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Senate Bill 1181 (as introduced 3-28-00)
Sponsor: Senator Joanne G. Emmons
Committee: Judiciary

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Penal Code to specify that under Chapter XXXVII of the Code, which deals with firearms and other dangerous weapons, "double-edged nonfolding stabbing instrument" would not include a knife, tool, implement, arrowhead, or artifact manufactured from stone by means of conchoidal fracturing (i.e., the breaking of stone). The exemption would not apply to an item being transported in a vehicle, unless it was in a container and not accessible to the driver.

(Section 227 of the Penal Code, in Chapter XXXVII, prohibits a person from carrying a dagger, dirk, stiletto, double-edged nonfolding stabbing instrument, or any other dangerous weapon that is not adapted and carried as a hunting knife, concealed on or about a person's body or in an operated or occupied vehicle, except in the person's dwelling, place of business, or land owned by that person (MCL 750.227). That offense is a felony punishable by up to five years' imprisonment or a maximum fine of \$2,500.)

Proposed MCL 750.222a

Legislative Analyst: P. Affholter

FISCAL IMPACT

Senate Bill 1181 would have an indeterminate fiscal impact on State and local government.

In 1998, there were 1,407 people convicted of carrying a concealed weapon and 635 were convicted of attempted carrying a concealed weapon. There are no available data to indicate how many of these offenders were carrying a hunting knife or a tool, implement, or artifact manufactured from stone.

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