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GOODWIN ANNOUNCES PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL 450

COLUMBUS – State Representative Bruce W. Goodwin (R- Defiance) today announced the passage of House Bill 450. The bill intends to permit members of the armed services between the ages of eighteen and twenty-one the right to purchase a hand gun if they have received proper training. The measure will now move into the Ohio Senate.

“I believe it is time that we extend this basic 2nd amendment right to those who choose to serve our country in the military and who choose to put their lives on the line so that we can enjoy that right,” Goodwin said. The bill was also amended to provide residency protection for members of the armed services who leave the state on military matters.

“I was made aware that some soldiers returning from action were experiencing issues regarding their residency in some parts of the state,” said Goodwin. “Hopefully this amendment will clear that up because we can’t forget these boys and girls coming home are Ohioans”. Both measures passed with overwhelming support. The amendment passed 91-2 and the bill passed the Ohio House of Representatives with a vote of 90-3.

Jim Irvine of Buckeye Firearms congratulated Goodwin after session. “This is an important bill for our young military volunteers. We entrust our national security to them. Certainly we can trust them to act responsibly with a handgun,” Irvine said. “We thank Representative Goodwin for his leadership on this important issue”.

The passage of House Bill 450 is Rep. Goodwin’s second bill to pass the Ohio House and is his first bill addressing gun rights of Ohioans.