
HOUSE BILL No. 1355

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 34-28-8.

Synopsis: Disclosure of firearm or ammunition information. Provides that a civil action may be brought against a public or private employer that has: (1) required an applicant for employment or an employee to disclose information under certain circumstances about whether the applicant or employee owns, possesses, uses, or transports a firearm or ammunition; or (2) conditioned employment, or any rights, benefits, privileges, or opportunities offered by the employment, upon an agreement that the applicant for employment or the employee forego the otherwise lawful ownership, possession, storage, transportation, or use of a firearm or ammunition.

Effective: July 1, 2011.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2010 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning civil procedure.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 34-28-8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
 2 A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 3 1, 2011]:
 4 **Chapter 8. Disclosure of Firearm or Ammunition Information**
 5 **as a Condition of Employment**
 6 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "firearm" has the meaning set**
 7 **forth in IC 35-47-1-5.**
 8 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "political subdivision" has the**
 9 **meaning set forth in IC 36-1-2-13.**
 10 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "private employer" means:**
 11 **(1) an individual;**
 12 **(2) a partnership;**
 13 **(3) a firm;**
 14 **(4) an association;**
 15 **(5) a corporation; or**
 16 **(6) a nonprofit organization;**
 17 **that employs or offers to employ one (1) or more individuals in**



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Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "public employer" means:

- (1) the state; or**
- (2) a political subdivision;**

including, but not limited to, a department, agency, board, commission, institution, authority, or instrumentality of the state or a political subdivision.

Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "public official" means an elected or appointed official in the executive, legislative, or judicial branch of the state or a political subdivision, as well as an individual acting on behalf of a public employer, whether temporarily or permanently, including but not limited to, members of boards, committees, commissions, authorities, and other instrumentalities of the state or a political subdivision.

Sec. 6. A public or private employer doing business in Indiana may not:

- (1) require an applicant for employment or an employee to disclose information about whether the applicant or employee owns, possesses, uses, or transports a firearm or ammunition, unless the disclosure concerns the possession, use, or transportation of a firearm or ammunition that is used in fulfilling the duties of the employment of the individual; or**
 - (2) condition employment, or any rights, benefits, privileges, or opportunities offered by the employment, upon an agreement that the applicant for employment or the employee forego the:**
 - (A) rights of the applicant or employee under this chapter; or**
 - (B) otherwise lawful:**
 - (i) ownership;**
 - (ii) possession;**
 - (iii) storage;**
 - (iv) transportation; or**
 - (v) use;**
- of a firearm or ammunition.**

Sec. 7. (a) An individual aggrieved by what the individual believes is a violation of section 6 of this chapter may bring a civil action in a court with jurisdiction against a public or private employer or a public official that is alleged to have violated section 6 of this chapter.

(b) If a person is found by a court in an action brought under subsection (a) to have violated section 6 of this chapter, the court

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1 may do the following:

2 (1) Award:

3 (A) actual damages;

4 (B) court costs and attorney's fees; and

5 (C) in the case of a knowing and willful violation,

6 exemplary or punitive damages;

7 to the prevailing plaintiff.

8 (2) Enjoin further violations of this chapter.

9 **Sec. 8. IC 34-13-3 does not apply whenever:**

10 (1) a public employer or public official is sued for civil

11 damages; and

12 (2) the civil action arises out of a violation of section 6 of this

13 chapter.

14 **Sec. 9. Notwithstanding section 6 of this chapter, this chapter**

15 **does not prohibit a public or private employer from:**

16 (1) regulating or prohibiting the possession or carrying of a

17 firearm by an employee during and in the course of the duties

18 of the employee on behalf of the employer or while on the

19 property of the employer; or

20 (2) enforcing a regulation or prohibition adopted under

21 subdivision (1).

22 **However, a regulation or prohibition adopted under subdivision (1)**

23 **may not apply to a firearm stored or transported in accordance**

24 **with IC 34-28-7.**

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