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Bill Analysis

SB 345 authorizes current and former members of the armed services to carry both concealed and unconcealed firearms. Members convicted of enumerated crimes within the measure are excluded from authorized carry.

SB 345 also prohibits colleges and universities from promulgating rules prohibiting lawful carriers from possessing a firearm in parking areas connected to the university, property authorized for possession or use of handguns by the university, and property authorized by written consent of the university. The measure further amends the definition of motor vehicles to include motorcycles equipped with a locked accessory container for the purposes of storing a firearm.

The measure prohibits any alien unlawfully in the United States from possessing or controlling any firearms or any imitation of a firearm. Any illegal alien convicted of violating this provision must pay a fine of \$250.00 and will be guilty of a misdemeanor.

The measure authorizes a person to carry concealed firearms without the need of a license and further clarifies that a person may carry firearms so long as they do not violate legislative enactment regarding the carrying of a firearm.

The measure modifies various laws governing the transportation of firearms. SB 345 allows the transportation of loaded handguns for carriers without a concealed carry license. The measure will require those transporting their firearms to identify that they are transporting a firearm when asked to do so by law enforcement. Any person who is convicted of failing to do so will receive a fine not to exceed \$100.00.

SB 345 will authorize off-duty officers to carry a personal rifle or shotgun anywhere in the state. Carrying a personal rifle or shotgun off-duty is subject to the same requirements as carrying an approved weapon.

The measure preempts municipalities as it relates to punishing members of the public for the lawful transport and possession of a handgun or pistol authorized by state law. The availability of a license to carry will not be construed to prohibit the lawful transport and carrying of a handgun as otherwise authorized by state law.

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