

**SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 4155**

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled  
"The Michigan penal code,"  
by amending sections 222, 226, 227b, 227c, 227d, 237a, and 528a  
(MCL 750.222, 750.226, 750.227b, 750.227c, 750.227d, 750.237a, and  
750.528a), section 222 as amended by 2012 PA 242, section 227b as  
amended by 1990 PA 321, sections 227c and 227d as added by 1981 PA  
103, section 237a as added by 1994 PA 158, and section 528a as  
added by 1986 PA 113.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 222. As used in this chapter:

2           (a) "Alcoholic liquor" means that term as defined in section  
3 105 of the Michigan liquor control code of 1998, 1998 PA 58, MCL  
4 436.1105.

5           (b) "Barrel length" means the internal length of a firearm as

1 measured from the face of the closed breech of the firearm when it  
2 is unloaded, to the forward face of the end of the barrel.

3 (c) "Controlled substance" means a controlled substance or  
4 controlled substance analogue as those terms are defined in section  
5 7104 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.7104.

6 (d) "Firearm" means ~~a ANY weapon from which a dangerous WILL,~~  
7 **IS DESIGNED TO, OR MAY READILY BE CONVERTED TO EXPEL A** projectile  
8 ~~may be propelled by ACTION OF~~ an explosive. ~~, or by gas or air.~~  
9 ~~Firearm does not include a smooth bore rifle or handgun designed~~  
10 ~~and manufactured exclusively for propelling by a spring, or by gas~~  
11 ~~or air, BBs not exceeding .177 caliber.~~

12 (e) "Pistol" means a loaded or unloaded firearm that is 26  
13 inches or less in length, or a loaded or unloaded firearm that by  
14 its construction and appearance conceals itself as a firearm.

15 (F) **"PNEUMATIC GUN" MEANS THAT TERM AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1 OF**  
16 **1990 PA 319, MCL 123.1101.**

17 (G) ~~(f)~~-"Purchaser" means a person who receives a pistol from  
18 another person by purchase, gift, or loan.

19 (H) **"RIFLE" MEANS A FIREARM DESIGNED OR REDESIGNED, MADE OR**  
20 **REMADE, AND INTENDED TO BE FIRED FROM THE SHOULDER AND DESIGNED OR**  
21 **REDESIGNED AND MADE OR REMADE TO USE THE ENERGY OF THE EXPLOSIVE IN**  
22 **A FIXED METALLIC CARTRIDGE TO FIRE ONLY A SINGLE PROJECTILE THROUGH**  
23 **A RIFLED BORE FOR EACH SINGLE PULL OF THE TRIGGER.**

24 (I) ~~(g)~~-"Seller" means a person who sells, furnishes, loans,  
25 or gives a pistol to another person.

26 (J) **"SHORT-BARRELED RIFLE" MEANS A RIFLE HAVING 1 OR MORE**  
27 **BARRELS LESS THAN 16 INCHES IN LENGTH OR A WEAPON MADE FROM A**

1 RIFLE, WHETHER BY ALTERATION, MODIFICATION, OR OTHERWISE, IF THE  
2 WEAPON AS MODIFIED HAS AN OVERALL LENGTH OF LESS THAN 26 INCHES.

3 (K) "SHORT-BARRELED SHOTGUN" MEANS A SHOTGUN HAVING 1 OR MORE  
4 BARRELS LESS THAN 18 INCHES IN LENGTH OR A WEAPON MADE FROM A  
5 SHOTGUN, WHETHER BY ALTERATION, MODIFICATION, OR OTHERWISE, IF THE  
6 WEAPON AS MODIFIED HAS AN OVERALL LENGTH OF LESS THAN 26 INCHES.

7 (l) ~~(h)~~—"Shotgun" means a firearm designed or redesigned, made  
8 or remade, and intended to be fired from the shoulder and designed  
9 or redesigned and made or remade to use the energy of the explosive  
10 in a fixed shotgun shell to fire through a smooth bore either a  
11 number of ball shot or a single projectile for each single function  
12 of the trigger.

