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Rep. Kremer Circulates Bill to Eliminate 48 Hour Rule

Madison, Wis. – Yesterday, legislation to eliminate the 48 hour waiting period for handgun purchases was circulated for co-sponsorship by Senators Wanggaard (R-Racine) and Tiffany (R-Hazelhurst), and Representatives Kremer (R-Kewaskum), Quinn (R-Rice Lake), Thiesfeldt (R-Fond du Lac) and Czaja (R-Irma).

The current 48 hour waiting period was added to state law in 1976, prior to the implementation of statutory background checks. This antiquated, two day waiting period amounts to a time tax on Wisconsin businesses and consumers, forcing wasted time and money when background checks are often completed within an hour.

“I understand that opponents of this legislation will argue that the two day period is an essential ‘cooling off’ period; However, I do not consider this a viable argument. If someone is intent on committing the crime of murder, they will find a way to do it — be it with a bat, knife or an illegally purchased weapon,” states Rep. Kremer. “In speaking with local businesses, the elimination of this waiting period will be a huge benefit to them and their customers, while still keeping the necessary checks in place to help prevent guns from falling into the hands of criminals.”

Rep. Kremer represents the 59th Assembly District which includes Southern Calumet, Western Sheboygan, Northern Washington and Eastern Fond du Lac Counties.

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