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Ks Legislature Approves Bill Voiding Local Gun Rules

(AP)--Kansas legislators have given final approval to a bill that would nullify city and county gun restrictions and ensure that it is legal across the state to openly carry firearms.

The House approved the legislation Saturday on a 102 to 19 vote, a day after the Senate passed it 37-2. The measure goes next to Republican Gov. Sam Brownback.

The measure would prevent cities and counties from regulating firearm sales or how guns are stored or transported. It would ensure that gun owners could openly carry firearms across the state, though local officials still could prohibit open carrying in public buildings.

The bill also would void existing local gun ordinances.

The National Rifle Association considers the bill a model for states seeking to pre-empt local rules. Supporters say a patchwork of local regulations confuses gun owners.

Critics say local officials know their communities best.

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