



HB 1856 by Hefner – Traveler Firearm Protection SUPPORT

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Explanation of the bill:

- This bill would stop hotels from prohibiting guests with an LTC from carrying firearms and ammunition between their hotel rooms and vehicles or storing firearms and ammunition in their rooms or vehicles on hotel property.
- Hotels could still require that handguns be carried concealed, or that firearms and ammunition be carried in a case or bag.

Notes:

- We support travelers being guaranteed the ability to keep their firearms and ammunition with them.
- We believe this bill should not be limited to LTC holders – it should apply to anyone who can legally possess a firearm.
 - There is no reason to grant more privileges to someone who has jumped through government hoops for a permit than to someone who can legally own a firearm
 - NOTE: SB 20 is similar, but applies to all who can legally possess a firearm, not just LTC holders.
- Although hotels are supposed to post their firearms policy on their website, not all of them do. Travelers sometimes show up to hotels to find that they either must leave their firearms in their car in the parking lot – which is inadvisable – or violate hotel codes.