



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

Report of the Law Enforcement Committee

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

12:30 PM

*Cook County Building, Board Room, 569
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois*

SECTION 1

ATTENDANCE

Present: Chairman Reyes, Vice Chairman Silvestri, Commissioners Butler, Fritchey, Gorman, Goslin and Tobolski (7)

Absent: None (0)

Also Present: Cara Smith – Executive Director, Department of Corrections, Cook County Sheriff's Office;
Kerry Reid – Policy Counsel, Cook County Sheriff's Office

13-1772

Sponsored by: EDWIN REYES, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONCEAL CARRY ACT IN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Illinois General Assembly was required by the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals to enact a conceal carry law and did so passing the Firearm Concealed Carry Act, giving the Illinois State Police 180 days to implement a license system, and

WHEREAS, under the Act, local law enforcement agencies may object to an application if their objection is based upon a reasonable suspicion that the applicant is a danger to him/herself or others, or a threat to public safety, and

WHEREAS, the license process is based on an already overburdened Firearm Owner Identification Card system; and

WHEREAS, there are already 300,000 FOID card holders in Cook County; and

WHEREAS, in Cook County alone, nearly 4000 revoked FOID card holders still maintain their FOID card and firearms compelling the Cook County Sheriff's Office to dedicate a gun team to recovering FOID cards from revoked possessors to protect the safety and welfare of the citizens of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, the conceal carry license process as currently developed is likely to overburden local law enforcement agencies and exacerbate an already devastating gun violence problem in Cook County; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Sheriff's Office seeks to educate the Cook County Board of Commissioners on the financial and operational burden of the Act and establish a uniform procedure for identifying and objecting to unsuitable concealed carry license applicants; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Board of Commissioners of Cook County hereby convene a meeting of the Cook County Board's Law Enforcement Committee to consider the impact of the Act on law enforcement agencies throughout Cook County.

Legislative History: 10/2/13 Board of Commissioners referred to the Law Enforcement Committee.

A motion was made by Commissioner Butler, seconded by Commissioner Gorman, that this Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Reyes, Vice Chairman Silvestri, Commissioners Butler, Fritchey, Gorman, Goslin and Tobolski (7)

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Butler, seconded by Commissioner Tobolski, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.


SECTION 2

**YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING ACTION
WITH REGARD TO THE MATTER NAMED HEREIN:**

File Id Number 13-1772.....Recommended for Approval

Respectfully submitted,


Chairman


Secretary

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