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Bill Summary

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Overview

The bill (1) allows a grant of a noise or safety range easement for a shooting range (section 1); (2) exempts shooting ranges from the application of nuisance or noise laws or ordinances that become effective after they begin operation (section 3); and (3) prohibits a nuisance action or action for noise pollution except for violations of ordinances and laws in effect when a range opens (section 4).

- 1 Shooting range servitudes.** Provides that the use of real property as a range safety zone or a noise and pollution abatement zone for a shooting range is a servitude on real property that may be granted and held and runs with the burdened property. Defines shooting range for this purpose as provided in section 2.
- 2 Definitions.** "Shooting range" means an area designed and operated for firearms use or archery and includes shooting preserves as defined in section 97A.115.
- 3 Shooting ranges; effect of future laws.** Exempts shooting ranges from more restrictive noise control or noise pollution laws and ordinances adopted after the ranges begin operation. Binds a range only by the laws and ordinances in effect when it opens.
- 4 Noise nuisance actions.** The owner, operator, or user of a shooting range is not subject to a civil action for nuisance or noise pollution unless the range is not in material compliance with noise control laws or ordinances applicable at the time the range was constructed or first operated.
- 5 Effective date.** Immediate.