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H.B. No. 2393

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the prosecution of the criminal offense of the possession, manufacture, transport, repair, or sale of certain devices intended to modify handguns.

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

SECTION 1. Section 46.05(a), Penal Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A person commits an offense if the person intentionally or knowingly possesses, manufactures, transports, repairs, or sells:

(1) any of the following items, unless the item is registered in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record maintained by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives or otherwise not subject to that registration requirement or unless the item is classified as a curio or relic by the United States Department of Justice:

(A) an explosive weapon;

(B) a machine gun; ~~[or]~~

(C) a short-barrel firearm; or

(D) a device designed and intended to make a handgun capable of automatically shooting more than one shot, without manual reloading, by a single function of the trigger;

(2) armor-piercing ammunition;

(3) a chemical dispensing device;

- (4) a zip gun;
- (5) a tire deflation device; or
- (6) an improvised explosive device.

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

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