BILL SUMMARY

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Bill No.: HB 2951
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Impact: Establishes misdemeanors and associated

fines

Research Analysis

The proposed Committee Substitute to HB 2951 would allow for the carrying of pistols, handguns, rifles without need of a license by a person who is a legal resident, 21 years of age or older or an 18 year old who is a veteran or member of the United States Armed Forces, the Reserves or National Guard, not a convicted felon, not otherwise disqualified from the possession or legal purchase of a firearm under state or federal law and not involved in a crime. No person would be authorized to carry into places prohibited by law. The measure further restricts those who may carry by prohibiting persons who have been convicted of various crimes. The measure prohibits persons not lawfully in the United States from possessing a firearm. Persons are required to identify that they are carrying a weapon to law enforcement during the course of any arrest, detainment or traffic stop. The measure allows peace officers to carry personal rifle or shotgun.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 2951 establishes the following misdemeanors and associated fines.

- Crime of being unlawfully present in the US with certain firearms in their possession or in vehicle: a misdemeanor and a fine of \$250.
- Crime of transporting a firearm in a vehicle and failing or refuse to identify that they are in actual possession of a firearm: misdemeanor and a fine not to exceed \$100.

The actual fiscal impact will be contingent upon how many individuals are convicted of the crime.

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Other Considerations

None.