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Right to Transport Firearms – HB 718

Rep Tim Krieger has re introduced **Right to Transport Firearms** (Former HB1668) and is currently seeking co-sponsors for (**HB 718**)

Modifies PA Transportation of Firearms Law in regard to the transportation of **unloaded** firearms in Section 6106(b) of Title 18.

Currently you can only transport unloaded firearms to limited destinations without any stops for any reason, no exceptions. This legislation will remove inconsistencies in the law and also benefit travelers from other states who transport firearms through PA.

Gun owners (who do not possess a License to Carry a Concealed Firearm) can 'only' transport lawfully owned and unloaded firearms (definition in Title 18-§6102) to four places (not counting hunting) with NO STOPS in travel?

- * To & from a gun club.
- * To & from a 'licensed' FFL dealer
- * To & from a recreational home
- * To & from the police to surrender or recover a firearm.
- * To & from hunting with license (seasonal).
- * This language does 'not' allow for ANY STOPS for ANY reason and that includes fueling vehicles, dining out, and even denying restroom stops.
- * Being found guilty of violating this law carries a 'lifelong loss of the right to own a firearm'.
- * This criminal violation requires NO mens rea (guilty mind/criminal intent).

HB 718 adds a simple section of the law to correct the problem with transportation of unloaded firearm

section (17) Any person who is not otherwise prohibited from possessing, using, controlling, selling, transferring or manufacturing a firearm shall be entitled to transport a firearm for any lawful purpose if, during such transportation, the firearm is not loaded and firearm is not being transported for purposes prohibited under the laws of the commonwealth.

* Protects citizens against unintentional violations of the law and unwarranted and specious prosecutions.

In the 2011-2012 session despite have 99 co sponsors it failed to move out of committee, same results in 2013-2014 session despite having numerous co-sponsors.

Excerpt from Rep Krieger Dec 24, 2014 Request for Co sponsorship memo

My legislation will replace this language and similar provisions with a more general principle, i.e., you may transport a firearm for a lawful purpose as long as it is unloaded. The concept of legal transportation for a "lawful purpose" comes from federal law as well as the laws of states as varied as Vermont, Iowa and Michigan. Further, this legislation will clarify language in our current transportation law related to reciprocal recognition of individuals licensed to carry a firearm in another state.

There are **49** Co Sponsors to **HB 718** as of April 19, 2015

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We respectfully request that you 'please' consider adding your name to **HB 718** as a co-sponsor to Rep Tim Krieger **Right to Transport Firearms**

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