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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4163 AS INTRODUCED 2-14-89

The bill would amend Public 372 of 1927 to require successful completion of a handgun safety course as a condition of receiving a license to purchase a pistol. The Office of Criminal Justice, in coordination with the law enforcement training council, would develop the course and distribute training materials. The course would have to include instruction in safe handling of a pistol and on the laws relating to pistol ownership. The course would be conducted by a law enforcement officer and would consist of a single session of between two and six hours.

Pistol safety courses would have to be sponsored by each sheriff's department. Other law enforcement agencies could sponsor courses if they wished. Sponsors could charge fees to cover the costs of offering the courses. Upon completing a course, a person would receive a certificate that would be honored regardless of where in the state the person applied for the pistol permit.

The law enforcement training council, sheriff's departments, and law enforcement agencies would be immune from civil liability in implementing the bill.

The bill would not apply to an applicant who completed an equivalent pistol safety course prior to the development of the one required by the bill, a police officer, or a full-time corrections officer authorized to carry a concealed weapon while on duty.

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