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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 117, L.D. 166, Bill, "An Act To Prohibit Firearms in a Courthouse"

Amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§1058." by striking out all of subsection 2 (page 1, lines 29 and 30 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'2. This section does not apply to:

A. A person who is a law enforcement officer or a corrections officer acting within the course and scope of the officer's employment; or

B. A person possessing a firearm for the purpose of offering the firearm as evidence in a proceeding if the presiding judge or justice has provided prior written approval to the person and the person possesses a copy of the written approval.'

SUMMARY

This amendment expands who may possess a firearm in a courthouse to include a corrections officer when acting within the course and scope of the officer's employment.

This amendment also adds an exception to the prohibition of firearms in courthouses. This amendment allows a person to

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2 possess a firearm for the purpose of offering it as evidence in a
3 court proceeding. The judge or justice presiding over the
4 proceeding must first have approved the possession in the
5 courthouse and given that approval in writing, and the person
6 must be in possession of the written approval while possessing
7 the firearm in the courthouse.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

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An Act To Prohibit Firearms in a Courthouse

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund
Minor revenue increase - General Fund

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Establishes a new Class D crime.

The collection of additional fines may increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.