

1 INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2019-140

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3 REQUESTING THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REFER TO THE HOUSE
4 COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND LABOR A STUDY OF A
5 POSSIBLE REQUIREMENT THAT A PERSON LAWFULLY CARRYING A CONCEALED
6 HANDGUN USE A RESTRAINT HOLSTER THAT DECREASES THE LIKELIHOOD OF
7 A CONCEALED HANDGUN BEING DROPPED OR OTHERWISE MISPLACED AND
8 INCREASES THE SAFETY OF BOTH THE PERSON CARRYING THE CONCEALED
9 HANDGUN AND THE PUBLIC IN GENERAL.

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11 WHEREAS, "restraint holster" generally means a holster capable of
12 carrying or storing a concealed handgun on the body of a person and that has
13 at least two (2) of the following restraints designed to secure the concealed
14 handgun:

- 15 (1) Thumb strap;
16 (2) Mechanical lock; or
17 (3) Adjustable tension; and
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19 WHEREAS, the use of a restraint holster provides an extra level of
20 safety and security for a person who is lawfully carrying a concealed handgun
21 by preventing the accidental dropping of the handgun that may occur when a
22 holster that is not a restraint holster is used; and
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24 WHEREAS, a study of a possible requirement that a person who is
25 lawfully carrying a concealed handgun use a restraint holster would provide
26 the General Assembly with the necessary information to determine whether
27 legislation designed to protect the handgun owner and the public at large
28 should be considered by the General Assembly; and
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30 WHEREAS, given the safety implications of properly securing a lawfully
31 carried concealed handgun, the House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and
32 Labor is the appropriate committee to conduct this study,
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34 NOW THEREFORE,

35 BE IT PROPOSED BY THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE NINETY-SECOND
36 GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

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THAT the Legislative Council refer to the House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor a study of the possible requirement that a restraint holster be used if a person is lawfully carrying a concealed handgun.

Respectfully submitted,

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