



CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST FOR ESB 176

Citations Affected: IC 14-22; IC 36-7.

Synopsis: Shooting ranges. Provides that the maintenance, repair, renovation, modernization, or expansion of buildings, structures, or facilities used in connection with a shooting range, including improvements to safety, security accessibility, or environmental controls, is a continuation of a permitted use and may not be treated by a local unit of government as: (1) an expansion of a nonconforming use; or (2) a basis to deny, delay, or condition approval of any permit that is otherwise required under applicable building codes or safety regulations. Provides that if an area is zoned for commercial use, a retail sporting goods store is a permitted use on each lot or parcel. Provides that if a property is zoned for commercial, industrial, or agricultural use, an indoor shooting range is permitted on any lot or parcel if certain conditions are satisfied. **(This conference committee report removes provisions from the bill regarding possession and use of a firearm by a retired judicial officer in the same locations as a law enforcement officer who is authorized to carry a firearm.)**

Effective: July 1, 2026.



Adopted	Rejected
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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Conference Committee appointed to confer with a like committee from the Senate upon Engrossed House Amendments to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 176 respectfully reports that said two committees have conferred and agreed as follows to wit:

that the Senate recede from its dissent from all House amendments and that the Senate now concur in all House amendments to the bill and that the bill be further amended as follows:

- 1 Page 2, delete lines 22 through 42.
- 2 Page 3, delete lines 1 through 2.
- 3 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.
(Reference is to ESB 176 as printed February 10, 2026.)

Conference Committee Report
on
Engrossed Senate Bill 176

Signed by:

Senator Tomes
Chairperson

Representative Smaltz

Senator Garten

Representative Commons

Senate Conferees

House Conferees