Senate Bill 976 (Substitute S-1)
Sponsor: Senator Walter H. North
Committee: Hunting, Fishing and Forestry

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the handgun licensure Act to provide that the Act's requirement for obtaining a license to carry a concealed weapon would not apply to a person with a hunting or fishing license issued under Part 435 (Hunting and Fishing Licensing) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, if the person were in possession of a hunting or fishing license, and were hunting or fishing, traveling to hunt or fish, or returning from hunting or fishing during hunting or fishing season, and if the pistol were carried for self-defense purposes.

Currently, the Act exempts the following persons from concealed weapon licensing requirements:

-- A peace officer of a Federal, State, or local police agency.
-- A constable trained and certified under the Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Training Council Act.
-- A person employed by the Department of Corrections and authorized to carry a concealed weapon.
-- A member of the U.S. Army, Air Force, Navy, or Marine Corps while carrying a weapon in the line of duty.
-- A member of the National Guard, Armed Forces Reserves, or other duly authorized military organization.
-- An authorized agent of a licensed firearms manufacturer.
-- A person transporting to his or her home or business an unloaded pistol in the trunk of his or her vehicle after purchasing the pistol or having it repaired, or while moving goods from one home or business to another.

MCL 28.432a   Legislative Analyst: N. Nagata

FISCAL IMPACT

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

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