

# Legislative Analysis

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## REVISE DEFINITION OF "FIREARM"

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**House Bill 5450**

**Sponsor: Rep. Mike Shirkey**

**Committee: Judiciary**

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## A REVISED SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5450 AS INTRODUCED 4-17-14

The bill would revise the definition of "firearm" in the Michigan Handgun Act. Currently, the term means a weapon from which a dangerous projectile may be propelled by an explosive, or by gas or air. The term excludes a *smooth bore* rifle or handgun designed and manufactured exclusively for propelling by a spring, or by gas or air, BBs not exceeding .177 caliber. House Bill 5450 would delete the highlighted text "smooth bore."

MCL 28.421

## FISCAL IMPACT:

By eliminating "smooth bore" from the definition of a firearm, there could be a decrease in the number of offenses related to these weapons. As a result, costs could decrease for the state and/or local units of government. There could also be a decrease in penal fine revenues which would decrease funding for local libraries, which are the constitutionally-designated recipients of those revenues.

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