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Senate Bill 979 (Substitute S-2 as reported by the Committee of the Whole)  
Sponsor: Senator Dave Hildenbrand  
Committee: Judiciary

### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend Public Act 319 of 1990, which prohibits local units of government from taxing or regulating the ownership, registration, purchase, sale, transfer, transportation, or possession of pistols or other firearms, to do the following:

- Extend the Act to pneumatic guns.
- Specify that the Act would not prohibit local regulation of criminal conduct with a pneumatic gun.
- Allow a local unit to regulate the possession of pneumatic guns by a person who was less than 16 years old under certain circumstances.
- Allow a local unit to prohibit a person from pointing, waving, or displaying a pneumatic gun in a threatening manner intending to induce fear.
- Allow a city or charter township to prohibit the discharge of a pneumatic gun in a heavily populated area, except at authorized locations or on private property.

The bill would define "firearm" as any weapon that will, is designed to, or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by action of an explosive. "Pneumatic gun" would mean any implement, designed as a gun, that will expel a BB or pellet by spring, gas, or air. The term would include a paintball gun that expels by pneumatic pressure plastic balls filled with paint for the purpose of marking the point of impact.

The Act defines "local unit of government" as a city, village, township, or county.

The bill would take effect on January 1, 2015.

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Legislative Analyst: Patrick Affholter

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

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

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