

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

LS 6652
BILL NUMBER: SB 176

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 16, 2026
BILL AMENDED: Feb 10, 2026

SUBJECT: Shooting Ranges.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Tomes
FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Smaltz

BILL STATUS: As Passed House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill 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.

The bill also provides that if an area is zoned for commercial use, a retail sporting goods store is a permitted use on each lot or parcel. It 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.

It provides that a retired judicial officer may possess and use a firearm in the same locations as a law enforcement officer who is authorized to carry a firearm. (Current law allows a judicial officer to possess and use a firearm in the same locations as a law enforcement officer who is authorized to carry a firearm.)

Effective Date: July 1, 2026.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Counties, cities, and towns may need to revise local permitting policies and regulations regarding building repair and maintenance of shooting ranges and certain retail sporting goods establishments. The bill's requirements constitute a workload increase for affected entities but are within each entity's routine administrative functions. The bill's provisions should be able to be implemented with current resources.

Explanation of Local Revenues: The bill allows for an application fee in certain instances related to permitting for a retail sporting goods store and/or an indoor shooting range. Any potential revenue is

anticipated to be minimal and ultimately dependant on local unit actions.

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Counties, cities, towns and courts.

Information Sources:

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