13 ~~——(i) "Short barreled shotgun" means a shotgun having 1 or more~~  
14 ~~barrels less than 18 inches in length or a weapon made from a~~  
15 ~~shotgun, whether by alteration, modification, or otherwise, if the~~  
16 ~~weapon as modified has an overall length of less than 26 inches.~~

17 ~~——(j) "Rifle" means a firearm designed or redesigned, made or~~  
18 ~~remade, and intended to be fired from the shoulder and designed or~~  
19 ~~redesigned and made or remade to use the energy of the explosive in~~  
20 ~~a fixed metallic cartridge to fire only a single projectile through~~  
21 ~~a rifled bore for each single pull of the trigger.~~

22 ~~——(k) "Short barreled rifle" means a rifle having 1 or more~~  
23 ~~barrels less than 16 inches in length or a weapon made from a~~  
24 ~~rifle, whether by alteration, modification, or otherwise, if the~~  
25 ~~weapon as modified has an overall length of less than 26 inches.~~

26 Sec. 226. (1) ~~Carrying firearm or dangerous weapon with~~  
27 ~~unlawful intent Any~~ **A person who, SHALL NOT**, with intent to use the

1 same unlawfully against the person of another, ~~goes~~ ~~GO~~ armed with a  
2 pistol or other firearm, or **A PNEUMATIC GUN**, dagger, dirk, razor,  
3 stiletto, or knife having a blade over 3 inches in length, or any  
4 other dangerous or deadly weapon or instrument. ~~shall be~~

5 **(2) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS** guilty of a felony ~~7~~  
6 punishable by imprisonment ~~in the state prison~~ for not more than 5  
7 years or ~~by a fine of not more than 2,500 dollars.~~ **\$2,500.00.**

8 Sec. 227b. (1) A person who carries or has in his or her  
9 possession a firearm when he or she commits or attempts to commit a  
10 felony, except a violation of section 223, ~~section~~ 227, 227a, or  
11 230, is guilty of a felony ~~7~~ and shall be ~~imprisoned~~ **PUNISHED BY**  
12 **IMPRISONMENT** for 2 years. Upon a second conviction under this  
13 ~~section,~~ **SUBSECTION**, the person shall be ~~imprisoned~~ **PUNISHED BY**  
14 **IMPRISONMENT** for 5 years. Upon a third or subsequent conviction  
15 under this subsection, the person shall be ~~imprisoned~~ **PUNISHED BY**  
16 **IMPRISONMENT** for 10 years.

17 **(2) A PERSON WHO CARRIES OR HAS IN HIS OR HER POSSESSION A**  
18 **PNEUMATIC GUN AND USES THAT PNEUMATIC GUN IN FURTHERANCE OF**  
19 **COMMITTING OR ATTEMPTING TO COMMIT A FELONY, EXCEPT A VIOLATION OF**  
20 **SECTION 223, 227, 227A, OR 230, IS GUILTY OF A FELONY AND SHALL BE**  
21 **PUNISHED BY IMPRISONMENT FOR 2 YEARS. UPON A SECOND CONVICTION**  
22 **UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, THE PERSON SHALL BE PUNISHED BY IMPRISONMENT**  
23 **FOR 5 YEARS. UPON A THIRD OR SUBSEQUENT CONVICTION UNDER THIS**  
24 **SUBSECTION, THE PERSON SHALL BE PUNISHED BY IMPRISONMENT FOR 10**  
25 **YEARS.**

26 **(3) ~~(2)~~** A term of imprisonment prescribed by this section is  
27 in addition to the sentence imposed for the conviction of the

1 felony or the attempt to commit the felony ~~—~~and shall be served  
2 consecutively with and preceding any term of imprisonment imposed  
3 for the conviction of the felony or attempt to commit the felony.

4 (4) ~~(3)~~—A term of imprisonment imposed under this section  
5 shall not be suspended. The person subject to the sentence mandated  
6 by this section is not eligible for parole or probation during the  
7 mandatory term imposed ~~pursuant to~~ **UNDER** subsection (1) **OR (2)**.

