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S.B. No. 1711

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(d) This section does not apply to:

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

(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.