a form provided by the
- 5 department, that provides the information required under AS 18.65.705 and 18.65.710
- 6 [AND IS EXECUTED UNDER OATH]; with each application form provided by the
- 7 department, the department shall provide a copy of the state laws and regulations
- 8 relating to concealed handguns, which must include a concise summary of where,
- 9 when, and by whom a handgun can be carried under state and federal law;
- 10 (4) submits two complete sets of fingerprints on Federal Bureau of
- 11 Investigation approved fingerprint cards that are of sufficient quality so that the
- 12 fingerprints may be processed: the fingerprints must be taken by a person, group, or
- 13 agency approved by the department; the department shall maintain a list of persons,
- 14 groups, or agencies approved to take fingerprints and shall provide the list to the
- 15 public upon request;
- 16 (5) submits evidence of successful completion of a handgun course
- 17 [COMPETENCE WITH HANDGUNS] as provided in AS 18.65.715;
- 18 (6) provides one [TWO] frontal view color photograph
- 19 [PHOTOGRAPHS] of the person taken within the preceding 30 days that includes
- 20 [INCLUDE] the head and shoulders of the person and is [ARE] of a size specified by
- 21 the department;
- 22 (7) shows a valid Alaska driver's license or identification card at the
- 23 time of application;
- 24 (8) does not suffer a physical infirmity that prevents the safe handling
- 25 of a handgun; and
- 26 (9) pays the application fee required by AS 18.65.720.

27 \* Sec. 4. AS 18.65.700(d) is amended to read:

- 28 (d) A permit issued under (a) of this section is valid for five years from the
- 29 date of issue. [THE PERMIT MUST SPECIFY THE ACTION TYPES AND
- 30 MAXIMUM CALIBERS OF HANDGUN DESCRIBED IN THE PERMITTEE'S
- 31 CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY UNDER AS 18.65.715 BUT MAY NOT

1 SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFY A HANDGUN BY MAKE, MODEL, OR SERIAL  
2 NUMBER.]

3 \* Sec. 5. AS 18.65.705 is amended to read:

4 Sec. 18.65.705. **Qualifications to obtain a permit.** A person is qualified to  
5 receive and hold a permit to carry a concealed handgun if the person

6 (1) is 21 years of age or older;

7 (2) is eligible to own or possess a handgun under the laws of this state  
8 and under federal law;

9 (3) is a resident of the state and has been for the 90 days immediately  
10 preceding the application for a permit;

11 (4) has not been convicted of two or more class A misdemeanors of  
12 this state or similar laws of another jurisdiction within the six years immediately  
13 preceding the application;

14 (5) is not now in and has not in the three years immediately preceding  
15 the application been ordered by a court to complete an alcohol or substance abuse  
16 treatment program; and

17 (6) has successfully completed a handgun course [DEMONSTRATED  
18 COMPETENCE WITH HANDGUNS] as provided in AS 18.65.715.

19 \* Sec. 6. AS 18.65.710(a) is amended to read:

20 (a) The application for a permit to carry a concealed handgun must contain the  
21 following information:

22 (1) the applicant's name, physical residence, mailing address, place and  
23 date of birth, physical description, including height, weight, race, hair color, and eye  
24 color, Alaska driver's license or identification card number, and the city and state of  
25 each place the applicant has resided in the five years immediately preceding the  
26 application;

27 (2) a statement that the applicant qualifies under AS 18.65.705;

28 (3) a statement that the applicant has been furnished with a copy of the  
29 state laws and regulations relating to concealed handguns, has read those sections, and  
30 understands them;

31 (4) a statement that the applicant desires a permit to carry a concealed

1 handgun for a lawful purpose, which may include self-defense;

2 (5) a [SWORN] statement by the applicant that all statements, answers,  
3 and attachments to the application are true and complete;

4 (6) a conspicuous warning that [THE APPLICATION IS EXECUTED  
5 UNDER OATH AND THAT] an applicant who supplies a false statement, answer, or  
6 document, in connection with the application that the applicant does not believe to be  
7 true, may be prosecuted for unsworn falsification [PERJURY UNDER AS 11.56.200]  
8 and, if found guilty, may be punished for violation of a class A misdemeanor [B  
9 FELONY], and that, in such cases, the permit shall be revoked and the applicant may  
10 be barred from any further application for a permit; and

11 (7) a statement that the applicant understands that a permit eligibility  
12 investigation will be conducted as a part of the application process, that this may  
13 involve computerized records searches, and that the applicant authorizes the  
14 investigation.

