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STATE REPRESENTATIVE • 84TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

DATE: February 1, 2017
RE: **Support for 2017 Assembly Bill 28**
TO: The Assembly Committee on State Affairs
FROM: Representative Mike Kuglitsch
SUBJECT: Concealed Carry License Renewal Notices

Good morning Chair Swearingen and members of the committee--thank you for the opportunity to share my support for Assembly Bill 28.

Last July, my office was questioned by a constituent as to why he did not receive a full 5 years/ 60 months for his original conceal carry license, which was the intention when the Legislature adopted 2011 Wisconsin Act 35.

Citizens currently renewing their Conceal Carry Weapon License are losing time covered under the original application because Act 35 requires the Department of Justice to certify and implement each license within 21-days of application. Because the Department of Justice is required to notify license holders of renewal more than 90-days in advance of expiration, license holders are losing up to three-months paid time.

My effort today is to clarify the renewal process for 2011 Wisconsin Act 35 and save Wisconsin citizen's time and fees when renewing a concealed carry license. Assembly Bill 28 clarifies the law and guarantees each license holder receives 5-years/ 60 months of conceal carry time.

I am happy to answer any questions you may have, but the Department of Justice will follow my testimony and will be better able to answer any technical questions you may have. Thank you.



DEVIN LEMAHIEU

STATE SENATOR

Assembly Committee on State Affairs Testimony on Assembly Bill 28 February 1, 2017

Chairman Swearingen and Members,

Thank you for hearing my testimony today on Assembly Bill 28. This bill offers a simple, technical fix to the concealed carry renewal process to ensure licenses are valid for a full 5 years.

Under current law, concealed carry license holders are required to be mailed a notice of expiration and renewal application by the Department of Justice 90 days before their license expires. Our CCL statutes also state that licenses go into effect as soon as they are approved. Therefore CCL holders may not receive a full 5 years.

AB 28 fixes this oversight by stating CCL renewals begin at the end of the previous license, not when a renewal application is approved.

I first learned about the renewal problem last year, when multiple constituents contacted me upset that their concealed carry license was not valid for 5 years as expected. Over the summer Representative Kuglitsch and I worked with the Department of Justice to find a solution.

The bill is supported by DOJ, the NRA, and of course by concealed carry license holders across the state who have been effected by this law. Thank you again for listening to my testimony. I am happy to answer any questions you may have about the bill.



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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

**Date: February 1, 2017
To: Chairman Rob Swearingen & Members of the Assembly Committee on State Affairs
From: Scott Rausch, Wisconsin State Liaison
RE: Testimony on Assembly Bill 28; Relating to: expiration dates of renewed licenses to carry a concealed weapon.**

First, I want to thank Chairman Swearingen, Vice-Chairman Tauchen, and all members of the Assembly Committee on State Affairs for taking public comments on Assembly Bill 28.

I must also acknowledge the leadership and hard-work that has been done on behalf of law abiding gun owners and conceal carry permit holders throughout the State of Wisconsin by the bill's authors, Representative Mike Kuglitsch and Senator Devin LeMahieu. I appreciate their willingness to take on this issue and to put forth a solution to a public concern that has been an ongoing problem since the first round of permit renewals began last year.

As Wisconsin's State Liaison for the National Rifle Association's Institute for Legislative Action, I am not only a liaison and resource to members of the Wisconsin State Legislature, but I am also a contact and resource to NRA Members across the state. After five-years of a very successful concealed carry permitting process, where more than 300,000 permits have been issued since 2011, the renewal process began in July of 2016 and public complaints about the process began immediately.

Over the course of the first month of renewals, I heard from nearly one hundred Wisconsin permit holders voicing their concerns about what they were experiencing. At first, complaints and concerns with the online renewal page were prevalent. This technology glitch was resolved by the Department of Justice in a timely fashion. However, one glaring problem remained, renewal dates were not matching permit issue dates, meaning permit holders were paying for a five year permit but only receiving a license that covered four years and eight or nine months.

The NRA and our State Association groups weren't the only organizations hearing the complaints. I heard from members of the State Legislature, including members from both sides of aisle, who had heard from their constituents on this important matter. In fact, I had both Republicans and Democrats who were interested in drafting legislation to fix this problem. Unfortunately, the legislative calendar didn't allow us the time to resolve the matter in 2016, but I am very pleased to see a quick resolution being introduced in 2017.

This is an opportunity to fix a slight oversight within what has been a very successful concealed carry program and permitting process. It is my hope that this legislation receives vast bi-partisan support and we can finally solve a problem that has affected a great number of Wisconsin residents. I ask that my written statement be added to the record and that members of the State Affairs Committee recommend passage during an upcoming Executive Session. Thank you.

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