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S.B. No. 459

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the regulation or taxation of firearms, air guns, knives, or ammunition by a municipality or county.

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

SECTION 1. Section 229.001, Local Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a) Notwithstanding any other law, including Section 43.002 of this code and Chapter 251, Agriculture Code, a municipality may not adopt or enforce regulations relating to:

(1) the transfer, sale, purchase, private ownership, keeping, transportation, manufacture, licensing, or registration of firearms, air guns, knives, ammunition, or firearm or air gun supplies; or

(2) the discharge of a firearm or air gun at a sport shooting range.

(a-1) A municipality may not impose a tax on firearms, air guns, knives, ammunition, or firearm or air gun supplies, other than a tax authorized by state law.

SECTION 2. Section 236.002, Local Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a) Notwithstanding any other law, including Chapter 251, Agriculture Code, a county may not adopt or enforce regulations

1 relating to:

2 (1) the transfer, sale, purchase, private ownership,
3 keeping, transportation, manufacture, licensing, or registration
4 of firearms, air guns, knives, ammunition, or firearm or air gun
5 supplies; or

6 (2) the discharge of a firearm or air gun at a sport
7 shooting range.

8 (a-1) A county may not impose a tax on firearms, air guns,
9 knives, ammunition, or firearm or air gun supplies, other than a tax
10 authorized by state law.

11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.