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INCREASE PENALTIES FOR CRIMES COMMITTED WITH A FIREARM

House Bill 4102

Sponsor: Rep. Vincent Porreca

Committee: Judiciary and Civil Rights

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4102 AS INTRODUCED 1-17-95

The bill would amend the Michigan Penal Code to increase the penalty for felonies committed with a firearm. The penalty for using or possessing a firearm during the commission of a felony, or an attempt to commit a felony, is currently two years imprisonment for the first such offense, five years for the second offense, and ten years for third and subsequent offenses. The prison time is in addition to the punishment imposed for the underlying felony and may not be suspended, nor may the felon be eligible for parole or probation until after the sentence for using a firearm has been completed. The bill would increase the penalty to four years for the first offense, eight years for the second, and twelve years for the third and subsequent offenses.