

Firearms Regulation—Concealed Carry; Firearms and Ammunition; Local Control; HB 2331

HB 2331 makes changes to laws concerning eligibility for concealed carry licenses and to statutes concerning local regulation of firearms and ammunition.

Eligibility for Concealed Carry Licenses

The bill amends a statute governing who is eligible for a concealed carry license by removing a provision, passed by the 2014 Legislature, that permanently prohibited any person convicted of certain crimes from qualifying for a concealed carry license. The bill prohibits a person from obtaining a concealed carry license for a length of time after a conviction, as specified by federal or state law, but does not necessarily place a permanent prohibition on the individual obtaining a concealed carry license.

Local Regulation of Firearms and Ammunition

The bill adds language to law limiting local regulation of firearms and ammunition. The bill adds ordinances, resolutions, regulations, and administrative actions governing the requirement of fees, licenses, or permits for commerce in or the sale of firearms or ammunition to the list of actions prohibited by local government entities. (The law already prohibits local government entities from enacting ordinances, resolutions, regulations, or administrative actions governing the purchase, transfer, ownership, storage, carrying, or transportation of firearms and ammunition.) The bill specifies that nothing prevents cities or counties from levying and collecting any retailers' sales tax on the sale of firearms, ammunition, or both, as authorized by continuing statute.

The bill also deletes language limiting local regulation of federal firearms dealers to reflect the language in the bill, which more broadly addresses issues related to regulation of federal firearms dealers.