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House Bill 5085 (as passed by the House)
Sponsor: Representative Phil Potvin
House Committee: Natural Resources
Senate Committee: Judiciary

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the handgun licensure law to revise the requirement for parental supervision of a minor possessing a pistol at a target range.

Section 2 of the licensure law generally prohibits a person from purchasing, carrying, possessing, or transporting a pistol in Michigan without first having obtained a license for the pistol, and outlines the requirements and procedures for licensure. Section 2 does not apply, however, to a person less than 18 years of age who possesses a pistol, if all of the following conditions apply:

- The person is not otherwise prohibited from possessing the pistol.
- The person is at a recognized target range.
- The person possesses the pistol for the purpose of target practice or instruction in the safe use of a pistol.
- The person's parent or guardian is physically present and supervising the person.
- The owner of the pistol is physically present.

Rather than requiring a parent or guardian to be present and supervising the child, the bill would require the minor to be in the physical presence and under the direct supervision of his or her parent or guardian, or an individual who was at least 21 years old, was authorized by the person's parent or guardian, and had successfully completed a pistol safety training course or class that complied with the licensure law.

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Legislative Analyst: Patrick Affholter

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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