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Senate Bill 31 Sponsor: Senator Michael J. Bouchard Committee: Local, Urban, and State Affairs

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SUMMARY OF SENATE BILL 31 as introduced 1-17-95:

The bill would amend the Michigan Penal Code to specify that exemptions for peace officers from certain violations would apply whether the officer was on or off a scheduled work shift.

It is a felony under the Code, punishable by up to four years' imprisonment and/or a maximum fine of \$2,000, for a person to commit or attempt to commit a crime that involves a violent act or a threat of violence against another person while wearing body armor. The offense does not apply, however, to a peace officer performing his or her duties as a peace officer. The bill specifies that the exemption would apply while the officer was on or off a scheduled work shift as a peace officer.

It also is a felony under the Code, punishable by up to four years' imprisonment and/or a maximum fine of \$2,000, for a person intentionally to discharge a firearm from a motor vehicle, snowmobile, or off-road vehicle in such a manner as to endanger the safety of another individual. The offense does not apply, however, to a peace officer performing his or her duties as a peace officer. The bill specifies that the exemption would apply whether the officer was on or off a scheduled work shift.

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FISCAL IMPACT

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

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