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Extreme Risk Firearm Protection Order Changes House Bill 12

**Sponsors: Representatives Garratt and Chandler,
Senators Duhigg and Berghmans**

OVERVIEW

House Bill 12 amends the Extreme Risk Firearm Protection Order (ERPO) Act in two key ways:

1. It clarifies who can act as a reporting party to initiate the petition process. The current law contains ambiguity, and this bill explicitly grants police officers the authority to file a petition.
2. The bill addresses the 48-hour period currently allowed for an individual to relinquish their firearm, after receiving an order. This waiting period can be counterproductive and pose unnecessary risks. By closing this gap, the bill ensures a faster and more effective response to mitigate potential danger.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

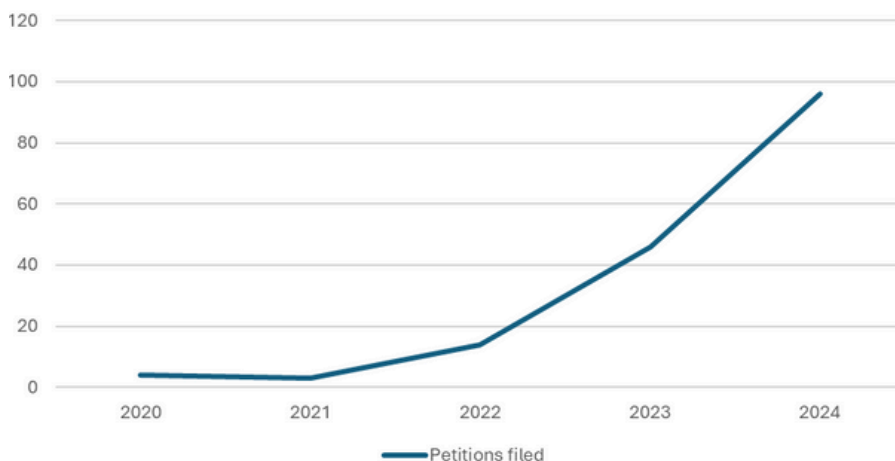
“The changes in this bill would not only clarify the law but also make it easier for my officers to remove firearms from the hands of individuals who pose a significant risk to themselves and others. This will result in both lives saved and safer communities, overall.” -Chief W. Troy Weisler, New Mexico State Police

“I’m a 37-year police officer in New Mexico. I think we can all agree that certain people should not have firearms or have access to firearms, that’s why I’m here to support this initiative.” -Police Chief Jerry Hogrefe, Village of Angel Fire

“When people are in crisis, they cannot have firearms for 48 hours. We’ve seen too many tragedies.” -Meredith Machin, American Association of University Women

“For students, this means greater protection against our peer struggles, turning into tragic act of violence. We must empower law enforcement to act on credible evidence, allowing high risk individuals to retain the access to deadly firearms for 48-hours opens the door to sudden and impulsive active violence. I urge you as a student and a constituent to vote for this bill and support it.” -Students Demand Action

PETITIONS FILED



2020: Four

2023: 46

2024: 96

The petitions from 15 counties:
Bernalillo, Chaves, Cibola, Dona Ana, Grant, Guadalupe, Luna, Rio Arriba, Roosevelt, San Juan, San Miguel, Sandoval, Santa Fe, Sierra, and Valencia Counties.