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H.B. No. 284

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a requirement to report certain multiple semiautomatic rifle sales and other transfers to the county sheriff.

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. REPORTS OF CERTAIN MULTIPLE FIREARM TRANSFERS

Sec. 205.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "licensed firearms dealer" means a person who is licensed as a firearms dealer under 18 U.S.C. Section 923.

Sec. 205.002. APPLICABILITY. This chapter applies only to a semiautomatic rifle that:

(1) is capable of accepting a detachable magazine; and

(2) has a caliber greater than .22.

Sec. 205.003. REPORT. A licensed firearms dealer who, on a single occasion or during a period of five consecutive business days, sells or otherwise transfers two or more semiautomatic rifles described by Section 205.002 to the same person, other than a licensed firearms dealer, promptly shall report each of the transfers made to that person to the sheriff of each county in which those transfers occurred.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to the sale or other transfer of a firearm that occurs on or after the effective date of this Act. A sale or other transfer of a

1 firearm that occurs before the effective date of this Act is
2 governed by the law in effect immediately before the effective date
3 of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.