

All Members -

Please take the time to read the following message from GOAL as HD4420 is quickly moving through the Legislature and if passed, it will have ill bearing upon all of us.

On Monday, June 26th, the Chairman of the House Committee on the Judiciary concluded their so-called "top-down review" of the Commonwealth's gun laws. It turns out the entire public process, including the "listening tour," was a waste of time and a way to distract from their real objective. It's very clear that while everyone got to speak, only a few in the room were actually listened to.

The result of their "review" can only be described as extreme and draconian. GOAL has gone so far as to rebrand it ***"The Lawful Citizens Imprisonment Act."***

Since its introduction, HD. 4420 has sailed through the House and Joint Rules Committees and has been assigned to the Joint Committee on the Judiciary, despite not even having an official bill number. It will likely receive a hearing within the next week. Just like with the Listening Tour dates, we are likely to get very short notice-if any-of when the hearing will take place. So please keep an eye out for notices and updates from GOAL about this bill.

The bill does its absolute best to criminalize gun ownership in the Commonwealth and is a direct violation of every Supreme Court precedent related to the Second Amendment from *MacDonald* to *Bruen*. At GOAL we have been working non-stop to break this bill down into its worst parts and you can see our analysis and breakdown here: <https://www.goal.org/Lawful-Citizens-Imprisonment-Act>.

If you care about your Second Amendment civil rights, ***please take some time to familiarize yourself with the bill*** and read our resource page (the link in the previous paragraph). ***By reading the analysis and breakdown, you will learn of the bill's New Mandates and Restrictions.***

Please take the following actions:

- Find your legislator's [contact information](#)
- Contact your State Senator
- Contact your State Representative
- Contact the Speaker of the House (be nice to Maddie) at 617-722-2500
- Contact your local Police Chief and ask that they take a strong public stance against this blatant attack on our civil rights
- Contact your local gun club and let them know they should be putting this information out to their contact lists
- Find out if your legislator is holding local office hours or will be at an event this week and talk to them about this bill. You can find most of the information about where they will be on their social media pages or websites.

Talking points – there is no need to get into the nitty gritty of the bill since it is impossible to fix!

- The summary provided to the legislature does not represent what the bill would actually do to lawful citizens. The legislature is being intentionally misled by Chairman Day and Speaker Mariano!
- If this becomes law, about 10% of the Commonwealth's population would become criminals and enemies of the state overnight.
- The bill is so egregious that it is impossible to amend, so don't try.
- If the bill does come to the House floor, you should leave the chamber in protest to send a clear message to the Speaker that you will not take any part in doing this to your constituents.
- Nothing in the bill addresses violent crime, mental health, or suicide.
- Everyone who attended the "listening tour", including Chairman Day, stated repeatedly that licensed gun owners are not the problem. This bill totally reflects the opposite.
- This will ring the dinner bell for violent criminals to flock to Massachusetts; because we will all be defenseless, including domestic violence victims, the elderly, people of marginalized communities, and even off duty law enforcement. Everyone's safety in the Commonwealth will be compromised!

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