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Support for HB726

Sponsor: Representative Durnell

Title: An act to repeal section 21.750, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to firearms, with penalty provisions.

Summary:

HB726 repeals and replaces section 21.750, RSMo, to strengthen state preemption of firearm laws. The bill prohibits political subdivisions from enacting regulations on firearms that contradict state law and imposes penalties on political subdivisions that violate these provisions.

Key Provisions:

- **State Preemption:** The state occupies the entire field of firearm legislation, nullifying any local orders, ordinances, or regulations, except for those that exactly conform to state law (sections 571.010 to 571.070, RSMo) or regulate firearm discharge in compliance with section 252.243..
- **Penalties for Violations:** Political subdivisions that enact prohibited firearm regulations are subject to a \$50,000 civil penalty per violation and can be sued by residents or businesses for redress, including injunctive relief. Prevailing parties may recover attorney's fees and costs. Sovereign immunity is not a defense.

Fiscal Impact:

Political subdivisions that violate the preemption provisions may face a \$50,000 civil penalty per violation and potential legal costs if sued.

Effective Date:

Standard effective date, 90 days after the end of the legislative session, unless otherwise specified.

ACT for Missouri Supports this Legislation!