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## SENATE BILL No. 291

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DIGEST OF SB 291 (Updated January 22, 2020 7:33 pm - DI 133)

**Citations Affected:** IC 4-33; noncode.

**Synopsis:** Law enforcement and handguns in a casino. Prohibits the gaming commission from adopting a rule prohibiting a law enforcement officer from carrying a handgun in a casino, and repeals an existing rule. Permits the gaming commission to adopt rules: (1) requiring a law enforcement officer who is carrying a handgun to notify an enforcement agent that the law enforcement officer is carrying a handgun; and (2) prohibiting a law enforcement who is carrying a handgun from consuming alcohol or from entering a casino after having consumed alcohol.

**Effective:** July 1, 2020.

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### Grooms, Koch, Sandlin

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January 9, 2020, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.  
January 23, 2020, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2019 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 4-33-4-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
2 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 2. **(a) Subject to subsection (b),**  
3 the commission shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 for the following  
4 purposes:  
5 (1) Administering this article.  
6 (2) Establishing the conditions under which riverboat gambling  
7 in Indiana may be conducted.  
8 (3) Providing for the prevention of practices detrimental to the  
9 public interest and providing for the best interests of riverboat  
10 gambling.  
11 (4) Establishing rules concerning inspection of riverboats and the  
12 review of the permits or licenses necessary to operate a riverboat.  
13 (5) Imposing penalties for noncriminal violations of this article.  
14 **(b) The commission may not adopt a rule prohibiting a law**  
15 **enforcement officer (as defined in IC 35-31.5-2-185(c)), including**  
16 **an off duty law enforcement officer, from carrying a handgun in a**  
17 **casino. The commission may adopt rules, including emergency**

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1 rules under IC 4-22-2-37.1:  
2 (1) requiring a law enforcement officer who is carrying a  
3 handgun to notify the commission or an enforcement agent  
4 before entering the casino that the law enforcement officer is  
5 carrying a handgun;  
6 (2) prohibiting a law enforcement who is carrying a handgun  
7 from consuming alcohol or from entering a casino after  
8 having consumed alcohol; and  
9 (3) implementing a reasonable method of enforcing the rules  
10 described in subdivisions (1) through (2).  
11 SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020] (a) 68 IAC 1-7-1(b) is  
12 void. The publisher of the Indiana Administrative Code and  
13 Indiana Register shall remove this subsection from the Indiana  
14 Administrative Code.  
15 (b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2021.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 291, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is to SB 291 as introduced.)

KOCH, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 8, Nays 3

