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S.B. No. 1711

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to prohibiting 3D-printed firearms; creating an offense.

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

4 SECTION 1. Section 46.132, Penal Code, is amended by to read
5 as follows:

6 Sec. 46.132. PROHIBITION ON 3D-PRINTED FIREARMS. (a) In
7 this section:

8 (1) "3D-printed firearm" means a firearm, or any major
9 component of a firearm, that is produced by a three-dimensional
10 printing process, regardless of the material used.

11 (2) "Digital firearm schematic" means any
12 computer-aided design (CAD) file or other digital instruction
13 designed for the production of a firearm or major firearm component
14 using additive manufacturing or 3D-printing technology.

15 (b) A person may not manufacture, sell, transfer, or possess
16 a 3D-printed firearm in the State of Texas.

17 (c) A person may not distribute, publish, or otherwise make
18 available any digital firearm schematic to another person in Texas
19 with the intent of facilitating the production of a firearm using a
20 3D printer or similar technology.

21 (d) This section does not apply to:

22 (1) A state or federal law enforcement agency or an
23 employee thereof acting within the scope of their official duties.

24 (2) A licensed firearms manufacturer producing

1 firearms using additive manufacturing techniques in compliance
2 with federal and state laws.

3 (3) Research institutions conducting studies on
4 3D-printing technology under approval from the Texas Department of
5 Public Safety.

6 (e) A person who violates subsection (b) commits a felony of
7 the third degree. A person who violates subsection (c) commits a
8 Class A misdemeanor.

9 SECTION 2. Section 46.132, Penal Code, as amended by this
10 Act, applies only to an offense committed on or after the effective
11 date of this Act. An offense committed before the effective date of
12 this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was
13 committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that
14 purpose. For purposes of this section, an offense was committed
15 before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense
16 occurred before that date.