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S.B. No. 1788

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an exemption from the sales tax on handguns, rifles, shotguns, and ammunition.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 151, Tax Code, is amended by adding Section 151.344 to read as follows:

Sec. 151.344. HANDGUNS, RIFLES, SHOTGUNS, AND AMMUNITION.

The sale of a handgun, a rifle, a shotgun, or ammunition for a handgun, rifle, or shotgun is exempted from the taxes imposed by this chapter if the sale takes place during a period beginning at 12:01 a.m. on the Friday preceding the second to last Monday in August and ending at 11:59 p.m. on the second to last Sunday in August.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act does not affect tax liability accruing before the effective date of this Act. That liability continues in effect as if this Act had not been enacted, and the former law is continued in effect for the collection of taxes due and for civil and criminal enforcement of the liability for those taxes.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2009.