

MOTION

No. 45

Referring Bill 18 to Committee

Trish Altass gives notice that she will move, seconded by Steve Howard, the following Motion:

WHEREAS the House has under consideration *Bill 18: Gunshot and Stab Wound Reporting Act*;

AND WHEREAS the Canadian Association of Emergency Physicians' position statement on gun control supports legislatively mandating that health care facilities report gunshot wounds, but not knife injuries or other violent injuries, and stresses the importance of public health surveillance;

AND WHEREAS Nova Scotia deleted references to stabbings in its equivalent legislation after public debate;

AND WHEREAS there is little evidence demonstrating that mandatory reporting to results in a reduction of firearm-related injury or death;

AND WHEREAS a significant number of firearm-related injuries and deaths in Canada arise from self-harm, and Bill 18 fails to provide any mechanism to prioritize mental health interventions over police interventions in those contexts;

AND WHEREAS Dalhousie University law professor Andrew Flavelle Martin has written about the absence of provisions in gunshot wound reporting legislation that authorize the compilation of data for public health purposes that could be used for population-level interventions;

AND WHEREAS Bill 18, in its present form, fails to address data collection for public health interventions at the population level;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House commit *Bill 18: Gunshot and Stab Wound Reporting Act* to the Standing Committee on Health and Social Development for further study and consultation;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee solicit and consider input from the public and relevant stakeholders on Bill 18;

AND THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee report to the House with its findings and any recommendation that the Committee considers appropriate in the upcoming fall sitting.

Signed by: Trish Altass

Signed by: Stephen Howard

Date: May 7, 2021