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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 550

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_ . Amend House Resolution 550 by replacing  
3 on page 1, lines 2 through 20 and all of pages 2 through 5 with  
4 the following:

5 "WHEREAS, Virtually every week there are media reports of  
6 tragedies and crimes involving handguns; and

7 WHEREAS, The illegal influx of firearms into the State of  
8 Illinois causes risk and harm to law enforcement officers and  
9 to the law-abiding residents of Illinois; and

10 WHEREAS, Individuals who are not legally authorized to  
11 possess firearms in Illinois commit crimes with guns that  
12 result in murders, serious injuries, and significant property  
13 losses; and

14 WHEREAS, Although there are exceptions related to law

1 enforcement and private security functions, the State of  
2 Illinois at this time does not have a law permitting the  
3 concealed carry of a handgun; and

4 WHEREAS, The general public and members of the General  
5 Assembly could benefit from a study of how a change in the law  
6 in Illinois to permit the concealed carry of a handgun could be  
7 expected to impact communities, law enforcement, the illegal  
8 influx of firearms into the State, and the nature and number of  
9 serious gun crimes; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
11 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
12 there is created the Firearm Public Awareness Task Force; and  
13 be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the task force is charged with finding and  
15 analyzing data from states that have concealed carry laws,  
16 especially those states with significant similarities to  
17 Illinois; the inquiry and study should include information  
18 about the types and number of crimes involving handguns before  
19 and after the date that a concealed carry law went into effect  
20 in each state and particularly for the following categories:  
21 violent gun crimes; suicides by firearm; number of guns, or gun  
22 owners, legally registered; number of registered guns stolen or  
23 number of guns stolen from registered gun owners; and be it

1 further

2 RESOLVED, That the task force should additionally gather  
3 information from similar states with concealed carry laws  
4 concerning: the number and nature of serious crimes committed  
5 by persons who were lawfully carrying a concealed weapon at the  
6 time of the crime; and the number of people killed or injured  
7 when a person who was lawfully carrying a concealed weapon used  
8 the concealed weapon or made known to the assailant that he or  
9 she was carrying a concealed weapon; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the task force should also consider, if a  
11 concealed carry law is passed in Illinois, how public safety  
12 could be maintained, whether a change in the law would create a  
13 need for police sensitivity training, and what type of public  
14 information campaign about a concealed carry law would be  
15 appropriate; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the task force shall be comprised of the  
17 following members, all of whom shall serve without  
18 compensation:

19 (1) five representatives appointed by the Speaker of  
20 the House of Representatives;

21 (2) five representatives appointed by the Minority  
22 Leader of the House of Representatives;

23 (3) a representative of the Department of State Police

1 appointed by the Director of the Department;

2 (4) a representative of the Cook County Sheriff's  
3 office appointed by the Cook County Sheriff;

4 (5) a representative of the Illinois State's  
5 Attorneys' Association appointed by the head of that  
6 organization;

7 (6) a representative of the Illinois Fraternal Order of  
8 Police appointed by the head of that organization;

9 (7) a representative of the Illinois Sheriffs  
10 Association appointed by the head of that organization;

11 (8) a representative of The National Rifle Association  
12 of America appointed by the head of that organization;

13 (9) a representative of the Illinois State Rifle  
14 Association appointed by the head of that organization;

15 (10) a representative of the Illinois Council Against  
16 Handgun Violence appointed by the head of that  
17 organization; and

18 (11) a representative from the Illinois Firearms  
19 Manufacturers Association appointed by the head of that  
20 organization; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the Speaker shall designate a member of the  
22 task force to serve as the chairperson; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the Department of State Police shall provide  
24 administrative and other support to the task force for no more

1 than 3 meetings; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the task force shall hold public hearings  
3 and shall issue a written report of its findings and  
4 recommendations to the General Assembly on or before March 1,  
5 2012; and that upon filing its report the task force is  
6 dissolved.".