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Senate Bill 984 (as introduced 2-28-12)
Sponsor: Senator Tom Casperson
Committee: Outdoor Recreation and Tourism

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CONTENT

The bill would amend Public Act 207 of 1969, which governs the purchase of rifles and shotguns, to eliminate provisions restricting interstate firearms transactions to states contiguous to Michigan.

Currently, Michigan residents may purchase rifles and shotguns in any contiguous state if they conform to the Federal Gun Control Act and the regulations issued under that Act, and with the laws of the state in which the purchase is made. Residents of a contiguous state may purchase rifles and shotguns in Michigan if they conform to the Gun Control Act and regulations, and with the laws of the state in which the purchaser resides. The bill would refer to any state in these provisions, rather than a "contiguous" state.

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Legislative Analyst: Julie Cassidy

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have an indeterminate fiscal impact on State government. The bill would allow for Michigan residents to purchase rifles and shotguns in noncontiguous states and for residents of noncontiguous states to purchase rifles and shotguns in Michigan. To the extent that this bill would result in more rifles and shotguns being purchased in Michigan, the State would see a corresponding increase in sales tax revenue, but if it would instead result in fewer gun purchases in Michigan, the State would see a decrease in sales tax revenue.

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