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Bill Analysis

SB 925 specifies that provisions relating to pointing a firearm at another person shall not apply to persons acting in self-defense or to home or business owners in defense of their owned, leased, or occupied private property, whether or not they possess a valid handgun license. Defensive displays, as outlined in the measure, shall be authorized if a person reasonably believes that physical force is immediately necessary to protect himself, herself or another against the use or attempted use of unlawful physical or deadly force. Additionally, the measure provides greater discretion in sentencing persons convicted of violating this provision and removes the requirement to revoke the violator's handgun license. The measure specifies that it is unlawful to willfully and without lawful cause point a firearm, knife, or any other deadly weapon, whether loaded or not, at any person or persons for the purpose of threatening or with the intention of discharging the firearm or with any malice or for any purpose of injuring, either through physical injury or mental or emotional intimidation or for purposes of whimsy, humor or prank, or in anger or otherwise. Defensive displays are justified if a person reasonably believes that physical force is immediately necessary to protect himself, herself or another against the use or attempted use of unlawful physical or deadly force.

CCR Changes

The Conference Committee Report for SB 925 adds clarifying langue to the measure as it relates to lawful and unlawful pointing of firearms or deadly weapons.

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