

**“Safe”
(:30 TV)**

SCRIPT	BACKGROUND
<p>FORMER SHERIFF WAYNE GAY: As a sheriff for 28 years, I fought to keep our communities safe. But right now, some in the legislature want to repeal background checks on handguns.</p> <p>SUPER: Some legislators would repeal background checks.</p>	<p>Right Now, North Carolina Law Requires People To Obtain A Permit to Buy Handguns. “North Carolina law provides that no person may purchase or receive a handgun without a permit to purchase a handgun or a concealed handgun permit. Once obtained, a permit to purchase a handgun, issued by the sheriff of the county in which the purchaser resides, is valid for up to five years and may be used to purchase one handgun. To obtain a permit, an applicant must be a resident of the county in which he or she is applying, unless the purpose of the permit is for collecting, in which case a sheriff can issue a permit to a nonresident. North Carolina law also provides that a permit will be denied to any applicant who falls into certain categories of prohibited persons. [“Licensing of Gun Owners & Purchasers in North Carolina,” Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence, 6/2/15]</p> <p>Bill Would Eliminate North Carolina’s Permit to Purchase System, So Guns Transferred Through Private Sales Wouldn’t Require A Background Check. “Come 2021, North Carolina residents would no longer need a permit when buying handguns under a redrafted omnibus firearms bill that circulated among members of the General Assembly on Tuesday night...The most scrutiny has focused on a provision that would repeal North Carolina’s pistol purchase permit system. As originally drafted, the bill would have ended the state’s pistol permit system in 2018. The measure up for consideration Wednesday morning would extend the system’s life for an additional three years. Until 2021, the bill would impose more restrictions on reasons why a sheriff could reject a permit. It would also allow federally licensed firearms dealers to sell a handgun to someone without a pistol purchase permit if they run a background check independent of</p>

	<p>the sheriff...Federally licensed firearm dealers must run a background check when they sell any kind of firearm, whether it be a pistol or rifle, unless the buyer has a purchase permit or a concealed weapons permit....However, private sales – transactions by non-federally-licensed individuals at gun shows or other person-to-person transactions – aren't governed by those rules. Right now, an individual does not need to undergo a background check to buy a rifle or shotgun from a private seller. But current North Carolina law does require anyone buying a handgun, whether from a private seller or not, to get a pistol purchase permit from their local sheriff. In order to obtain such a permit, which is good for five years, individuals must submit to a background check. [WRAL, 6/2/15]</p>
<p>WAYNE GAY: This will make it easier for criminals and the mentally ill to get guns.</p>	<p>People Convicted of Felonies or Misdemeanor Assault with a Gun or Who Have Been Adjudicated Mentally Ill Can't Pass a Background Check to Receive A Permit to Purchase. ["Prohibited Purchasers Generally in North Carolina," Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence, 6/2/15]</p> <p>If Bill Becomes Law, Private Sales of Handguns Would Not Require A Background Check. "Federally licensed firearm dealers must run a background check when they sell any kind of firearm, whether it be a pistol or rifle, unless the buyer has a purchase permit or a concealed weapons permit....However, private sales – transactions by non-federally-licensed individuals at gun shows or other person-to-person transactions – aren't governed by those rules. Right now, an individual does not need to undergo a background check to buy a rifle or shotgun from a private seller. But current North Carolina law does require anyone buying a handgun, whether from a private seller or not, to get a pistol purchase permit from their local sheriff." [WRAL, 6/2/15]</p>
	<p>North Carolina Sheriffs Association Opposes Bill. "A bill that critics say would allow gun buyers to avoid background checks</p>

<p>WAYNE GAY: North Carolina sheriffs know that's a terrible idea.</p> <p>SUPER: NC law enforcement oppose repealing background checks.</p>	<p>could head to a House vote as early as Thursday despite the opposition of Gov. Pat McCrory and the N.C. Sheriffs' Association....[T]he most contentious part of the bill would phase out the system requiring handgun buyers to get permits from their local sheriff. Now, handgun buyers must get a permit from the sheriff, who does a background check." [Charlotte News & Observer, 6/3/15]</p>
<p>WAYNE GAY: When Missouri repealed their background check system, homicides shot up.</p> <p>SUPER: When Missouri repealed background checks, homicides increase dramatically.</p> <p>WAYNE GAY: I need your help. Tell the folks in Raleigh we need to keep background checks.</p> <p>SUPER: We need to keep background checks.</p>	<p>Data Shows That After Missouri's Repeal of Its Handgun Licensing Permit System, Which Had Required Background Checks, Gun Murders Increased. "[T]he repeal of Missouri's PTP law was associated with an increase in annual increase in firearm homicides rates of 1.09 per 100,000 (+23%), but was unrelated to changes in non-firearm homicide rates. Using Uniform Crime Reporting data from police through 2012, the law's repeal was associated with increased annual murders rates of 0.93 per 100,000 (+16%). These estimated effects translate to increases of between 55 and 63 homicides per year in Missouri." [Effects of Missouri's Repeal of Its Handgun Purchaser Licensing Law on Homicides, Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Policy and Research, 12/17/13]</p>

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