8 (5) ~~(4)~~—This section does not apply to a law enforcement  
9 officer who is authorized to carry a firearm while in the official  
10 performance of his or her duties ~~—~~and who is in the performance of  
11 those duties. As used in this subsection, "law enforcement officer"  
12 means a person who is regularly employed as a member of a duly  
13 authorized police agency or other organization of the United  
14 States, this state, or a city, county, township, or village of this  
15 state ~~—~~and who is responsible for the prevention and detection of  
16 crime and the enforcement of the general criminal laws of this  
17 state.

18 Sec. 227c. (1) Except as otherwise permitted by law, a person  
19 shall not transport or possess in or upon a sailboat or a motor  
20 vehicle, aircraft, motorboat, or any other vehicle propelled by  
21 mechanical means ~~—a~~ **EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING:**

22 (A) A firearm, other than a pistol, ~~which~~ **THAT** is loaded.

23 (B) **A PNEUMATIC GUN THAT IS LOADED AND EXPELS A METALLIC BB OR**  
24 **METALLIC PELLET GREATER THAN .177 CALIBER.**

25 (2) A person who violates this section is guilty of a  
26 misdemeanor ~~—~~punishable by imprisonment for not more than 2 years  
27 ~~—~~or a fine of not more than \$2,500.00, or both.

1 ~~—— (3) This section does not apply to a person who violates~~  
 2 ~~section 10(1)(g) of chapter II of Act No. 286 of the Public Acts of~~  
 3 ~~1929, as amended, being section 312.10 of the Michigan Compiled~~  
 4 ~~Laws.~~

5       Sec. 227d. (1) Except as otherwise permitted by law, a person  
 6 shall not transport or possess in or upon a motor vehicle or any  
 7 self-propelled vehicle designed for land travel ~~a~~**EITHER OF THE**  
 8 **FOLLOWING:**

9       **(A) A** firearm, other than a pistol, unless the firearm is  
 10 unloaded and is 1 or more of the following:

11       **(i)** ~~(a)~~ Taken down.

12       **(ii)** ~~(b)~~ Enclosed in a case.

13       **(iii)** ~~(c)~~ Carried in the trunk of the vehicle.

14       **(iv)** ~~(d)~~ Inaccessible from the interior of the vehicle.

15       **(B) A PNEUMATIC GUN THAT EXPELS A METALLIC BB OR METALLIC**  
 16 **PELLET GREATER THAN .177 CALIBER UNLESS THE PNEUMATIC GUN IS**  
 17 **UNLOADED AND IS 1 OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:**

18       **(i) TAKEN DOWN.**

19       **(ii) ENCLOSED IN A CASE.**

20       **(iii) CARRIED IN THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE.**

21       **(iv) INACCESSIBLE FROM THE INTERIOR OF THE VEHICLE.**

22       (2) A person who violates this section is guilty of a  
 23 misdemeanor ~~—~~ punishable by imprisonment for not more than 90 days  
 24 ~~—~~ or a fine of not more than \$100.00, or both.

25       Sec. 237a. (1) An individual who engages in conduct proscribed  
 26 under section 224, 224a, 224b, 224c, 224e, 226, 227, 227a, 227f,  
 27 234a, 234b, or 234c, or who engages in conduct proscribed under

1 section 223(2) for a second or subsequent time, in a weapon free  
2 school zone is guilty of a felony punishable by 1 or more of the  
3 following:

4 (a) Imprisonment for not more than the maximum term of  
5 imprisonment authorized for the section violated.

6 (b) Community service for not more than 150 hours.

7 (c) A fine of not more than 3 times the maximum fine  
8 authorized for the section violated.

9 (2) An individual who engages in conduct proscribed under  
10 section 223(1), 224d, 226a, 227c, 227d, 231c, 232a(1) or (4), 233,  
11 234, 234e, 234f, 235, 236, or 237, or who engages in conduct  
12 proscribed under section 223(2) for the first time, in a weapon  
13 free school zone is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by 1 or more  
14 of the following:

15 (a) Imprisonment for not more than the maximum term of  
16 imprisonment authorized for the section violated or 93 days,  
17 whichever is greater.

