

SUPERVISION FOR MINORS AT TARGET RANGES

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House Bill 5085

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Committee: Natural Resources

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5085 AS INTRODUCED 10-17-13

Generally, an individual is required to obtain a license from local law enforcement before purchasing, carrying, possessing, or transporting a pistol. There are a number of exemptions from licensure; one of those is for individuals under the age of 18 who are at a recognized target range for target practice or instruction in pistol safety and under the physical presence and supervision of a parent or guardian.

House Bill 5085 would amend Section 2 of the Handgun Licensure Law to remove the requirement that an individual under the age of 18 be under the physical presence and supervision of a parent or guardian, and instead, require the person to be in the physical presence and under the direct supervision of any of the following:

- The person's parent;
- The person's guardian; or
- An individual who is 21 years of age or older and has successfully completed a pistol safety training course or class that meets the requirements of Section 5J of the act.

[Section 5J provides that pistol training programs meet the requirements for knowledge or training in the safe use and handling of a pistol if the program consists of at least 8 hours of instruction and meets all of the following:

- The program is certified by a state or national firearms training organization and provides 5 hours of instruction in all of the following:
 - Safe storage, use, and handling of a pistol, including storage, use, and handling to protect children.
 - Ammunition knowledge and the fundamentals of pistol shooting.
 - Pistol shooting positions.
 - Legal issues, including civil liability and the use of deadly force.
 - Avoiding criminal attack and controlling violent confrontations.
 - All applicable state laws for carrying a concealed pistol.
- The program provides at least 3 hours of firing range instruction and the firing of at least 30 rounds.

- The program provides a certificate of completion that certifies the program is in compliance with these requirements and the course was successfully completed.
- The course instructor is certified by the state or a national organization to teach the course.]

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no significant state or local fiscal impact.

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