

OF FIREARMS DURING A STATE OF DISASTER EMERGENCY.

Summary of Legislation

This bill removes the authority of the governor to restrict firearms during a state of disaster or emergency. Under current statute, the governor has authority to restrict various items, such as firearms, alcohol and explosives, in disasters and emergencies. The specific restrictions eliminated by this bill suspend or limit the sale, dispense or transport firearms during these events.

This bill takes effect on August 10, 2011, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 11, 2011, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

Assessment

The authority of the governor to issue such restrictions does not affect state revenues or expenditures. Since disasters and emergencies are rare and unpredictable by definition, there is no fiscal impact for this bill.

Departments Contacted

Corrections

Local Affairs

Public Safety

Governor's Office