18 (b) Community service for not more than 100 hours.

19 (c) A fine of not more than \$2,000.00 or the maximum fine  
20 authorized for the section violated, whichever is greater.

21 (3) Subsections (1) and (2) do not apply to conduct proscribed  
22 under a section enumerated in those subsections to the extent that  
23 the proscribed conduct is otherwise exempted or authorized under  
24 this chapter.

25 (4) Except as provided in subsection (5), an individual who  
26 possesses a weapon in a weapon free school zone is guilty of a  
27 misdemeanor punishable by 1 or more of the following:

1 (a) Imprisonment for not more than 93 days.

2 (b) Community service for not more than 100 hours.

3 (c) A fine of not more than \$2,000.00.

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

5 (a) An individual employed by or contracted by a school if the  
6 possession of that weapon is to provide security services for the  
7 school.

8 (b) A peace officer.

9 (c) An individual licensed by this state or another state to  
10 carry a concealed weapon.

11 (d) An individual who possesses a weapon provided by a school  
12 or a school's instructor on school property for purposes of  
13 providing or receiving instruction in the use of that weapon.

14 (e) An individual who possesses a firearm on school property  
15 if that possession is with the permission of the school's principal  
16 or an agent of the school designated by the school's principal or  
17 the school board.

18 (f) An individual who is 18 years of age or older who is not a  
19 student at the school and who possesses a firearm on school  
20 property while transporting a student to or from the school if any  
21 of the following apply:

22 (i) The individual is carrying an antique firearm, completely  
23 unloaded, in a wrapper or container in the trunk of a vehicle while  
24 en route to or from a hunting or target shooting area or function  
25 involving the exhibition, demonstration or sale of antique  
26 firearms.

27 (ii) The individual is carrying a firearm unloaded in a wrapper



1 or container in the trunk of the person's vehicle, while in  
2 possession of a valid Michigan hunting license or proof of valid  
3 membership in an organization having shooting range facilities, and  
4 while en route to or from a hunting or target shooting area.

5 (iii) The person is carrying a firearm unloaded in a wrapper or  
6 container in the trunk of the person's vehicle from the place of  
7 purchase to his or her home or place of business or to a place of  
8 repair or back to his or her home or place of business, or in  
9 moving goods from one place of abode or business to another place  
10 of abode or business.

11 (iv) The person is carrying an unloaded firearm in the  
12 passenger compartment of a vehicle that does not have a trunk, if  
13 the person is otherwise complying with the requirements of  
14 subparagraph (ii) or (iii) and the wrapper or container is not readily  
15 accessible to the occupants of the vehicle.

16 (6) As used in this section:

17 (a) "Antique firearm" means either of the following:

18 (i) A firearm not designed or redesigned for using rimfire or  
19 conventional center fire ignition with fixed ammunition and  
20 manufactured in or before 1898, including a matchlock, flintlock,  
21 percussion cap, or similar type of ignition system or a replica of  
22 such a firearm, whether actually manufactured before or after the  
23 year 1898.

24 (ii) A firearm using fixed ammunition manufactured in or before  
25 1898, for which ammunition is no longer manufactured in the United  
26 States and is not readily available in the ordinary channels of  
27 commercial trade.

1 (b) "School" means a public, private, denominational, or  
2 parochial school offering developmental kindergarten, kindergarten,  
3 or any grade from 1 through 12.

4 (c) "School property" means a building, playing field, or  
5 property used for school purposes to impart instruction to children  
6 or used for functions and events sponsored by a school, except a  
7 building used primarily for adult education or college extension  
8 courses.

9 (D) **"WEAPON" INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, A PNEUMATIC GUN.**

10 (E) ~~(d)~~-"Weapon free school zone" means school property and a  
11 vehicle used by a school to transport students to or from school  
12 property.

