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Research Analysis

HB 2648 expands the scope of the state preemption on legislation to include firearm and ammunition components. The measure also preempts any policy established by any municipality, agency or other political subdivision touching on firearm. The measure allows the court to order the payment of reasonable expenses to an aggrieved party in a civil action relating to a person's rights being violated pursuant to any order, policy, ordinance, resolution or regulation promulgated or enforced that infringed on the person's rights. The aggrieved party must have first provided written notice to the clerk of the municipality or political subdivision giving the entity 90 days to rescind or repeal the order. Reasonable expenses is defined to include, but not be limited to, attorney fees, expert witness fees and court costs.

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Fiscal Analysis

This measure preempts cities and subdivisions of government from regulating certain firearms and ammunitions and also provides a cause of action against those entities that would violate this law. However, there is no reason to presume that cities or subdivisions of government would violate this law in quantities that would create a material costs. Therefore, there is no anticipated impact to state budget or appropriations as a result of HB2648.

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Other Considerations

None.