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Regarding LD2130 "An Act to Prohibit Unauthorized Paramilitary Training "

I fervently OPPOSE the bill proposed, on several counts as follows.

1. The bill would criminalize the instruction of those carrying for self defense, in a legal manner, at events that they would "reasonably" suspect would lead to "civil disorder", which in itself is vague.
2. That the "civil disorder" includes not just physical harm, but a "danger" of harm, or damage to property. This threshold of "damage" is ill defined, and would conceivably criminalize those who associate with those who commit the heinous act of graffiti with felony charges.
3. The potential liability for those who are involved in a lawful exercise of civil rights proximal to criminal activity. In itself, chilling the exercise of lawful carriage of arms for lawful purposes.
4. The burden of evidence required for a civil action by the attorney general is far too low, and could be applied far too broadly against presumptively legal activities.
5. The penalty of the above being a class C criminal conviction, a felony, that deprives one of their civil rights for acts that border on thought crime. Based on the presumption of the accused "reasonably" knowing of illegal intent. An intolerably broad latitude.

I implore the committee to vote "ought not to pass" on LD2130.

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