15 \* Sec. 7. AS 18.65.715(a) is amended to read:

16 (a) An applicant for a permit to carry a concealed handgun shall provide a  
17 certificate of successful completion of a handgun course that is approved by the  
18 department. [THE CERTIFICATE MUST STATE THE ACTION TYPE AND  
19 CALIBER OF HANDGUN OR HANDGUNS THE APPLICANT HAS  
20 DEMONSTRATED COMPETENCE WITH AND THAT THE APPLICANT MAY BE  
21 PERMITTED TO CARRY. A PERMITTEE MAY ONLY CARRY AS A  
22 CONCEALED HANDGUN AN ACTION TYPE OF HANDGUN DESCRIBED IN  
23 THE CERTIFICATE. A PERMITTEE MAY ONLY CARRY AS A CONCEALED  
24 HANDGUN THE CALIBER OF THE ACTION TYPE THAT THE PERMITTEE  
25 DEMONSTRATED COMPETENCE WITH OR ANY LESSER CALIBER OF THE  
26 SAME ACTION TYPE.] The handgun course must have been completed within the  
27 12 months immediately preceding the application. The department shall approve a  
28 handgun course, including the personal protection course offered by the National Rifle  
29 Association, if the course tests the applicant's

30 (1) knowledge of Alaska law relating to firearms and the use of deadly  
31 force;

1 (2) familiarity with the basic concepts of the safe and responsible use  
2 of handguns;

3 (3) knowledge of self-defense principles; and

4 (4) physical competence with a [EACH ACTION TYPE OF] handgun  
5 [THE APPLICANT WISHES TO CARRY UNDER THE PERMIT AND THE  
6 MAXIMUM CALIBER FOR EACH ACTION TYPE THE APPLICANT WISHES TO  
7 CARRY UNDER THE PERMIT].

8 \* Sec. 8. AS 18.65.725(a) is amended to read:

9 (a) A permittee shall apply [IN PERSON] for renewal of a permit to carry a  
10 concealed handgun within 90 days before the expiration of the permit and shall present  
11 a complete renewal form provided by the department. The renewal form [SHALL BE  
12 S UBMITTED UNDER OATH AND] must include

13 (1) any change in the information originally submitted under  
14 AS 18.65.710;

15 (2) a statement that the person remains qualified to receive and hold  
16 a permit to carry a concealed handgun under AS 18.65.705;

17 (3) one [REPEALED

18 (4) TWO] frontal view photograph [PHOTOGRAPHS] of the person  
19 taken within the preceding 30 days that includes [INCLUDE] the head and shoulders  
20 of the person and is [ARE] of a size specified by the department;

21 (4) [AND (5)] the renewal fee required under AS 18.65.720; and

22 (5) the warning listed in AS 18.65.710(a)(6).

23 \* Sec. 9. AS 18.65.725(c) is amended to read:

24 (c) A renewal of a permit to carry a concealed handgun submitted on or after  
25 the expiration date is subject to a late fee of \$25. The department may not accept a  
26 renewal for a permit that is submitted more than 60 [30] days after the expiration date  
27 of the permit. Nothing in this subsection prohibits the holder of an expired permit  
28 from applying for a new permit.

29 \* Sec. 10. AS 18.65.730 is amended to read:

30 **Sec. 18.65.730. Replacement of permit.** The department may replace a  
31 permit that the permittee certifies under oath has been lost, stolen, or destroyed,

1 provided the permittee applies in person and

2 (1) provides one [TWO] frontal view photograph [PHOTOGRAPHS]  
3 of the permittee taken within the preceding 30 days that includes [INCLUDE] the head  
4 and shoulders and is [ARE] of a size specified by the department;

5 (2) [SUBMITS TO THE TAKING OF A SINGLE THUMB OR  
6 FINGERPRINT BY THE DEPARTMENT TO COMPARE AGAINST THE  
7 FINGERPRINT ORIGINALLY SUBMITTED WITH THE APPLICATION; AND

8 (3)] pays the replacement fee required under AS 18.65.720.

9 \* Sec. 11. AS 18.65.740(a) is amended to read:

10 (a) A permit to carry a concealed handgun shall be immediately revoked by  
11 the department when the permittee

12 (1) becomes disqualified to receive and hold a permit under  
13 AS 18.65.705;

14 (2) is convicted of two class A misdemeanors of this state or similar  
15 laws of another jurisdiction within a six-year period if at least one of the convictions  
16 occurs after the application;

17 (3) knowingly supplied a false or fraudulent answer, statement, or  
18 document, or made a material misstatement or omission, in connection with an  
19 application for a permit or renewal or replacement of a permit.

