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TO: Honorable Poncho Nevárez, Chair, House Committee on Homeland Security & Public Safety

FROM: John McGeady, Assistant Director Sarah Keyton, Assistant Director
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IN RE: HB302 by Paul (relating to the carrying, storage, or possession of a firearm or firearm ammunition by certain persons on certain residential or commercial property.),
Committee Report 1st House, Substituted

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend the Penal Code to provide an additional defense to prosecution for Criminal Trespass for certain actions relating to the carrying, storage, or possession of a firearm or firearm ammunition by certain persons on certain residential or commercial property. The offense of Criminal Trespass may be variously a Class A, B, or C misdemeanor.

Local Government Impact

A Class A misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of not more than \$4,000, confinement in jail for a term not to exceed one year, or both. A Class B misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of not more than \$2,000, confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days, or both. A Class C misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of not more than \$500. In addition to the fine, punishment can include up to 180 days of deferred disposition.

According to the Texas Association of Counties, the bill is not anticipated to have a significant impact on counties.

Lost revenue from reduced fines imposed and collected is not anticipated to have a significant fiscal impact.

Source Agencies:

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