



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County**

**Report of the Law Enforcement Committee**

*Wednesday, October 23, 2013*

*12:30 PM*

*Cook County Building, Board Room, 569  
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois*

**SECTION 1**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Chairman Reyes, Vice Chairman Silvestri, Commissioners Butler, Fritchey, Gorman, Goslin and Tobolski (7)

**Absent:** None (0)

**Also Present:** Cara Smith – Executive Director, Department of Corrections, Cook County Sheriff's Office;  
Kerry Reid – Policy Counsel, Cook County Sheriff's Office

**13-1772**

**Sponsored by:** EDWIN REYES, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONCEAL CARRY ACT IN COOK COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois General Assembly was required by the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals to enact a conceal carry law and did so passing the Firearm Concealed Carry Act, giving the Illinois State Police 180 days to implement a license system, and

**WHEREAS**, under the Act, local law enforcement agencies may object to an application if their objection is based upon a reasonable suspicion that the applicant is a danger to him/herself or others, or a threat to public safety, and

**WHEREAS**, the license process is based on an already overburdened Firearm Owner Identification Card system; and

**WHEREAS**, there are already 300,000 FOID card holders in Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, in Cook County alone, nearly 4000 revoked FOID card holders still maintain their FOID card and firearms compelling the Cook County Sheriff's Office to dedicate a gun team to recovering FOID cards from revoked possessors to protect the safety and welfare of the citizens of Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, the conceal carry license process as currently developed is likely to overburden local law enforcement agencies and exacerbate an already devastating gun violence problem in Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Sheriff's Office seeks to educate the Cook County Board of Commissioners on the financial and operational burden of the Act and establish a uniform procedure for identifying and objecting to unsuitable concealed carry license applicants; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and Board of Commissioners of Cook County hereby convene a meeting of the Cook County Board's Law Enforcement Committee to consider the impact of the Act on law enforcement agencies throughout Cook County.

**Legislative History:** 10/2/13 Board of Commissioners referred to the Law Enforcement Committee.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Butler, seconded by Commissioner Gorman, that this Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** Chairman Reyes, Vice Chairman Silvestri, Commissioners Butler, Fritchey, Gorman, Goslin and Tobolski (7)

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Commissioner Butler, seconded by Commissioner Tobolski, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.**

**SECTION 2**

**YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING ACTION  
WITH REGARD TO THE MATTER NAMED HEREIN:**

File Id Number 13-1772.....Recommended for Approval

Respectfully submitted,

  
Chairman

  
Secretary

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