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S.B. No. 1522

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a required waiting period for certain semiautomatic rifle sales; creating a criminal offense.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 46.06(a) and (d), Penal Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) A person commits an offense if the person:

(1) sells, rents, leases, loans, or gives a handgun to any person knowing that the person to whom the handgun is to be delivered intends to use it unlawfully or in the commission of an unlawful act;

(2) intentionally or knowingly sells, rents, leases, or gives or offers to sell, rent, lease, or give to any child younger than 18 years of age any firearm, club, or location-restricted knife;

(3) intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly sells a firearm or ammunition for a firearm to any person who is intoxicated;

(4) knowingly sells a firearm or ammunition for a firearm to any person who has been convicted of a felony before the fifth anniversary of the later of the following dates:

(A) the person's release from confinement following conviction of the felony; or

(B) the person's release from supervision under

1 community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision following
2 conviction of the felony;

3 (5) sells, rents, leases, loans, or gives a handgun to
4 any person knowing that an active protective order is directed to
5 the person to whom the handgun is to be delivered;

6 (6) knowingly purchases, rents, leases, or receives as
7 a loan or gift from another a handgun while an active protective
8 order is directed to the actor; ~~or~~

9 (7) while prohibited from possessing a firearm under
10 state or federal law, knowingly makes a material false statement on
11 a form that is:

12 (A) required by state or federal law for the
13 purchase, sale, or other transfer of a firearm; and

14 (B) submitted to a licensed firearms dealer, as
15 defined by 18 U.S.C. Section 923; or

16 (8) sells a semiautomatic rifle to a person younger
17 than 21 years of age and delivers the semiautomatic rifle to the
18 person to whom the semiautomatic rifle is being sold earlier than 72
19 hours after the firearm was sold to the person.

20 (d) An offense under this section is a Class A misdemeanor,
21 except that:

22 (1) an offense under Subsection (a)(2) is a state jail
23 felony if the weapon that is the subject of the offense is a
24 handgun; and

25 (2) an offense under Subsection (a)(7) or (8) is a
26 state jail felony.

27 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only

1 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this
2 Act. An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
3 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,
4 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For
5 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the
6 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred
7 before that date.

8 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.