

HOUSE BILL NO. 6546

December 01, 2022, Introduced by Rep. Pepper and referred to the Committee on Military, Veterans and Homeland Security.

A bill to amend 1927 PA 372, entitled

"An act to regulate and license the selling, purchasing, possessing, and carrying of certain firearms, gas ejecting devices, and electro-muscular disruption devices; to prohibit the buying, selling, or carrying of certain firearms, gas ejecting devices, and electro-muscular disruption devices without a license or other authorization; to provide for the forfeiture of firearms and electro-muscular disruption devices under certain circumstances; to provide for penalties and remedies; to provide immunity from civil liability under certain circumstances; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies; to prohibit certain conduct against individuals who apply for or receive a license to carry a concealed pistol; to make appropriations; to prescribe certain conditions for the appropriations; and to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act,"

(MCL 28.421 to 28.435) by adding section 2c.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 2c. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2),
2 an individual shall not openly carry a rifle or shotgun in this
3 state.

4 (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to any of the following:

5 (a) An individual engaged in target practice at a recognized
6 target range.

7 (b) A peace officer carrying a firearm during the performance
8 of the peace officer's duties.

9 (c) An individual who is on property owned by that individual.

10 (d) A member of the United States Armed Forces while carrying
11 the firearm in the line of duty.

12 (e) An individual who is hunting.

13 (f) An individual carrying a firearm on the premises of either
14 of the following:

15 (i) A gun show.

16 (ii) A federally licensed firearms dealer.

17 (3) An individual who violates this section is guilty of the
18 following:

19 (a) For a first offense, a misdemeanor punishable by
20 imprisonment for not more than 1 year or a fine of not more than
21 \$1,000.00, or both.

22 (b) For a second or subsequent offense, a felony punishable by
23 imprisonment of not more than 5 years.

24 (4) As used in this section:

25 (a) "Federally licensed firearms dealer" means that term as
26 defined in section 15.

27 (b) "Gun show" means a building, structure, or facility where

1 dealers and owners of firearms gather to buy, sell, or trade
2 firearms.

3 (c) "Rifle" means that term as defined in section 222 of the
4 Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.222.

5 (d) "Shotgun" means that term as defined in section 222 of the
6 Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.222.