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Senate Bill 792 (Substitute S-1 as reported)  
Sponsor: Senator Roger Kahn, M.D.  
Committee: Hunting, Fishing and Outdoor Recreation

### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend Public Act 372 of 1927, which provides for concealed weapon licenses, to name the Act the "Michigan Firearms Act", and do the following:

- Allow a person who lawfully possessed a firearm or ammunition to transport or store it in a parked and locked privately owned motor vehicle in the parking area of a business; commercial enterprise; employer; or State, county, municipal, township, or village agency.
- Prohibit a specified entity from prohibiting a person from transporting or storing a firearm or ammunition as provided in the bill.
- Allow a person to bring a civil action against a person or entity that denied him or her the ability to transport or store a firearm or ammunition as permitted.
- Prohibit a specified entity from discharging or penalizing an employee who transported or stored a firearm as permitted.
- Allow a person who was discharged or penalized to demand that the entity take certain actions, such as reinstatement and compensation for lost wages, and to bring a civil action if the demand were not met.
- Provide that a specified entity would not be liable in a civil action for damages resulting from or arising out of another person's act involving a firearm or ammunition that was transported or stored as described in the bill, except in cases of gross negligence.

The bill states that it would not authorize a person who held a license to carry a concealed pistol to possess the pistol in a concealed manner other than as prescribed under the Act. In addition, the bill would not authorize a person to transport or store a firearm at a school if doing so would violate or conflict with certain State or Federal laws.

Proposed MCL 28.421b & 28.436

Legislative Analyst: Julie Cassidy

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have an indeterminate impact on State and local government. The extent to which a governmental unit could be involved in future actions resulting from the bill is not ascertainable.

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