

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Concur in Senate Amendments dated 6/13 and Further Amend and Repass the Bill

Vote: 5 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Barker, Dingfelder, Krieger, Prozanski, Whitsett

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 6/21

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows persons to possess firearms while operating motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles so long as firearm is in locked container or equipped with trigger inhibitor. Permits persons operating snowmobiles to carry unloaded firearm, bow, or concealed handgun. Prohibits reinstatement of gun rights for persons convicted of person-felonies involving a firearm or deadly weapon, for persons convicted of crimes requiring imposition of a minimum mandatory sentence, and for one year after end of jurisdiction for other convicted felons. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions and effect of amendment
- History of corrections being made to permit possession while on motorcycle or off-road vehicle and to statutes governing ability of felons to reinstate gun rights

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Permits otherwise eligible convicted felons to seek reinstatement of gun rights one year after the end of jurisdiction rather than three.

BACKGROUND: House Bill 2792B makes corrections to two unrelated subject areas involving firearms: It permits possession of weapons while operating motorcycles and off-road vehicles that were previously omitted from statute, and corrects an unintended expansion of the ability of convicted felons to seek restoration of their gun rights by imposing certain prohibitions and limits.