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3 By Senator Coleman
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8 SYNOPSIS: Existing law does not allow a municipality
9 to regulate the carrying of firearms in public
10 buildings and to public events.

11 This bill would authorize a city to regulate
12 and prohibit persons from carrying firearms in
13 municipal buildings and on municipal property.

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15 A BILL
16 TO BE ENTITLED
17 AN ACT

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19 To amend Section 11-45-1.1, Code of Alabama 1975,
20 relating to municipalities; to authorize a municipality to
21 regulate and prohibit persons from carrying a firearm in
22 municipal buildings and on municipal property.

23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

24 Section 1. Section 11-45-1.1, Code of Alabama 1975,
25 is amended to read as follows:

26 "§11-45-1.1.

1 "(a) No incorporated municipality shall have the
2 power to enact any ordinance, rule, or regulation which shall
3 tax, restrict, prevent, or in any way affect the possession or
4 ownership of handguns by the citizens of this state. The
5 entire subject matter of handguns is reserved to the State
6 Legislature. This section shall not be construed to limit or
7 restrict the power of a municipality to adopt ordinances which
8 make the violation of a state handgun law a violation of a
9 municipal ordinance to the same extent as other state law
10 violations, or to limit or restrict the power of a municipal
11 court to exercise concurrent jurisdiction with the district
12 court over violations of state handgun laws which may be
13 prosecuted as breaches of a municipal ordinance.

14 "(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), a municipality
15 by ordinance adopted pursuant to this chapter may regulate and
16 prohibit a person from carrying a handgun or other firearm in
17 any municipal buildings or on any municipal property,
18 including, but not limited to, in a city or town hall or
19 council chamber, in municipal administration buildings, or at
20 municipal parks and recreation facilities and sports
21 facilities."

22 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
23 first day of the third month following its passage and
24 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.