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Senate Bill 334 (Substitute S-1 as reported by the Committee of the Whole)
Sponsor: Senator Mike Rogers
Committee: Judiciary

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Penal Code to exempt certain law enforcement, corrections, military, and other authorized personnel from the Code's regulations pertaining to the sale and possession of stun guns, short-barreled shotguns or rifles, and switchblade-type knives.

The Penal Code exempts all of the following from its restrictions against manufacturing, selling, or possessing certain weapons, and regulations pertaining to the carrying of concealed weapons and the transporting of firearms: Federal, State, and local peace officers; employees of the Department of Corrections (DOC) or a private vendor that operates a youth correctional facility, who are authorized by the DOC Director to carry concealed weapons while in the performance of their duties; members of the United States Army, Air Force, Navy, or Marine Corps, while carrying weapons in the line of or incidental to duty; organizations authorized by law to purchase or receive weapons from the United States or from Michigan; and members of the National Guard, Armed Forces Reserve, or any other authorized military organization, while on duty or drill, or in going to or returning from a place of assembly or practice, while carrying weapons used for a purpose of any of those military organizations. The bill would add members of the United States Coast Guard and Coast Guard Reserve to the exemption.

Under the bill, those individuals also would be exempt from the Penal Code prohibitions against selling, offering for sale, or possessing a portable device or weapon that directs an electrical current, impulse, wave or beam that is designed to incapacitate temporarily, injure, or kill (MCL 750.224a); manufacturing, selling, offering for sale, or possessing a short-barreled shotgun or short-barreled rifle (MCL 750.224b); and selling, offering to sell, or possessing a knife having the appearance of a pocket knife, whose blade can be opened by the flick of a button, pressure on a handle, or other mechanical contrivance (MCL 750.226a).

MCL 750.231

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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