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Rep. Ann Williams to Participate in Upcoming Public Hearings on Gun Proposals

CHICAGO - State Rep. Ann M. Williams (D-Chicago), vice chairman of the Illinois House Judiciary Committee, joins other committee members in seeking public input on gun-related legislation, including the concealed carry of firearms and gun safety.

Two public hearings will be held before the Judiciary Committee; the first on Feb. 19, at 12 p.m. in Room 114 of the State Capitol in Springfield, and the second on Feb. 22, at 10 a.m. at the Michael A. Bilandic Building, 160 N. LaSalle, 6th Floor, in Chicago.

These hearings are an opportunity for gun safety advocates, gun rights supporters, members of the law enforcement community and other stakeholders to offer their views to lawmakers and to participate in the ongoing discussion on how to shape reasonable gun legislation during the upcoming legislative session.

In December of last year, a federal appeals court struck down Illinois' law on the unlawful use of weapons, requiring the state to adopt a law allowing residents to carry firearms in some form. How to best to craft legislation to comply with the court's order will be an important part of these hearings.

"As gun violence reaches epidemic proportions in Chicago, continuing to take innocent lives and destroy our communities, we must evaluate what steps we can take to keep dangerous weapons out of the hands of those who would harm others," said Williams. "I look forward to hearing testimony from various perspectives on the best ways to do this."

To attend either hearing, you must present a valid state identification card and submit to strict security measures.

For more information on this event or for assistance with any other state issue, please contact Williams' office at (773) 880-9082 or visit www.repannwilliams.com.

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