20 \* Sec. 12. AS 18.65.748 is amended to read:

21 **Sec. 18.65.748. Permit holders from other jurisdictions considered Alaska**  
22 **permit holders.** A person holding a valid permit to carry a concealed handgun from  
23 another state or a political subdivision of another state

24 (1) with permit requirements similar to [AT LEAST AS STRICT AS]  
25 those in AS 18.65.700 - 18.65.790 is a permittee under AS 18.65.700(b) for purposes  
26 of AS 18.65.750 - 18.65.765 if the person has not been in Alaska for more than 120  
27 consecutive days: in this paragraph, "permit requirements similar to those in  
28 AS 18.65.700 - 18.65.790" means that, in order to receive and hold the permit in  
29 the other state or political subdivision, the person must

30 (A) he at least 21 years of age;

31 (B) be eligible to own or possess a handgun under state or

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federal law;

(C) successfully complete some type of handgun or firearms

safety course; and

(D) be subject to a fingerprint-based criminal records

search;

(2) is a permittee under AS 18.65.700(b) for purposes of AS 18.65.750 - 18.65.765 if the person has not been in Alaska for more than 120 consecutive days and the other state or political subdivision allows a permittee under AS 18.65.700 - 18.65.790 to carry a concealed handgun in the other state or political subdivision; the department shall determine which states or political subdivisions grant reciprocity to permittees under AS 18.65.700 - 18.65.790 and shall distribute a list of those jurisdictions to each law enforcement agency in this state.

\* Sec. 13. AS 18.65.760(a) is amended to read:

(a) The holder of a permit issued under AS 18.65.700 - 18.65.790 may not

(1) alter the permit;

(2) allow another person to use the permit;

(3) possess or display a suspended or revoked permit; or

(4) display an expired permit, unless the holder has submitted a complete, timely renewal form under AS 18.65.725 and the renewal process has been delayed due to circumstances not under the control of the applicant.

\* Sec. 14. AS 18.65.778 is amended to read:

**Sec. 18.65.778. Municipal preemption.** A municipality may not restrict the carrying of a concealed handgun by permit under AS 18.65.700 - 18.65.790 [EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN AS 18.65.780 - 18.65.785].

\* Sec. 15. AS 18.65.725(b), 18.65.765(a)(4), 18.65.780, 18.65.785, 18.65.790(5), and 18.65.790(6) are repealed.

# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2000 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

No. 1  
Bill Version: CSSB 294 (Jud)  
(S) Publish Date: 4-4-00

Revision Date \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected Public Safety  
Title Relating to the possession of concealed handguns BRU AK. State Trooper - Detachments  
and to concealed handgun permits. Component AK. State Trooper - Detachments  
Sponsor Senate Judiciary Committee  
Requester Senate Judiciary Committee Component No. 2325

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

| OPERATING EXPENDITURES | FY 2001    | FY 2002    | FY 2003    | FY 2004    | FY 2005    | FY 2006    |
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| Personal Services      |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Travel                 |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Contractual            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Supplies               |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Equipment              |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Land & Structures      |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Grants & Claims        |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Miscellaneous          |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| <b>TOTAL OPERATING</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> |

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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

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| 1002 Federal Receipts    |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| 1003 GF Match            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| 1004 GF                  |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| 1005 GF/Program Receipts |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| 1037 GF/Mental Health    |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Other (Specify Type)     |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>             | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> |

Estimate of any current year (FY2000) cost: 0.0

**POSITIONS**

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| Full-time |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill is not expected to have a budgetary impact.

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## Senate Judiciary Committee

April 17, 2000

Representative Pete Kott  
Chair, House Judiciary Committee  
State Capitol, Room 118  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Representative Kott:

Please accept this letter as a request for the House Judiciary Committee to schedule CS for Senate Bill 294. "An Act relating to the possession of concealed handguns and to concealed handgun permits." This bill will eliminate some of the cumbersome and unnecessary language in existing law and revise our statutes in one of the most successful concealed carry programs in the United States.

Attached you will find a copy of the bill, sponsor statement and other supporting information. Thank you for your time and consideration in scheduling SB 294. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Jim Pound or me.

Sincerely:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robin L. Taylor".

Robin L. Taylor  
Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee

Attachments

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# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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## Senate Judiciary Committee

### Sponsor Statement CS FOR SENATE BILL 294

#### **"An Act relating to the possession of concealed handguns and to concealed handgun permits"**

Since its passage, Alaska's concealed carry law has been one of the most successful programs in the United States. That success is based, in part, on the original intent of the legislation to allow only knowledgeable, law-abiding citizens to obtain state permits to carry concealed handguns. Although the program has been successful, there are several recurring problems with the implementation and management of the state's program. SB 294 proposes statutory changes to improve and streamline the process to obtain and renew a concealed handgun permit.

CS for SB 294 will eliminate some of the cumbersome and unnecessary language written into the statute: applicants will no longer be required to have a sworn application; permit holders will be allowed to submit their renewal applications up to 60 days after expiration, rather than 30 days. This allows more time to complete the renewal process before the expiration date; a new photograph will be required every ten years, instead of every five (same as for a state driver's license); additional thumb prints will no longer be required during the renewal process, as prints never change.

