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H.B. No. 1771

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the prosecution of certain conduct involving prohibited weapons; creating a criminal offense.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 46.01, Penal Code, is amended by adding Subdivision (20) to read as follows:

(20) "Three-dimensional printer" means a device capable of producing a three-dimensional object from a digital model.

SECTION 2. Section 46.05, Penal Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a) A person commits an offense if the person intentionally or knowingly possesses, manufactures, transports, repairs, or sells:

(1) any of the following items, unless the item is registered in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record maintained by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives or otherwise not subject to that registration requirement or unless the item is classified as a curio or relic by the United States Department of Justice:

- (A) an explosive weapon;
- (B) a machine gun; or
- (C) a short-barrel firearm;

- 1 (2) armor-piercing ammunition;
- 2 (3) a chemical dispensing device;
- 3 (4) a zip gun;
- 4 (5) a tire deflation device;
- 5 (6) a firearm silencer, unless the firearm silencer is
- 6 classified as a curio or relic by the United States Department of
- 7 Justice or the actor otherwise possesses, manufactures,
- 8 transports, repairs, or sells the firearm silencer in compliance
- 9 with federal law; ~~or~~
- 10 (7) an improvised explosive device; or
- 11 (8) a firearm containing a component part manufactured
- 12 using a three-dimensional printer.

13 (a-1) A person commits an offense if the person

14 intentionally or knowingly:

15 (1) manufactures a component part for a firearm using

16 a three-dimensional printer; or

17 (2) possesses, transports, repairs, or sells a

18 component part described by Subdivision (1).

19 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only

20 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.

21 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is

22 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,

23 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For

24 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the

25 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred

26 before that date.

27 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.