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Senate Bill 620 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator Bruce Patterson
Committee: Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Penal Code to prescribe criminal penalties for computer-assisted shooting (which Senate Bill 373 and House Bill 4465 would prohibit).

A person who committed a violation would be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for up to 93 days and/or a maximum fine of \$500.

A second or subsequent violation would be a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for up to one year and/or a maximum fine of \$1,000. In addition, the instrumentalities of the crime would be subject to forfeiture in the manner provided in Part 47 of the Revised Judicature Act (which establishes procedures for the State or a local unit of government to seize and sell property that is the proceeds of, or was used in the commission of, a listed crime).

The bill is tie-barred to Senate Bill 373 and House Bill 4465. Senate Bill 373 (S-3) would prohibit computer-assisted shooting involving a bow or crossbow, and House Bill 4465 (S-1) would prohibit computer-assisted shooting involving a firearm.

Proposed MCL 750.236b

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bills would have an indeterminate fiscal impact on State and local government. There are no data to indicate how many offenders would be convicted of violations. Local units would incur the additional costs of misdemeanor probation and incarceration in local facilities, both of which vary by county. Public libraries would benefit from additional penal fine revenue.

If property were seized and forfeited for repeat violations, the State and local units of government could receive proceeds from the sale of the property, after other obligations were satisfied.

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