

Committee Meeting SB 45
Permit-less Concealed Carry

To the House Committee,

The right to possess and carry a firearm was written into the 2nd Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and the 4th Amendment of the Kansas Constitution. When these were written all firearms were legal to carry as one saw fit, be it concealed, holstered, or over the shoulder.

The right to conceal carry was taken away to be licensed back to the citizens, as a ransom of sort that interferes with ones ability to defend themselves the way they see fit. Impeding freedom to give it back with a fee makes no sense.

The class that is required to gain a ccp basically sits you down for 6 hours of mind-numbingly boring reading of laws and they take you to a shooting range and hit a paper target at 10 feet. Then the background check and money paid to the sheriff and KBI.

Anyone who can legally possess a firearm can carry openly without training. People will try to argue that the licensing keeps bad guys from carrying guns, or that the training they receive makes ccp holders safer. What bad guy will stop carrying an illegal weapon and when the bad guy is attacking that law abiding ccp holder, is he thinking about the training or is he just going to defend himself?

Some will argue that law enforcement officers will be in greater danger because of this law. They are not in danger of law abiding citizens exercising their rights.

I do believe that when law enforcement makes lawful contact with someone who is carrying a concealed weapon that it should be announced by that citizen immediately after such contact to avert a bad situation. Bad guys won't tell because they are bad guys. If the law is written as the Alaska state law is, that any weapon must be disclosed to the LEO whether it's in your trunk concealed or in your glovebox, etc. I believe will help satisfy both sides of the debate. Make it mandatory to have a state I.D. if carrying and penalties for non-disclosure of weapons.

I open carry. I open carry because I went through the class for ccp and was so disgusted with it that I refused to ransom my rights. It was a matter of principle.

Giving our right to conceal carry back is a great step toward freedom.

Thank you.