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SUBJECT: Strike everything amendment to S.B. 1183, relating to brass knuckles; prohibited weapons

Purpose

Modifies the definition of *prohibited weapon* to include brass knuckles and classifies the manufacturing, possessing, transporting, selling or transferring of brass knuckles as a class 1 misdemeanor.

Background

Statute outlines what is considered to be a *prohibited weapon* and what constitutes *misconduct involving weapons*. A person commits *misconduct involving weapons* by knowingly manufacturing, possessing, transporting, selling or transferring a prohibited weapon (A.R.S. §§ [13-3101](#) and [13-3102](#)).

A class 1 misdemeanor carries a maximum imprisonment sentence of six months and a civil penalty of not more than \$2,500 (A.R.S. §§ [13-707](#) and [13-802](#)).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

1. Modifies the definition of *prohibited weapon* to include brass knuckles.
2. Classifies the manufacturing, possessing, transporting, selling or transferring of brass knuckles as a class 1 misdemeanor.
3. Defines *brass knuckles* as a device made of metal, plastic or any hard material designed to fit over and around the knuckles of the human hand to enhance the power of a punch.
4. Makes technical and conforming changes.
5. Becomes effective on the general effective date.