

Legislative Analysis



TRANSPORTING CROSSBOWS

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House Bill 4917

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Committee: Natural Resources, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4917 AS INTRODUCED 9-8-11

Section 40111 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA) prohibits the transportation or possession of a [hunting] bow in or upon a vehicle, unless the bow is unstrung, enclosed in a case, or carried in the trunk of a vehicle. This bill would apply these same restrictions to **crossbows**.

The term "bow" in NREPA means a device for propelling an arrow from a string drawn, held, and released by hand where the force used to hold the string in the drawn position is provided by the archer's muscles.

"Crossbow" means a weapon consisting of a bow mounted transversely on a stock or frame and designed to fire an arrow, bolt, or quarrel by the release of a bow string that is controlled by a mechanical or electric trigger and has a working safety and a draw weight of 100 pounds or greater.

[This is the same section of law that prohibits a person from transporting or possessing a firearm in or upon a vehicle unless it is unloaded in both barrel and magazine and enclosed in a case, carried in the trunk of a vehicle, or unloaded in a motorized boat.]

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FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 4917 would have no significant fiscal impact on the State of Michigan or on local units of government.

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