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HOUSE BILL No. 2052

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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AN ACT concerning firearms; creating the crime of unlawful discharge of a firearm.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

- Section 1. (a) Unlawful discharge of a firearm is the reckless discharge of a firearm within or into the corporate limits of any city.
- (b) This section shall not apply to the discharge of any firearm within or into the corporate limits of any city if:
- (1) The firearm is discharged in the lawful defense of one's person, another person or one's property;
- (2) the firearm is discharged at a supervised **or private** shooting range;
- (3) the firearm is discharged to lawfully take wildlife, including nuisance wildlife, if approved unless prohibited by the department of wildlife, parks and tourism and the governing body of the city;
- (4) the firearm is discharged by authorized law enforcement officers or animal control officers;
 - (5) the firearm is discharged by special permit of the chief of police;
 - (6) the firearm is discharged using blanks; or
- (7) the firearm is discharged in self-defense or defense of another person against an animal attack if a reasonable person would believe that deadly force against the animal was necessary under the circumstances.
- (c) A violation of subsection (a) shall be a class B nonperson misdemeanor.
- Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.