

House Bill 3054

Sponsored by Representative WITT; Representatives BARKER, MARSH

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Creates crime of unlawful discharge of a firearm. Punishes by maximum of six months' imprisonment, \$2,500 fine, or both.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to unlawful discharge of a firearm.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** (1) **A person commits the crime of unlawful discharge of a firearm if the**
5 **person knowingly discharges a firearm within 500 feet of a dwelling or a building that is open**
6 **to the public.**

7 (2) **Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to:**

8 (a) **A law enforcement officer discharging a firearm in the performance of official duties;**

9 (b) **A person discharging a firearm in lawful defense of person or property, including the**
10 **defense of a companion animal or a livestock animal;**

11 (c) **The owner or inhabitant of a dwelling discharging a firearm within 500 feet of the**
12 **dwelling when the discharge does not endanger adjacent persons or property; or**

13 (d) **A person discharging a firearm on a public or private shooting range, shooting gallery**
14 **or other area designed and built for the purpose of target shooting.**

15 (3) **Unlawful discharge of a firearm is a Class B misdemeanor.**

16 (4) **As used in this section:**

17 (a) **"Companion animal" has the meaning given that term in ORS 164.055.**

18 (b) **"Dwelling" has the meaning given that term in ORS 164.205.**

19 (c) **"Firearm" has the meaning given that term in ORS 166.210.**

20 (d) **"Livestock animal" has the meaning given that term in ORS 164.055.**

21 (e) **"Open to the public" has the meaning given that term in ORS 164.205.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.