



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments*

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Modified the definition of "unloaded" included in the House-passed version of the bill that applies to a firearm that does not use an obsolete ignition system and that is used in the offense of improperly handling firearms in a motor vehicle and the similar offense that pertains to vessels.

Added provisions that specify that any person may: (1) possess a firearm in a motor vehicle in the State Underground Parking Garage at the State Capitol Building or the parking garage at the Riffe Center for Government and the Arts in Columbus, if the person's possession of the firearm in the vehicle is not in violation of the offense of improperly handling firearms in a motor vehicle or any other Revised Code provision, or (2) store or leave a firearm in a locked motor vehicle that is parked in either of those parking garages, if the person's transportation and possession of the firearm in the vehicle while traveling to the garage was not in violation of the offense of improperly handling firearms in a motor vehicle or any other Revised Code provision.

Specified that nothing in the Revised Code section that sets forth the offense of improperly handling firearms in a motor vehicle prohibits or restricts a person from possessing, storing, or leaving a firearm in a locked motor vehicle that is parked in the State Underground Parking Garage at the State Capitol Building or the parking garage at the Riffe Center for Government and the Arts in Columbus, if the person's transportation and possession of the firearm in the vehicle while traveling to the premises or facility was not in violation of any of the offense of improperly handling firearms in a motor vehicle.

Delayed the effective date of the bill's changes to the concealed handgun license reciprocity provisions until July 1, 2013.

Made technical and clarifying changes in several provisions that were highlighted in the analysis of the bill as passed by the House.