OLR Bill Analysis sHB 7137

AN ACT CONCERNING A CONVICTION IN ANOTHER JURISDICTION AS A DISQUALIFIER FOR A CARRY PERMIT OR FIREARMS ELIGIBILITY OR AMMUNITION CERTIFICATE.

SUMMARY

This bill adds certain misdemeanor convictions that occur in other jurisdictions to the list of offenses that disqualify a person from being issued long gun and handgun eligibility certificates and handgun permits. These other jurisdictions are (1) other states; (2) a federal, tribal, or military court; or (3) any foreign jurisdiction.

More specifically, the bill prohibits issuing firearm credentials to those who had a misdemeanor conviction in these jurisdictions in the preceding seven years that involved:

- 1. violence against another person causing physical injury;
- 2. extreme indifference to human life that created a risk of serious physical injury, or criminal negligence that caused the death of another person (other than by a motor vehicle);
- 3. physical threats or conduct made toward a specific person that would cause them to reasonably fear for their safety;
- 4. engaging in or inciting a riot; and
- 5. possession of controlled substances or hallucinogenic substances, excluding up to four ounces of cannabis, up to one-half ounce of psilocybin, or nicotine.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2025

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Yea 35 Nay 6 (04/07/2025)