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RESOLUTION NO. IC-002-24

SUPPORTING SENATE BILL S07645 AND ASSEMBLY BILL A08185 REPEALING THE STATE FEE FOR BACKGROUND CHECKS ON CERTAIN FIREARM AND AMMUNITION PURCHASES.

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2022, Governor Kathy Hochul signed into law 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 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 provisions 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 inalienable right to keep and bear arms guaranteed by the Second Amendment; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill S07645 and Assembly Bill A08185 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 THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Inter-County Association of Western New York, representing 2.9 million citizens in the State of New York, hereby supports Senate Bill S07645 and Assembly Bill A08185 and encourages the passage of these bills and subsequent signing by the Governor; and be it further

RESOLVED, copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to Honorable Kathy Hochul, New York State Governor; all members of the New York State Senate; all members of the NYS Assembly and the New York State Association of Counties.

STATE OF NEW YORK)

ss.:

COUNTY OF STEUBEN)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution duly adopted by the Inter-County Association of Western New York while in session in Chautauqua County on the 16th day of February, 2024.

Dated: February 27, 2024
Bath, New York



Amanda L. Chapman, Secretary
Inter-County Association of Western New York