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Senate Bill 1045 (Substitute S-2 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator John J. Gleason
Committee: Outdoor Recreation and Tourism

CONTENT

The bill would amend Parts 401 (Wildlife Conservation) and 811 (Off-Road Recreation Vehicles) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to do the following with regard to activities on a State-licensed game bird hunting preserve:

- Create an exception to requirements regarding the transport and possession of a firearm in a vehicle for a person with a disability.
- Allow a person with a disability to possess a loaded firearm and discharge it to take an animal from in or upon a vehicle, other than a car or truck, if the vehicle were not moving.
- Create an exception to crash helmet and eyewear requirements for off-road recreation vehicle (ORV) users, if an ORV were operated at a maximum speed of 10 miles per hour.

Under Part 401, except as otherwise provided, an individual may not transport or possess a firearm in or upon a vehicle, unless the firearm is unloaded and enclosed in a case, carried in the vehicle's trunk, or unloaded in a motorized boat. The bill, however, would allow a person with a disability to transport or possess a firearm in or upon a vehicle, except for a car or truck, on a State-licensed game bird hunting preserve, if the firearm were unloaded and the vehicle were operated at a maximum speed of 10 miles per hour.

"Person with a disability" would mean a disabled person as that term is defined in the Michigan Vehicle Code, who possesses a certificate of identification, windshield placard, or special registration plate issued to a disabled person under the Code.

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FISCAL IMPACT

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

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