## **HOUSE BILL No. 5698**

March 24, 2004, Introduced by Rep. Rocca and referred to the Committee on Conservation and Outdoor Recreation.

A bill to amend 1927 PA 372, entitled

"An act to regulate and license the selling, purchasing, possessing, and carrying of certain firearms and gas ejecting devices; to prohibit the buying, selling, or carrying of certain firearms and gas ejecting devices without a license or other authorization; to provide for the forfeiture of firearms under certain circumstances; to provide for penalties and remedies; to provide immunity from civil liability under certain circumstances; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies; to prohibit certain conduct against individuals who apply for or receive a license to carry a concealed pistol; to make appropriations; to prescribe certain conditions for the appropriations; and to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act,"

by amending section 5j (MCL 28.425j), as amended by 2002 PA 719.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- Sec. 5j. (1) A pistol training or safety program described
- 2 in section 5b(7)(c) meets the requirements for knowledge or
- 3 training in the safe use and handling of a pistol only if the
- 4 program consists of 8 hours of instruction and all of the
- 5 following conditions are met:

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- 1 (a) The program is certified by this state or a national or
- 2 state firearms training organization and provides 5 hours of
- 3 instruction in, but is not limited to providing instruction in,
- 4 all of the following:
- 5 (i) The safe storage, use, and handling of a pistol
- 6 including, but not limited to, safe storage, use, and handling to
- 7 protect child safety.
- 8 (ii) Ammunition knowledge, and the fundamentals of pistol
- 9 shooting.
- 10 (iii) Pistol shooting positions.
- 11 (iv) Firearms and the law, including civil liability issues
- 12 and the use of deadly force. This portion shall be taught by an
- 13 attorney or an individual trained in the use of deadly force.
- 14 (v) Avoiding criminal attack and controlling a violent
- 15 confrontation.
- (vi) All laws that apply to carrying a concealed pistol in
- 17 this state.
- 18 (b) The program provides at least 3 hours of instruction on a
- 19 firing range and requires firing at least 30 rounds of
- 20 ammunition.
- 21 (c) The program provides a certificate of completion that
- 22 states the program "This course complies with the requirements
- 23 of this section and section 5j of 1927 PA 372." and states that
- 24 the individual successfully completed the course, and that is
- 25 signed by the course instructor.
- 26 (d) The instructor of the course is certified by this state
- 27 or a national organization to teach the 8-hour pistol safety

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- 1 training course described in this section.
- 2 (2) A person shall not do either of the following:
- 3 (a) Grant a certificate of completion described under
- 4 subsection (1)(c) to an individual knowing the individual did not
- 5 satisfactorily complete the course.
- **6** (b) Present a certificate of completion described under
- 7 subsection (1)(c) to a concealed weapon licensing board knowing
- 8 that the individual did not satisfactorily complete the course.
- 9 (3) A person who violates subsection (2) is guilty of a
- 10 felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than 4 years or a
- 11 fine of not more than \$2,500.00, or both.
- 12 (4) A concealed weapons licensing board shall not require
- 13 that a specific form, color, wording, or other content appear on
- 14 a certificate of completion other than the statement prescribed
- 15 in subsection (1)(c).

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