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Senate Bill 942 (as reported without amendment)

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Committee: Civil Rights, Judiciary, and Public Safety

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Penal Code to prohibit a person from manufacturing, selling, offering for sale, or possessing a bump stock. A violation would be a felony punishable by up to five years' imprisonment or a maximum fine of \$2,500, or both.

MCL 750.224

BRIEF RATIONALE

A bump stock is a device that generally allows a semi-automatic firearm to shoot more than one shot with a single pull of the trigger by using the firearm's recoil to reload the gun. Following the 2017 Las Vegas shooting, in which a man used a bump stock to fire more than 1,000 rounds and kill 60 people, the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) issued a rule prohibiting the production, sale, and possession of bump stocks. In June 2024, the United States Supreme Court struck down the rule and specified that Congress could instead create a law to do so.¹ Accordingly, it has been suggested to codify the intent of the ATF's ruling to prevent large scale tragedies like the Las Vegas shooting.

Legislative Analyst: Eleni Lionas

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have an indeterminate, but likely negative fiscal impact on the State and local governments. New felony arrests and convictions under the proposed bill could increase resource demands on law enforcement, court systems, community supervision, jails, and correctional facilities; however, it is unknown how many people would be prosecuted under provisions of the bill. The average cost to State government for felony probation supervision is approximately \$5,600 per probationer per year. For any increase in prison intakes the average annual cost of housing a prisoner in a State correctional facility is an estimated \$48,700. Per diem rates range from \$100 to \$431 per day (average per diem is \$135), depending on the security level of the facility. Any associated increase in fine revenue would increase funding to public libraries.

Date Completed: 12-11-24 Fiscal Analyst: Joe Carrasco, Jr.

¹ "Supreme Court Strikes Down Bump Stock Ban." SCOTUSblog.