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DEFINITIONS OF PEACE OFFICERS

House Bill 6186 (Substitute H-1)
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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 6186 (SUBSTITUTE H-1)

The bill would amend Public Act 372 of 1927, the handgun licensure act, to add definitions for “peace officer”, “retired peace officer” or “retired law enforcement officer”, and “reserve peace officer” or “auxiliary officer or reserve officer”.

Under the bill, a “peace officer” would be defined to mean an individual who is employed as a law enforcement officer (as defined under the Commission on Law Enforcement Standards Act, MCL 28.602) by this state or another state, a political subdivision of this state or another state, or by the United States, and who is required to carry a firearm in the course of his or her duties.

The bill would define “retired peace officer” or “retired law enforcement officer” to mean an individual who was a certified police officer or certified law enforcement officer as those terms are defined in the Commission on Law Enforcement Standards Act and who retired in good standing from his or her employment as a police officer or law enforcement officer.

Furthermore, the bill would define “reserve peace officer” or “auxiliary officer or reserve officer” to mean an individual who is authorized on a voluntary or irregular basis by a police agency of the state or a political subdivision to act as a law enforcement officer, who is responsible for preserving the peace, the prevention and detection of crime, and the enforcement of the general criminal laws of the state, and who is otherwise eligible to possess a firearm under the act.

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