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RE: AB 148 Concerning the carrying of concealed handguns with permit in various locations
STRONGLY SUPPORT

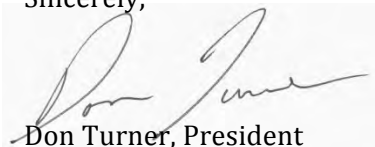
Dear Chairman Hansen and Assembly Judiciary Committee,

The Nevada Firearms Coalition is in strong support of AB 148. Persons who obtain a Nevada Concealed Firearms Permit per NRS 202.3653 through NRS 202.369 are thoroughly vetted by law enforcement before their permit is issued. They are subject to finger printing, background check involving federal, state and local investigation, disqualifying mental findings, domestic violence convictions, felony convictions, alcohol or drug convictions, and that there are no false statements on a carry permit application. In addition, applicants must be 21 years of age or over and are required to attend firearms training and pass a basic firearms proficiency test both to receive the initial permit, and must repeat that process every five years in order to continue to have a concealed firearms permit. Once granted, a permit is subject to immediate revocation if any of these requirements are violated.

The requirements for a Concealed Firearms Permit are greater than those for a driver's license. Also of interest, driving is a more dangerous activity than carrying a firearm with a concealed firearms permit. Nevada also restricts concealed carry firearms to handguns only. Once a person meets and maintains all of these elevated standards for compliance, it is only reasonable that the locations they are allowed to carry should be less restrictive. Mere presence on public property should not be the sole basis for nullifying a state-issued permit. It should be remembered that this bill only pertains to those who have complied with all the rigorous requirements for a CFP, including background checks and age criteria. It does not apply to high school gang members.

The Nevada Firearms Coalition is dedicated to the safe use of firearms for self-defense, competition, recreation and hunting. We are the statewide Nevada grassroots organization representing the firearms owners of Nevada. Our membership includes individuals, gun clubs, community organizations, and retail firearm corporations and ranges. We are the State Association for the National Rifle Association, and a member of the National Shooting Sports Foundation, USA Shooting and the Civilian Marksman Program.

Sincerely,



Don Turner, President

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