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H.B. No. 324

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a requirement to report certain 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 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 sells or otherwise transfers a semiautomatic rifle described by Section 205.002 to a person who is under 21 years of age promptly shall report the transfer to the sheriff of the county in which the transfer 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 firearm that occurs before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect immediately before the effective date

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1 of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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