

**NO DNR RULES TO PROHIBIT
CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPON**

House Bill 4867

Sponsor: Rep. James Koetje

**Committee: Conservation and Outdoor
Recreation**

Complete to 12-8-03

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4867 AS INTRODUCED 6-19-03

The bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act by placing in two places language that, generally, specifies that the Department of Natural Resources could not promulgate or enforce a rule that prohibits an individual from carrying a pistol, whether concealed or otherwise, if the individual is licensed or exempt under Public Act 372 of 1927 (the concealed weapons statute).

In the first instance, the department would be prohibited from passing such a rule as it applies to property under control of the department. In the second instance, the bill would amend a provision in Part 435 of the act (which addresses hunting and fishing licensing) that prohibits a person from carrying or transporting a firearm, slingshot, bow and arrow, crossbow, or a trap while in any area frequented by animals unless he or she possesses an appropriate license. Specifically, the bill would add that the act or a rule or order issued by the DNR or the Natural Resources Commission could not be construed to prohibit a person from transporting a pistol or carrying a loaded pistol if the person possesses a license issued under the CCW law, or the person is authorized to carry a concealed pistol without a license. Further, the bill says that this should not be construed to permit an individual to hunt with a pistol.

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