

Legislative Analysis



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House Bill 5217

Sponsor: Rep. Scott Hummel

Committee: Judiciary

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5217 AS INTRODUCED 9-22-05

The bill would amend Public Act 372 of 1927 which regulates buying and selling firearms. Currently, the application to obtain a license to carry a concealed pistol must contain the applicant's legal name, date of birth, and the address of his or her primary residence. If the applicant lives in a city, village, or township with a police department, the name of the police department must also be included.

House Bill 5217 would specify that the above information as received on an application by the Concealed Weapon Licensing Board would not be subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act and could not be disclosed to any person except for purposes of the act or for law enforcement purposes. In addition, an applicant or an individual licensed under the act to carry a concealed pistol could be furnished with a copy of his or her application upon request and payment of a reasonable fee. Furthermore, the bill would specify that the Concealed Weapon Licensing Board would not be prohibited from making public and distributing to the public at no cost lists of individuals who are certified as qualified instructors as prescribed under Section 5j of the act. Lastly, the bill would make numerous changes of a technical or editorial nature.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no fiscal impact on state government but indeterminate fiscal impact on local governments, as they might experience some administrative costs for providing lists of qualified instructors and for furnishing a copy of the applicant's application (for which they could charge a reasonable fee).

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