The bill also makes changes to some of the training and education statutes, streamlining the process and making reciprocity with other states more attainable. The applicant will be required to provide evidence of completion of a handgun or firearms safety course, but eliminates the more subjective requirement by eliminating the specific statutory definition of "competence," which is causing problems with reciprocity and/or recognition with other states. Alaska State Troopers now will be authorized by statute to help teach handgun courses, which may generate additional revenue.

In addition, SB 294 makes the statute apply equally to all citizens statewide and clarifies the standards for recognition of permits from other states.

SB 294 streamlines and improves a program that has been, and will continue to be, a success for Alaska.



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### Fax Transmittal Cover Sheet

Message To Be Delivered To: House State Affairs Committee Members  
cc: Senator Robin Taylor

Message From: Brian Judy, Alaska State Liaison

Date and Time Message Sent: April 14, 2000 4:30 p.m.

Regarding: CSSB 294 - SUPPORT

Number of Pages Including Cover Sheet: 2

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On behalf of the more than 20,000 members of the National Rifle Association who live in Alaska, I strongly urge your support for Senate Bill 294.

The changes proposed to the concealed weapon permit law by this legislation fall into three categories: 1) technical changes; 2) process efficiency modifications and 3) substantive changes.

The technical change made by SB 294 is deletion of the requirement that permit applications be "sworn" and changes the crime from "perjury" to "unsworn falsification" with a corresponding penalty modification. It is my understanding that this amendment was recommended by legislative counsel and NRA is fine with this change.

SB 294 would also allow trooper participation in familiarity courses, allow use of the previous photo for permit renewal and replacement, extend the period for renewal after permit expiration from 30 to 60 days, delete the requirement that thumbprints be given when permits are renewed or replaced and extend the validity of expired permits when the renewal process is delayed. These "process efficiency" amendments are all proposed with the intent of making the permit issuance process run more smoothly and NRA is in full support of all these changes.

The National Rifle Association also strongly supports the three substantive changes proposed by SB 294:

1) *Clarification of the requirements for recognition of other states' permits.*

This change will allow more law-abiding citizens to be able to provide a means of self-defense while visiting Alaska. Such recognition by Alaska will, in turn, cause more states to recognize the permits of Alaskans when they are in those states.

2) *Deletion of the virtually unused and unconstitutional municipal opt-out provisions.*

Since 1994, when the concealed weapon law was enacted, only one municipality has attempted to restrict law-abiding citizens' ability to carry a means of self-defense concealed. In 1998, firearm prohibitionists in the City of Haines put a measure on the ballot and were rejected by a 3-1 margin. If a restrictive ordinance was adopted at some point in the future, it would be violative of Article I, Section 19 of the Alaska State Constitution which provides that "The individual right to keep and bear arms shall not be denied or infringed by...a political subdivision of the state."

3) *Deletion of the "competency" requirement and action/caliber specifications.*

While the NRA is the foremost advocate of safe and responsible firearm use, these statutory mandates are unnecessary. If you look at the range of states which allow concealed carry, from Vermont, which doesn't even require a permit to carry a concealed firearm for self-defense, to Washington, which issues permits (over 200,000 issued currently) with no training requirement of any kind, to Utah, which requires familiarity with no live-fire requirement, to Alaska, which does require live-fire, the empirical outcome is the same: law-abiding citizens are safe and responsible and do not cause problems, training-related or otherwise. In Alaska, law-abiding citizens can carry firearms *openly* without a permit, without being fingerprinted, without paying fees and without costly, government-mandated training programs. Although there is no practical reason why individuals who submit to licensing and background checks in order to carry *concealed* should be treated differently than those who choose to carry *openly*, this bill maintains the requirement that permit applicants take a familiarity course; it only deletes the unnecessary and arbitrary competency standards.

The National Rifle Association urges your support for Senate Bill 294.



**2000**

**One Minute Speeches**

**RATIO OF ACCIDENTAL MEDICAL DEATHS TO ACCIDENTAL GUN DEATHS**

April 04, 2000

Mr. Speaker, something does not add up, the number of accidental deaths involving guns average 1,500 per year; and the number of accidental deaths caused by doctors, surgeons, and hospitals average 120,000 a year, 120,000 per year. That means the ratio of accidental medical-related deaths to accidental gun deaths is 80 to 1, 80 times more possible of being killed accidentally by a doctor than a gun.

Tell me, Mr. Speaker, should we mandate a 5-day waiting period on vasectomies?

Beam me up. Congress does not need more gun laws; America must enforce the laws that we have.

I yield back all the American lives saved by an honest law-abiding American who just happened to have a gun.

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