BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 3390 By: Larson Culture, Recreation & Tourism Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Current law provides a defense to prosecution for the discharge of a firearm across a property line if the person has a certain written agreement with a property owner. Interested parties contend that the written agreement should include contact information. C.S.H.B. 3390 seeks to address this issue.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 3390 amends the Parks and Wildlife Code to include the telephone number and mailing address of the person allowed to hunt or engage in recreational shooting among the required contents of a written agreement with an applicable property owner that is a defense to prosecution for the discharge of a firearm across a property line.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2015.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL AND SUBSTITUTE

C.S.H.B. 3390 differs from the original in minor or nonsubstantive ways by conforming to certain bill drafting conventions and by amending the caption.

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