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H.B. No. 2380

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to prohibiting the transfer of firearms to certain recipients.

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

SECTION 1. Section 46.06, Penal Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a), (c), and (d) and adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

(a) A person commits an offense if the person:

(1) sells, rents, leases, loans, or gives a handgun to any person knowing that the person to whom the handgun is to be delivered intends to use it unlawfully or in the commission of an unlawful act;

(2) intentionally or knowingly sells, rents, leases, or gives or offers to sell, rent, lease, or give:

(A) to a [any] child younger than 18 years of age a [any firearm], club, or location-restricted knife; or

(B) to a person younger than 21 years of age a firearm;

(3) intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly sells a firearm or ammunition for a firearm to any person who is intoxicated;

(4) knowingly sells a firearm or ammunition for a firearm to any person who has been convicted of a felony before the fifth anniversary of the later of the following dates:

1 (A) the person's release from confinement
2 following conviction of the felony; or

3 (B) the person's release from supervision under
4 community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision following
5 conviction of the felony;

6 (5) sells, rents, leases, loans, or gives a handgun to
7 any person knowing that an active protective order is directed to
8 the person to whom the handgun is to be delivered;

9 (6) knowingly purchases, rents, leases, or receives as
10 a loan or gift from another a handgun while an active protective
11 order is directed to the actor; or

12 (7) while prohibited from possessing a firearm under
13 state or federal law, knowingly makes a material false statement on
14 a form that is:

15 (A) required by state or federal law for the
16 purchase, sale, or other transfer of a firearm; and

17 (B) submitted to a firearms dealer licensed under
18 18 U.S.C. Section 923.

19 (c) It is an affirmative defense to prosecution under
20 Subsection (a)(2)(A) [~~(a)(2)~~] that the transfer was to a minor
21 whose parent or the person having legal custody of the minor had
22 given written permission for the sale or, if the transfer was other
23 than a sale, the parent or person having legal custody had given
24 effective consent.

25 (c-1) It is an exception to the application of Subsection
26 (a)(2)(B) that the transfer of the firearm is necessary for the
27 actual discharge of the recipient's official duties as a peace

1 officer or a member of the United States armed forces or state
2 military forces, as defined by Section 437.001, Government Code.

3 (d) An offense under this section is a Class A misdemeanor,
4 except that:

5 (1) an offense under Subsection (a)(2)(B) [~~(a)(2)~~] is
6 a state jail felony if the firearm [~~weapon~~] that is the subject of
7 the offense is a handgun; and

8 (2) an offense under Subsection (a)(7) is a state jail
9 felony.

10 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
11 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.
12 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
13 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,
14 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For
15 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the
16 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred
17 before that date.

18 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.