

**BILL SUMMARY**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the 59<sup>th</sup> Legislature

<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>SB1218</b>
<b>Version:</b>	<b>FA2</b>
<b>Request Number:</b>	<b>10982</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>State Budget: No material impact</b>

**Research Analysis**

The Committee Substitute to SB 1218 provides that no person 18 or older is to be denied the purchase of a firearm based on his or her age unless otherwise prohibited by state law.

Changes made in the Floor Substitute:

Adds new Sections 1 through 4. The measure allows a person acting in self-defense or to home defense of a home or business owners in defense of their private property to point a firearm at another. The measure modifies the misdemeanor penalty for pointing of a firearm by removing the mandatory minimum and removing language regarding the penalty if the person does not have a handgun license. The measure modifies the felony penalty for pointing of a firearm by providing that it is permissible to point a firearm if during an act of self-defense or to home defense or business or by a person in the defensive display of a firearm. The measure provides that it is unlawful to willfully and without cause to point a firearm, knife or other deadly weapon for the purpose of threatening or with malice or for any purpose of injuring or for whimsy, humor or prank, or in anger or otherwise. The measure removes the administrative fine. The measure outlines the defensive display of a firearm.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

The FA2 to the measure modifies certain penalties and removes an administrative fine. This is not anticipated to have a material impact on state budget or appropriations.

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**Other Considerations**

None.