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PISTOL CROSSBOWS

House Bill 4451
Sponsor: Rep. Jerry Vorva
Committee: Judiciary

Complete to 5-24-93

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4451 AS INTRODUCED 3-9-93

The bill would amend the Michigan Penal Code to ban sales of pistol crossbows to minors, prohibit minors from using them without parental supervision, and enact restrictions on transportation of pistol crossbows. (A "pistol crossbow" would be a crossbow designed to be fired using one or both hands without additional support.)

Sales to minors. Selling a pistol crossbow to a minor would be a felony punishable by up to four years in prison, a fine of up to \$2,000, or both.

Use by minors. The bill would specify that a minor who transported or used a pistol crossbow without parental supervision would be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by up to 90 days in jail, a fine of up to \$100, or both. The same penalties would apply to a minor's parent or guardian who allowed the minor to use or transport a pistol crossbow without parental supervision.

Transport. To carry a pistol crossbow in a motor vehicle, the weapon would have to be unloaded and either taken down, enclosed in a case, carried in the trunk, or inaccessible from the interior of the vehicle. Violation of this transportation restriction would be a misdemeanor punishable by up to 90 days in jail and/or a fine of up to \$100.

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