

Legislative Analysis



DISABLED HUNTING ON A GAME BIRD PRESERVE

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Senate Bill 1045 (Substitute S-2)

Sponsor: Sen. John J. Gleason

House Committee: Natural Resources, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation

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A SUMMARY OF SENATE BILL 1045 (S-2) AS PASSED BY THE SENATE 5-30-12

The bill would amend Parts 401 (Wildlife Conservation) and 811 (Off-Road Recreation Vehicles) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to do the following on a state-licensed game bird hunting preserve with respect to persons with disabilities:

- Allow a person with a disability to transport or possess a firearm in a vehicle (except for a car or truck), provided the firearm is unloaded and the vehicle does not exceed ten miles per hour.
- Allow a person with a disability to possess a loaded firearm and discharge it from inside a vehicle to take an animal (except for a car or truck), provided the vehicle is not moving.

Individuals would be required to possess proof of his or her eligibility and provide that proof upon the request of a peace officer.

Currently under Part 401, individuals are prohibited from taking animals while in a vehicle; and from transporting or possessing a firearm in a vehicle, unless the firearm is unloaded in the barrel and magazine, and enclosed in a case or carried in the trunk.

The bill would also exempt the operator or a passenger in an ORV that is operated on a state-licensed game bird hunting preserve at a maximum of ten miles per hour from having to wear crash helmets and protective eyewear.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no significant fiscal impact to the State of Michigan or local units of government.

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