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H 5654 - I oppose this bill.

I oppose H 5654 on the basis of the impact to our residents, businesses along the borders with MA and CT, and the impact to our fellow New Englanders.

H 5654 would have a direct impact to many RI citizens through business and relationships, alongside our New England Neighbors that are law abiding Citizens looking to travel for work, who follow the complex web of rules and laws that exist in the 3 states, and who for their reasons carry a firearm with all the needed permits.

Many legal permit holders who live in neighboring States often travel through the State. There are many points throughout the State that abut our neighbors Massachusetts and Connecticut, and many of those areas weave and meander between the States. Currently, a Massachusetts resident can legally drive through RI (with their Permit) but this bill changes that; with this bill they will have to choose to either stop on the border and handle their firearm, or they will have to go around the State border. Handling a firearm on the side of a business just at the border so as to not arouse suspicion or alarm does not seem to be in the best interest of anyone. Going around the State is unfair to our neighbors and will likely have a negative effect on businesses in those border crossing areas.

This will also impact multi-State residents who may not have an official residency, who stay with friends and family for part of the year.

Additionally, this bill may incentivize our neighbors to do the same, further harming the residents of New England by directly harming our residents and the businesses in the areas by the borders.

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Respectfully,
Moore, William J.