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H.B. No. 639

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the inclusion by a licensed firearms dealer of a firearm safety device or secure firearm storage device and certain information with the transfer of a firearm.

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

SECTION 1. Title 6, Business & Commerce Code, is amended by adding Chapter 205 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 205. TRANSFER OF FIREARMS BY LICENSED FIREARMS DEALER

Sec. 205.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Firearm" has the meaning assigned by Section 46.01, Penal Code.

(2) "Firearm safety device" means a cable lock, trigger lock, or other safety lock or device that, when installed on a firearm, prevents the firearm from discharging without first being deactivated or removed from the device.

(3) "Firearm safety equipment" has the meaning assigned by Section 151.3131, Tax Code.

(4) "Licensed firearms dealer" means a person who is licensed as a firearms dealer under 18 U.S.C. Section 923.

(5) "Secure firearm storage device" means a gun safe, gun case, gun cabinet, or other device that is similarly designed to be:

(A) used to store a firearm; and

(B) unlocked only by use of a key or combination

1 or by other similar means.

2 Sec. 205.002. INCLUSION OF FIREARM SAFETY DEVICE OR SECURE  
3 FIREARM STORAGE DEVICE AND INFORMATION REGARDING TAX EXEMPTION.

4 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), a licensed firearms  
5 dealer shall, for each firearm sold or otherwise transferred by the  
6 dealer:

7 (1) include:

8 (A) a firearm safety device compatible with the  
9 firearm or a secure firearm storage device suitable for safely  
10 storing the firearm; and

11 (B) a printed copy of the information form  
12 developed by the Department of Public Safety under Section 205.003;  
13 and

14 (2) verbally notify the purchaser or transferee that  
15 firearm safety equipment is exempt from sales and use taxes under  
16 Section 151.3131, Tax Code.

17 (b) Subsection (a)(1)(A) does not apply to the transfer of a  
18 firearm to a peace officer licensed under Chapter 1701, Occupations  
19 Code.

20 Sec. 205.003. FIREARM SAFETY INFORMATION. The Department  
21 of Public Safety shall develop and make available on the  
22 department's Internet website a printable information form that  
23 includes information on:

24 (1) the safe storage of firearms, including the  
25 effective use of a firearm safety device and secure firearm storage  
26 device for each type of firearm; and

27 (2) the exemption from sales and use taxes on firearm

1 safety equipment under Section 151.3131, Tax Code.

2 SECTION 2. Not later than December 1, 2025, the Department  
3 of Public Safety shall develop and make available the printable  
4 form as required by Section 205.003, Business & Commerce Code, as  
5 added by this Act.

6 SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply to the  
7 sale or transfer of a firearm by a licensed firearms dealer, as  
8 defined by Section 205.001, Business & Commerce Code, as added by  
9 this Act, on or after January 1, 2026. The sale or transfer of a  
10 firearm that occurs before January 1, 2026, is governed by the law  
11 in effect immediately before the effective date of this Act, and the  
12 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

13 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.