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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 10 (Senators Harris and Jimeno)
Judicial Proceedings

Regulated Firearms - Ammunition - Active Duty Military Under Age 21

This bill allows a person to sell, rent, or transfer ammunition for a regulated firearm to a person under the age of 21 who is a member of the armed forces of the United States or the National Guard.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. While the State Police does not currently track the sale of ammunition to individuals, any investigations arising from the bill could be handled with existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: A person may not sell, rent, or transfer ammunition solely designed for a regulated firearm to a person who is under the age of 21. In addition, a person may not sell, rent, or transfer a firearm, other than a regulated firearm, ammunition for a firearm, pepper mace, or another deadly weapon, to a minor. A violator is guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to maximum penalties of imprisonment for one year and/or a fine of \$1,000.

Under provisions of the Criminal Law Article, "firearm" means a handgun, rifle, shotgun, short-barreled rifle, short-barreled shotgun, of any other firearm, whether loaded or

unloaded, but does not include an antique firearm. "Regulated firearm" means a handgun or a firearm that is any of 45 specified assault weapons or their copies, regardless of which company produced and manufactured that assault weapon.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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