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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a packaging notice for new firearms and firearm ammunition; imposing a criminal penalty.

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. FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION

Sec. 205.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

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

(2) "Package" means a box or container holding a good or product for sale or sold to an end user.

Sec. 205.002. APPLICABILITY. This chapter applies only to a firearm or ammunition for a firearm manufactured on or after September 1, 2014.

Sec. 205.003. MANUFACTURER NOTICE: NEW FIREARM. A manufacturer of a firearm may not sell in this state, or ship into this state for sale or resale or in connection with a sale, a new firearm unless the firearm's package includes, in bold font equal to or greater in size than the surrounding text, a notice disclosing the maximum distance a projectile travels when fired from the firearm.

Sec. 205.004. MANUFACTURER NOTICE: FIREARM AMMUNITION. A manufacturer of firearm ammunition may not sell in this state, or

1 ship into this state for sale or resale or in connection with a
2 sale, ammunition for a firearm unless the ammunition's package
3 includes, in bold font equal to or greater in size than the
4 surrounding text, a notice disclosing the maximum distance a
5 projectile from the ammunition travels when fired from a firearm.

6 Sec. 205.005. CRIMINAL PENALTY. (a) A person who violates
7 this chapter commits an offense.

8 (b) An offense under this section is a misdemeanor
9 punishable by a fine not to exceed \$250.

10 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.