

Inter-County Association of Western New York

Representing the Counties of Allegany, Cattaraugus, Cayuga, Chautauqua, Chemung, Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Niagara, Ontario, Orleans, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Tompkins, Wayne, Wyoming, and Yates

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-25-IC

SUPPORTING SENATE BILL S7645 THAT REPEALS CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE LAW ESTABLISHING A FEE FOR BACKGROUND CHECKS ON CERTAIN FIREARM AND AMMUNITION PURCHASES

Sponsored By: Orleans County

Moved By: John Fitzak (Orleans)

Seconded By: Tom Sweet (Chemung)

WHEREAS, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins sponsored Bill S51001, referred to as the "Concealed Carry Improvement Act" (CCIA) which amended the penal law, the general business law, the executive law, the civil practice law and rules and the state finance law, in relation to licensing and other provisions relating to firearms; and

WHEREAS, said so-called "Concealed Carry Improvement Act" was signed into law by Governor Hochul on July 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, said Act included regulations that allow the State to have oversight over background checks for firearms and ammunition purchases; and

WHEREAS, said Act amended state executive law to add a new section 228, authorizing the New York State Police to run national instant criminal background (NICS) checks and serve as a State point of contact rather than utilizing the current NICS background check system; and

WHEREAS, said Act also created a new bureau within the State Police financed by new " background check fees" upon purchasers to cover the costs associated with performing state background checks; and

WHEREAS, these provision of the so-called CCIA have resulted in onerous background check fees upon citizens equal to \$2.50 for every ammunition purchase and \$9.00 for every firearm purchase with the potential for increases without legislative approval; and


WHEREAS, the CCIA infringes on the Constitutional right to own and bear arms guaranteed by the Second Amendment; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill S.7645, sponsored by Senator Mark Walczyk would repeal Subdivision 5 of Section 228 of the Executive Law of S51001 relating to the background check fees for firearms and ammunition as included in the CCIA; now be it

RESOLVED, that the Inter-County Association of Western New York does hereby endorses Senate Bill S7645 that would repeal certain provisions of the Executive Law establishing a fee for background checks on certain firearm and ammunition purchases and amends state finance law, in relation to the source of funds for the background check fund; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of Inter-County Association of Western New York shall forward a certified copy of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, Congresswoman Claudia Tenney, Congressman Joseph Morelle, Senator Robert Ort, Senator George Borrello, Assemblyman Stephen Hawley, New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) and all others deemed necessary and proper.

This is to Certify that I, the undersigned, Secretary of the Inter-County Association of Western New York, have compared the foregoing copy of resolution with the original resolution now on file in this office and which was duly adopted by the Association at a session held on the 20th day of October 2023 and that the same is a true copy of said original and of the whole thereof. In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the official seal of the Inter-County Association of Western New York dated October 23, 2023.


Lisa K. Casey, Secretary
Inter-County Association of Western New York



Sponsored by: Steuben County, Moved by: John Fitzak (*Orleans*), Seconded by: Tom Sweet (Chemung) 19 Ayes and 0 Nays.