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Oregon House Gives Final Approval to Important Concealed Handgun License Privacy Law

(Salem) An important new law to protect the privacy of Oregon's Concealed Handgun License (CHL) holders is headed to Governor John Kitzhaber's desk after being approved by the House of Representatives 54 to 6 today. [House Bill 4045](#) is sponsored by [State Representatives Kim Thatcher](#) (R-Keizer, Newberg, St. Paul), [Jeff Barker](#) (D-Aloha), [Val Hoyle](#) (D-West Eugene) and [Wayne Krieger](#) (R-Gold Beach).

"This measure is not as strong as I had hoped, but it is the best bill we could get to the Governor," explained Representative Thatcher. "Without this bill there was a real chance that the Oregon State Police would have no choice but to release the records of all 148,000 current holders of Concealed Handgun Licenses to the New York Times and the Oregonian Newspaper in a matter of days or weeks." Similar legislation passed the House in 2009 and 2011 but was killed in the Senate.

HB 4045 passed the Oregon Senate on Thursday 29-5 and was revised from an [earlier version adopted by the House 44-14](#). The final bill allows for very narrow disclosure of information about CHL applicants and holders in limited circumstances for victims, the media, and people who show a compelling public interest.

"In all the years I served in law enforcement in Oregon I experienced no problems with citizens who had concealed handgun licenses. It's the bad guys who don't go to the trouble to get a CHL that we have to worry about. We should do everything in our power to help prevent sensitive information about CHL holders from being released to identity thieves and others who seek to do harm," said Representative Krieger who served for 28 years in the Oregon State Police.

Representative Barker echoed that sentiment. "As a retired police lieutenant with over 31 years in law enforcement, I know that law abiding CHL holders present no threat to our public safety. I am very happy that we were able to help secure the privacy they and their families deserve." Krieger and Barker are the Co-Chairs for the House Judiciary Committee.

"The state needs to have very high standards and should be very careful about who is allowed to have access to peoples' private information," noted Representative Hoyle. Without the new provisions in HB 4045, thousands of Oregon CHL holders, including domestic violence victims, would have their names and private information exposed through a pending public records request."

"The passage of House Bill 4045 will ensure increased privacy protection to Oregon's Concealed Handgun License holders and we would like to thank the sponsors for their continued diligence in moving this ball forward," said Carrie Herbertson, State Liaison National Rifle Association Institute for Legislative Action.

"Sheriffs are pleased the CHL privacy bill passed. Maintaining Oregon citizens' privacy has been a priority of Sheriffs' for many years," said Deschutes County Sheriff Larry Blanton, President of the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association. "HB 4045 ensures privacy, yet allows disclosure when appropriate. We urge CHL holders to contact the Governor and urge him to sign this bill."

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