



House Bill 11 – Defensive Display of Firearm:

http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/32?Root=hb11%20-%20tab1_4

“A well-regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed. The individual right to keep and bear arms shall not be denied or infringed by the State or a political subdivision of the State.”

House Bill 11 is an effort to preserve these rights, and protect individuals acting in a manner in defense of self, defense of a third party or defense of property and premises, from arrest when defensively displaying a firearm. Current law allows for police to arrest individuals who display a weapon defensively for third or fourth degree assault, or for reckless endangerment. This bill would exclude the provisions of the above mentioned offenses against a person if the individual displays a weapon in a defensive manner.

The bill continues to define defensive display as follows:

- Openly wearing, carrying or possessing a firearm
- Verbally informing another person of the possession of a firearm
- Holding a firearm in a position that does not point the firearm directly at another person
- Displaying a firearm to dissuade a threatening person
- Warning another person of the availability of a firearm to dissuade a threat by the other person.

House Bill 11 will protect the rights of Alaskans from the unnecessary arrests and expense of claiming a justification defense, when they merely displayed a firearm, and did not act in a manner that is beyond definition in the bill. I urge your support for this bill to protect the rights of Alaskans to bear arms in a defensive manner.

The NRA published a call to action today:

<https://www.nra.org/articles/20210428/alaska-house-committee-scheduled-to-consider-self-defense-legislation-tomorrow>

I had my first hearing of House Bill 11 in Community & Regional Affairs on Tuesday, 4/27/2021. Tomorrow public testimony will be held in Community & Regional Affairs. I welcome all Alaskans to testify tomorrow morning at 8 am. You can call 844-586-9085 (Anchorage residents call 563-9085 / Juneau residents call 586-9085) to provide your testimony.