13 Sec. 528a. (1) As used in this section:

14 (a) "Civil disorder" means any public disturbance involving  
15 the use of any firearm, explosive, or incendiary device by 3 or  
16 more assembled persons ~~which~~-**THAT** causes an immediate danger to, or  
17 ~~which~~-**THAT** results in damage or injury to, any property or person.

18 (b) "Explosive or incendiary device" means:

19 (i) Dynamite, gunpowder, or other similarly explosive  
20 substance.

21 (ii) Any bomb, grenade, missile, or similar device designed to  
22 expand suddenly and release internal energy resulting in an  
23 explosion.

24 (iii) Any incendiary bomb or grenade, fire bomb, or similar  
25 device designed to ignite, including any device ~~which~~-**THAT** consists  
26 of or includes a breakable container containing a flammable liquid  
27 or compound and a wick composed of any material ~~which~~-**THAT**, if

1 ignited, is capable of igniting the flammable liquid or compound;  
2 and ~~which~~ **THAT** may be carried or thrown by a person.

3 (c) "Firearm" means any weapon ~~from which a dangerous~~ **WILL, IS**  
4 **DESIGNED TO, OR MAY READILY BE CONVERTED TO EXPEL A** projectile ~~may~~  
5 ~~be propelled by using explosives, gas, or air as a means of~~  
6 ~~propulsion; any weapon which may be readily converted to expel any~~  
7 ~~projectile by the action of an explosive, or the frame or receiver~~  
8 ~~of such a firearm or weapon, except any smooth bore rifle or~~  
9 ~~handgun designed and manufactured exclusively for propelling BB's~~  
10 ~~not exceeding .177 caliber by means of spring, gas, or air.~~ **BY**  
11 **ACTION OF AN EXPLOSIVE.**

12 (d) "Law enforcement officer" means any of the following:

13 (i) Every sheriff or sheriff's deputy; village marshal or  
14 township constable; officer of the police department of any city,  
15 village, or township; any officer of the Michigan state police; or  
16 any peace officer who is trained and certified ~~pursuant to Act No.~~  
17 ~~203 of the Public Acts of 1965, being sections 28.601 to 28.616 of~~  
18 ~~the Michigan Compiled Laws.~~ **UNDER THE COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT**  
19 **STANDARDS ACT, 1965 PA 203, MCL 28.601 TO 28.616.**

20 (ii) Any officer or employee of the United States, its  
21 possessions, or territories who is authorized to enforce the laws  
22 of the United States, its possessions, or its territories.

23 (iii) Any member of the national guard, coast guard, military  
24 reserve, or the armed forces of the United States when acting in  
25 his or her official capacity.

26 (2) A person shall not teach or demonstrate to another person  
27 the use, application, or construction of any firearm, or any

1 explosive or incendiary device, if that person knows, has reason to  
2 know, or intends that what is taught or demonstrated will be used  
3 in, or in furtherance of, a civil disorder.

4 (3) A person shall not assemble with 1 or more persons for the  
5 purpose of training with, practicing with, or being instructed in  
6 the use of any firearm, or any explosive or incendiary device, if  
7 that person intends to use ~~such a~~ **THAT** firearm or device in, or in  
8 furtherance of, a civil disorder.

9 (4) This section ~~shall~~ **DOES** not apply to any act of a law  
10 enforcement officer ~~which~~ **THAT** is performed in the lawful  
11 performance of his or her official duties as a law enforcement  
12 officer, or any activity of any hunting club, rifle club, rifle  
13 range, pistol range, shooting range, or other program or individual  
14 instruction intended to teach the safe handling or use of firearms,  
15 archery equipment, or other weapons or techniques employed in  
16 connection with lawful sports, self-defense, or other lawful  
17 activities.

18 (5) A person who violates this section is guilty of a felony.

19 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect July 1,  
20 2015.

21 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect  
22 unless all of the following bills of the 98th Legislature are  
23 enacted into law:

24 (a) Senate Bill No. 85.

25 (b) House Bill No. 4151.

26 (c) House Bill No. 4152.

27 (d) House Bill No. 4153.

- 1 (e) House Bill No. 4154.
- 2 (f) House Bill No. 4156.