

Testimony in Support of SB 45

I support Kansas Senate Bill SB-45 for several reasons, the most importantly being the waiting period of at least thirty days up to ninety days to wait for a concealed carry permit would be eliminated. For many persons, particularly women, that are affected by domestic violence they simply do not have thirty days to spend hiding waiting for a permit to protect themselves and their children from abusive ex-husbands or boyfriends.

I have been a paramedic for thirty five years and have witnessed women find over and over that a restraining order is of little value when someone is intent on beating them into submission and in some cases ending their lives to do so. Studies have shown over and over the most dangerous time for a woman is immediately after she ends the relationship...the time during which she currently has to wait at least thirty to ninety days for her permit!

Their current choice is to hide in their home where they can legally protect themselves with a firearm giving up their rights to keep her job and travel to and from a job unprotected, go to a women's shelter again giving up their rights to carry on with a normal life that includes traveling to and from a job or other destinations or to break the current law and carry in violation of the law.

I would like to ask for your consideration and support in passing Senate Bill SB - 45 to protect persons who may not have thirty to ninety days to wait for their permit to arrive.

Thank you,

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