

ALLOW TRANSPORTATION OF FIREARMS IN VEHICLES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

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House Bill 6525 (H-1) as reported from committee
Sponsor: Rep. Beau Matthew LaFave
Committee: Natural Resources
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 6525 would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to allow an individual to transport or possess a loaded firearm in or upon a vehicle under certain circumstances.

Currently, an individual is generally prohibited from transporting or possessing a firearm in or on a vehicle, unless the firearm is unloaded and enclosed in a case, unloaded and carried in the trunk of a vehicle, or unloaded in a motorized boat.

The bill would add an exception to the above prohibition to allow an individual to transport or possess a loaded firearm in or upon any vehicle, including an *ATV* or a *UTV*, but only on private land and if the individual is, or is accompanied by or has the permission of, either of the following:

- The owner of the private land.
- The lessee of the private land for a term not less than one year.

ATV would mean a vehicle with three or more wheels that is designed for off-road use, has low-pressure tires, has a seat designed to be straddled by the rider, and is powered by a 50cc to 1,000cc gasoline engine or an engine of comparable size using other fuels.

UTV would mean a vehicle with four wheels that is designed for off-road use, has low-pressure tires, has a side-by-side seating arrangement with bench or bucket seating for each rider, and is powered by a 50cc to 1,000cc gasoline engine or an engine of comparable size using other fuels.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 6525 would not affect costs or revenues for the Department of Natural Resources or local governments.

POSITIONS:

The following organizations indicated support for the bill (12-5-18):

- Michigan Freedom Fund
- Michigan Open Carry

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