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Senate Bill 415 (as introduced 3-9-99)
Sponsor: Senator Joanne G. Emmons
Committee: Judiciary

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Penal Code to specify that the prohibition against carrying a dagger, dirk, stiletto, double-edged nonfolding stabbing instrument, or any other dangerous weapon that is not adapted and carried as a hunting knife would not apply to a knife, tool, implement, or artifact manufactured from stone by means of conchoidal fracturing (i.e., the breaking of stone).

The same section of the Penal Code also prohibits the carrying of a concealed pistol without a license, and provides that both offenses are a felony punishable by up to five years' imprisonment or a maximum fine of \$2,500. Under the bill, the penalty would be the prison term, the fine, or both.

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Legislative Analyst: P. Affholter

FISCAL IMPACT

Senate Bill 415 would have an indeterminate fiscal impact on State government.

In 1997, there were 1,808 people convicted of carrying a concealed weapon and 462 were convicted of attempted carrying a concealed weapon. There are no available data to indicate how many of these offenders were carrying a hunting knife or a tool, implement, or artifact manufactured from stone.

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