

Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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BILL SUMMARY

• Permits a limited home rule township to regulate the discharge of firearms based on the population of the township and the density of the population in areas within the township.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

The bill creates an exception to the law that prohibits townships from regulating firearms. Under the bill, a township that has adopted limited home rule government may regulate the discharge of firearms based on the population of the township and the density of the population in areas within the township.

Existing law specifically prohibits limited home rule townships from establishing regulations affecting the possession, use, or sale of firearms. And, under continuing law, townships that have not adopted limited home rule government may not regulate firearms because the Revised Code does not include any provision that grants them the authority to do so.¹

HISTORY	
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¹ R.C. 504.04(B).