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BILL ANALYSIS



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Senate Bill 343 (as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Senator Rick Jones
Committee: Judiciary

CONTENT

The bill would amend the handgun licensure law to exclude a concealed pistol licensee, who was a retired Federal law enforcement officer, from provisions prohibiting a licensee from carrying a concealed pistol on certain premises (commonly called no-carry zones).

The law prohibits a person who is licensed to carry a concealed pistol, or who is exempt from licensure, from carrying a concealed pistol on specified premises (other than their parking areas), including a school or school property, sports arena or stadium, licensed bar or tavern, place of worship, entertainment facility with a seating capacity of 2,500 or more, hospital, or college or university dormitory or classroom. A violation is a State civil infraction, a second is a misdemeanor, and a third is a felony.

The prohibition does not apply to certain licensed individuals, including a retired police officer or retired law enforcement officer. Under the bill, the prohibition also would not apply to an individual who was licensed under the law and was a retired Federal law enforcement officer.

Currently, the concealed weapon licensing board may require a letter from the law enforcement agency stating that the retired police officer or law enforcement officer retired in good standing. The bill would extend this to a retired Federal law enforcement officer, and would allow the board to require a letter or other documentation.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have an indeterminate, but likely negligible, fiscal impact on State and local government. By extending the exemptions from the weapon-free zone to retired Federal law enforcement officers, it is possible that the bill could result in a marginal decrease in the number of individuals who would be found in violation of the statute. This would marginally decrease civil infraction and penal fine revenue, and also marginally or negligibly decrease State and local incarceration costs associated with repeat offenders.

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