

HB19 – Purchase, possession, or transportation of firearm; assault and battery of a family or household member or intimate partner; penalties (available [here](#))

- HB 19 **amends** the current law.
- **Under the current law**, no one convicted of assaulting a family member may intentionally purchase, own, or transport a gun.
- **HB 19** would expand these protections. Under HB 19, no person convicted of either: (i) assaulting someone they live with (or lived with in the last twelve months) or (ii) assaulting an “intimate partner” (defined as anyone in a “romantic, dating, or sexual relationship”) may intentionally purchase, own, or transport a gun.
- **Why it matters**: There is a clear link between domestic violence and gun violence. Each year, around 700 – 900 people (mostly women) are killed in intimate partner violence. Guns are involved in over half of those cases.
- **The “Boyfriend Loophole”**: There’s no reason to treat husbands any differently than boyfriends. Domestic abusers should not have access to a firearm, full stop. Marital status is irrelevant.
- **Adam stepped in to stop an act of domestic violence and was shot saving a life. Legislation like this could’ve saved Adam. If passed, it will save others.**

