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H.B. No. 623

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to creating a criminal offense for the unlawful transfer  
of a semiautomatic rifle.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 46, Penal Code, is amended by adding  
Section 46.055 to read as follows:

Sec. 46.055. UNLAWFUL TRANSFER OF SEMIAUTOMATIC RIFLE. (a)  
A person commits an offense if the person knowingly sells, rents,  
leases, or otherwise transfers, or offers to sell, rent, lease, or  
otherwise transfer a semiautomatic rifle.

(b) An offense under this section is a state jail felony.

(c) If conduct that constitutes an offense under this  
section also constitutes an offense under any other law, the actor  
may be prosecuted under this section, the other law, or both.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.