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H.B. No. 5188

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the requirements for the purchase of ammunition;
creating an offense.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Government Code, is amended by
adding Section 411.210 to read as follows:

Sec. 411.210. PURCHASES AND SALES OF AMMUNITION. (a) In
this section "ammunition" means any cartridge, shell, or projectile
intended for use in a firearm.

(b) A person commits an offense if the person intentionally
or knowingly sells ammunition and the person accepts anything other
than the following as payment for the ammunition:

(1) United States currency;

(2) a negotiable instrument in the form of a check that
meets the requirements of Section 3.104, Business & Commerce Code;
and

(3) a debit made through a financial institution debit
card.

(c) A person commits an offense if the person intentionally
or knowingly sells ammunition for a firearm to a person who is
younger than 18 years of age.

(d) A person commits an offense if the person intentionally
or knowingly sells ammunition for a firearm to a person without
verifying the age of the purchaser by examining a driver's license

1 or identification card issued by the state or by the United States
2 government, a passport, or other government-issued documentation
3 that provides the person's name, date of birth, and photograph.

4 (e) An offense under this section is a Class A misdemeanor.

5 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.