

The Wisconsin Professional Police Association might oppose letting people carry concealed weapons. For them that would be a first. The group has been neutral about it in the past, because of differing views among officers in larger-and-smaller communities. But one of two new bills would not require state permits to carry hidden heat.

This come as a surprise to Hubert Hoffman, of Onalaska. Hoffman is the vice president of Wisconsin Carry, a two-year-old nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting and expanding gun rights.

Senate Republican Pam Galloway of Wausau and Assembly Republican Jeff Mursau of Crivitz have drafted two bills for concealed carry. They say they'll push the one which gets the most support at public hearings set for Thursday in Wausau and Madison. Hoffman says he will be in attendance at both hearings.