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Senate Bill 968 (as introduced 3-3-98)
Sponsor: Senator Michael J. Bouchard
Committee: Hunting, Fishing and Forestry

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the handgun licensure Act to provide that a license for a pistol would be void unless it was used within 30 days after the date of issue.

Currently, the Act requires a license from local or county law enforcement officials to purchase, carry, or transport a pistol. It specifies that upon the sale of a pistol, the seller must fill out the license forms describing the pistol and the date of sale, and both the seller and licensee must sign in ink indicating the sale and purchase of the pistol. The licensee must return two copies of the license to the licensing authority within 10 days following the purchase. One copy of the license must be retained by the licensing authority as an official record for six years. The other copy of the license must be forwarded by the licensing authority within 48 hours to the Director of the Department of State Police. A license is void unless used within 10 days after its issue.

(Under the Act, a person is qualified for a license if the law enforcement information network has not recorded involuntary mental health treatment orders, legal incapacitation findings, domestic abuse and stalking restraining orders, bail release conditions, or findings of not guilty by reason of insanity; the person is 18 years of age or older; a felony charge is not pending; and the person correctly answered 70% or more on a basic pistol safety review questionnaire.)

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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