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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED 1 AN ACT 2 relating to exempting the intrastate manufacture of a firearm, a firearm accessory, or ammunition from federal regulation. 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: 4 5 SECTION 1. The Legislature of the State of Texas finds that: (1) The 6 Tenth Amendment to the United States 7 Constitution reserves to the states and the people all powers not granted to the federal government elsewhere in the constitution, as 8 those powers were understood at the time that Texas was admitted to 9 statehood in 1845. The guaranty of those powers is a matter of 10 11 contract between the state and people of Texas and the United States 12 dating from the time Texas became a state. 13 The Ninth Amendment to the United (2) States

13 (2) The Ninth Amendment to the United States 14 Constitution guarantees to the people rights not enumerated in the 15 constitution, as those rights were understood at the time Texas 16 became a state. The guaranty of those rights is a matter of contract 17 between the state and people of Texas and the United States dating 18 from the time Texas became a state.

19 (3) The regulation of intrastate commerce is vested in 20 the states under the Ninth and Tenth Amendments to the United States 21 Constitution if not expressly preempted by federal law. The United 22 States Congress has not expressly preempted state regulation of 23 intrastate commerce relating to the manufacture on an intrastate 24 basis of firearms, firearms accessories, and ammunition.

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(4) 1 The Second Amendment to the United States Constitution guarantees the right of the people to keep and bear 2 3 arms, as that right was understood at the time Texas became a state. The guaranty of that right is a matter of contract between the state 4 5 and people of Texas and the United States dating from the time Texas 6 became a state.

7 (5) Section 23, Article I, Texas Constitution, secures 8 to Texas citizens the right to keep and bear arms. That 9 constitutional protection is unchanged from the date the 10 constitution was adopted in 1876.

11 SECTION 2. The Legislature of the State of Texas declares 12 that a firearm, a firearm accessory, or ammunition manufactured in 13 Texas, as described by Chapter 2003, Business & Commerce Code, as 14 added by this Act, that remains within the borders of Texas:

(1) has not traveled in interstate commerce; and

16 (2) is not subject to federal law or federal
17 regulation, including registration, under the authority of the
18 United States Congress to regulate interstate commerce.

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SECTION 3. Title 99, Business & Commerce Code, is amended by adding Chapter 2003 to read as follows:

<u>CHAPTER 2003. INTRASTATE MANUFACTURE OF A FIREARM, A FIREARM</u>
 <u>ACCESSORY, OR AMMUNITION</u>
 <u>Sec. 2003.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:</u>

 (1) "Firearm accessory" means an item that is used in
 conjunction with or mounted on a firearm but is not essential to the
 <u>basic function of a firearm. The term includes a telescopic or laser</u>
 sight, magazine, flash or sound suppressor, folding or aftermarket

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1	stock and grip, speedloader, ammunition carrier, and light for
2	target illumination.
3	(2) "Generic and insignificant part" means an item
4	that has manufacturing or consumer product applications other than
5	inclusion in a firearm, a firearm accessory, or ammunition. The
6	term includes a spring, screw, nut, and pin.
7	(3) "Manufacture" includes forging, casting,
8	machining, or another process for working a material.
9	Sec. 2003.002. MEANING OF "MANUFACTURED IN THIS STATE." (a)
10	For the purposes of this chapter, a firearm, a firearm accessory, or
11	ammunition is manufactured in this state if the item is
12	manufactured:
13	(1) in this state from basic materials; and
14	(2) without the inclusion of any part imported from
15	another state other than a generic and insignificant part.
16	(b) For the purposes of this chapter, a firearm is
17	manufactured in this state if it is manufactured as described by
18	Subsection (a) without regard to whether a firearm accessory
19	imported into this state from another state is attached to or used
20	in conjunction with it.
21	Sec. 2003.003. NOT SUBJECT TO FEDERAL REGULATION. (a) A
22	firearm, a firearm accessory, or ammunition that is manufactured in
23	this state and remains in this state is not subject to federal law
24	or federal regulation, including registration, under the authority
25	of the United States Congress to regulate interstate commerce.
26	(b) A basic material from which a firearm, a firearm
27	accessory, or ammunition is manufactured in this state, including

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1	unmachined steel and unshaped wood, is not a firearm, a firearm
2	accessory, or ammunition and is not subject to federal regulation
3	under the authority of the United States Congress to regulate
4	interstate commerce as if it actually were a firearm, a firearm
5	accessory, or ammunition.
6	Sec. 2003.004. EXCEPTIONS. This chapter does not apply to:
7	(1) a firearm that cannot be carried and used by one
8	person;
9	(2) a firearm that has a bore diameter greater than 1.5
10	inches and that uses smokeless powder and not black powder as a
11	<pre>propellant;</pre>
12	(3) ammunition with a projectile that explodes using
13	an explosion of chemical energy after the projectile leaves the
14	<u>firearm; or</u>
15	(4) any firearm that is capable of shooting more than
16	two shots automatically, without manual reloading, by a single
17	function of the trigger.
18	Sec. 2003.005. MARKETING OF FIREARMS. A firearm
19	manufactured and sold in this state must have the words "Made in
20	Texas" clearly stamped on a central metallic part, such as the
21	receiver or frame.
22	Sec. 2003.006. ATTORNEY GENERAL. On written notification
23	to the attorney general by a United States citizen who resides in
24	this state of the citizen's intent to manufacture a firearm, a
25	firearm accessory, or ammunition to which this chapter applies, the
26	attorney general shall seek a declaratory judgment from a federal
27	district court in this state that this chapter is consistent with

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1 the United States Constitution.

2 SECTION 4. This Act applies only to a firearm, a firearm 3 accessory, as that term is defined by Section 2003.001, Business & 4 Commerce Code, as added by this Act, or ammunition that is 5 manufactured on or after the effective date of this Act.

6 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives 7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as 8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this 9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this 10 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.