

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) "BRANDISH" MEANS TO POINT, WAVE ABOUT, OR DISPLAY IN A  
4 THREATENING MANNER WITH THE INTENT TO INDUCE FEAR IN ANOTHER  
5 PERSON.

6 (D) ~~(e)~~-"Controlled substance" means a controlled substance or  
7 controlled substance analogue as those terms are defined in section  
8 7104 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.7104.

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

15 (F) ~~(e)~~-"Pistol" means a loaded or unloaded firearm that is 26  
16 inches or less in length, or a loaded or unloaded firearm that by  
17 its construction and appearance conceals itself as a firearm.

18 (G) "PNEUMATIC GUN" MEANS THAT TERM AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1 OF  
19 1990 PA 319, MCL 123.1101.

20 (H) ~~(f)~~-"Purchaser" means a person who receives a pistol from  
21 another person by purchase, gift, or loan.

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

27 (J) ~~(g)~~-"Seller" means a person who sells, furnishes, loans,

1 or gives a pistol to another person.

2 (K) "SHORT-BARRELED RIFLE" MEANS A RIFLE HAVING 1 OR MORE  
3 BARRELS LESS THAN 16 INCHES IN LENGTH OR A WEAPON MADE FROM A  
4 RIFLE, WHETHER BY ALTERATION, MODIFICATION, OR OTHERWISE, IF THE  
5 WEAPON AS MODIFIED HAS AN OVERALL LENGTH OF LESS THAN 26 INCHES.

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

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

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

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

25 ~~—— (k) "Short barreled rifle" means a rifle having 1 or more~~  
26 ~~barrels less than 16 inches in length or a weapon made from a~~  
27 ~~rifle, whether by alteration, modification, or otherwise, if the~~

1 ~~weapon as modified has an overall length of less than 26 inches.~~

2       Sec. 226. (1) ~~Carrying firearm or dangerous weapon with~~  
3 ~~unlawful intent Any~~ **A person who, SHALL NOT**, with intent to use the  
4 same unlawfully against the person of another, ~~goes~~ **GO** armed with a  
5 pistol or other firearm, or **A PNEUMATIC GUN**, dagger, dirk, razor,  
6 stiletto, or knife having a blade over 3 inches in length, or any  
7 other dangerous or deadly weapon or instrument. ~~, shall be~~

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

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

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

1 **YEARS.**

2 (3) ~~(2)~~—A term of imprisonment prescribed by this section is  
3 in addition to the sentence imposed for the conviction of the  
4 felony or the attempt to commit the felony ~~—~~and shall be served  
5 consecutively with and preceding any term of imprisonment imposed  
6 for the conviction of the felony or attempt to commit the felony.

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

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

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

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

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

1           (2) A person who violates this section is guilty of a  
 2 misdemeanor ~~7~~ punishable by imprisonment for not more than 2 years  
 3 ~~7~~ or a fine of not more than \$2,500.00, or both.

4 ~~—— (3) This section does not apply to a person who violates~~  
 5 ~~section 10(1)(g) of chapter II of Act No. 286 of the Public Acts of~~  
 6 ~~1929, as amended, being section 312.10 of the Michigan Compiled~~  
 7 ~~Laws.~~

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

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

14           **(i)** ~~(a)~~ Taken down.

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

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

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

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

21           **(i) TAKEN DOWN.**

22           **(ii) ENCLOSED IN A CASE.**

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

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

25           (2) A person who violates this section is guilty of a  
 26 misdemeanor ~~7~~ punishable by imprisonment for not more than 90 days  
 27 ~~7~~ or a fine of not more than \$100.00, or both.

1           Sec. 237a. (1) An individual who engages in conduct proscribed  
2 under section 224, 224a, 224b, 224c, 224e, 226, 227, 227a, 227f,  
3 234a, 234b, or 234c, or who engages in conduct proscribed under  
4 section 223(2) for a second or subsequent time, in a weapon free  
5 school zone is guilty of a felony punishable by 1 or more of the  
6 following:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

8           (a) An individual employed by or contracted by a school if the  
9 possession of that weapon is to provide security services for the  
10 school.

11           (b) A peace officer.

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

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

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

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

25           (i) The individual is carrying an antique firearm, completely  
26 unloaded, in a wrapper or container in the trunk of a vehicle while  
27 en route to or from a hunting or target shooting area or function



1 involving the exhibition, demonstration or sale of antique  
2 firearms.

3 (ii) The individual is carrying a firearm unloaded in a  
4 wrapper or container in the trunk of the person's vehicle, while in  
5 possession of a valid Michigan hunting license or proof of valid  
6 membership in an organization having shooting range facilities, and  
7 while en route to or from a hunting or target shooting area.

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

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

19 (6) As used in this section:

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

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

27 (ii) A firearm using fixed ammunition manufactured in or

1 before 1898, for which ammunition is no longer manufactured in the  
2 United States and is not readily available in the ordinary channels  
3 of commercial trade.

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

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

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

13 (E) ~~(d)~~ "Weapon free school zone" means school property and a  
14 vehicle used by a school to transport students to or from school  
15 property.

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

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

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

22 (i) Dynamite, gunpowder, or other similarly explosive  
23 substance.

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

27 (iii) Any incendiary bomb or grenade, fire bomb, or similar

1 device designed to ignite, including any device ~~which~~ **THAT** consists  
 2 of or includes a breakable container containing a flammable liquid  
 3 or compound and a wick composed of any material ~~which,~~ **THAT**, if  
 4 ignited, is capable of igniting the flammable liquid or compound;  
 5 and ~~which~~ **THAT** may be carried or thrown by a person.

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

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

16 (i) Every sheriff or sheriff's deputy; village marshal or  
 17 township constable; officer of the police department of any city,  
 18 village, or township; any officer of the Michigan state police; or  
 19 any peace officer who is trained and certified ~~pursuant to Act No.~~  
 20 ~~203 of the Public Acts of 1965, being sections 28.601 to 28.616 of~~  
 21 ~~the Michigan Compiled Laws.~~ **UNDER THE COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT**  
 22 **STANDARDS ACT, 1965 PA 203, MCL 28.601 TO 28.616.**

23 (ii) Any officer or employee of the United States, its  
 24 possessions, or territories who is authorized to enforce the laws  
 25 of the United States, its possessions, or its territories.

26 (iii) Any member of the national guard, coast guard, military  
 27 reserve, or the armed forces of the United States when acting in

1 his or her official capacity.

2 (2) A person shall not teach or demonstrate to another person  
3 the use, application, or construction of any firearm, or any  
4 explosive or incendiary device, if that person knows, has reason to  
5 know, or intends that what is taught or demonstrated will be used  
6 in, or in furtherance of, a civil disorder.

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

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

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

22 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect July 1,  
23 2015.

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

27 (a) Senate Bill No. 85.

- 1 (b) House Bill No. 4151.
- 2 (c) House Bill No. 4152.
- 3 (d) House Bill No. 4153.
- 4 (e) House Bill No. 4154.
- 5 (f) House Bill No. 4156.