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HB 2617: juvenile restoration of civil rights Sponsor: Representative Hernandez A, LD 20 Caucus & COW

<u>Overview</u>

Lowers thresholds for the juvenile restoration of firearm rights subsequent to a juvenile felony criminal conviction.

<u>History</u>

Minors convicted of delinquency are restricted from applying for the right to possessing a firearm until certain conditions are met, dependent on the type of crime. Delinquents convicted of dangerous offenses, serious offenses, second-degree burglary or arson are prohibited from applying until the age of 30. Delinquents convicted of any other felony offense are prohibited from applying until two years after release (A.R.S. § 8-249).

Dangerous offenses are offenses involving the discharge, use or brandishing of a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument or the intentional or knowing infliction of serious physical injury on another person (A.R.S. \S 13-105).

Serious offenses are any of the following: 1) First-degree murder; 2) Second-degree murder; 3) Manslaughter; 4) Aggravated assault resulting in serious physical injury or involving the discharge, use or threatening exhibition of a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument; 5) Sexual assault; 6) Any dangerous crime against children; 7) Arson of an occupied structure; 8) Armed robbery; 9) First-degree burglary; 10) Kidnapping; 11) Sexual conduct with a minor under fifteen years of age; and 12) Child sex trafficking (A.R.S. § 13-706).

Provisions

- 1. Lowers the age that a delinquent convicted of dangerous offenses, serious offenses, second-degree burglary or arson must attain, before the restoration of the right to possess a firearm, from 30 to 25 years old. (Sec. 1)
- 2. Changes the requirements for a delinquent convicted of any other felony to possess a firearm, from two years after release, to doing any of the following:
 - a) Completing any court-ordered conditions;
 - b) Completing a term of probation; or
 - c) Being discharged from the Department of Juvenile Corrections. (Sec. 1)