House Bill 3054
Sponsored by Representative WITT; Representatives BARKER, MARSH

SUMMARY
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Creates crime of unlawful discharge of a firearm. Punishes by maximum of six months' imprisonment, $2,500 fine, or both.

A BILL FOR AN ACT
Relating to unlawful discharge of a firearm.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) A person commits the crime of unlawful discharge of a firearm if the person knowingly discharges a firearm within 500 feet of a dwelling or a building that is open to the public.

(2) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to:
(a) A law enforcement officer discharging a firearm in the performance of official duties;
(b) A person discharging a firearm in lawful defense of person or property, including the defense of a companion animal or a livestock animal;
(c) The owner or inhabitant of a dwelling discharging a firearm within 500 feet of the dwelling when the discharge does not endanger adjacent persons or property; or
(d) A person discharging a firearm on a public or private shooting range, shooting gallery or other area designed and built for the purpose of target shooting.

(3) Unlawful discharge of a firearm is a Class B misdemeanor.

(4) As used in this section:
(a) “Companion animal” has the meaning given that term in ORS 164.055.
(b) “Dwelling” has the meaning given that term in ORS 164.205.
(c) “Firearm” has the meaning given that term in ORS 166.210.
(d) “Livestock animal” has the meaning given that term in ORS 164.055.
(e) “Open to the public” has the meaning given that term in ORS 164.205.