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This proposed legislation would return the State to the old days of the wild west.

This State has a working Concealed Carry law that encourages citizens who feel the need to arm themselves to undergo training and apply for a permit recognized by every law enforcement jurisdiction in the State. The issuing agency is the local sheriff where that person resides.

Allowing concealed carry in urban areas without a permit would in effect negate the entire current concealed carry law.

Those who apply for a permit under the current law are required to demonstrate proficiency with a firearm and also are given a short course regarding the laws of the State and use for firearms for personal protection.

If this legislation is passed, there will be no requirement for persons carrying firearms to know or understand the responsibilities that come with the right to carry and use firearms.

This is another piece of unnecessary legislation that would only benefit those who could not qualify for a State carry permit.

I urge the Committee to table this proposal

Signed
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