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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1820

5 By: Representatives Gonzales, *Wardlaw*
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT CONCERNING FIREARMS; CONCERNING FIREARM NOISE
9 SUPPRESSORS AND MACHINE GUNS; CONCERNING COMPLIANCE
10 WITH THE NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 CONCERNING FIREARMS; CONCERNING FIREARM
16 NOISE SUPPRESSORS AND MACHINE GUNS; AND
17 CONCERNING COMPLIANCE WITH THE NATIONAL
18 FIREARMS ACT.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-73-104 is amended to read as follows:*
24 *5-73-104. Criminal use of prohibited weapons.*

25 *(a) A person commits the offense of criminal use of prohibited weapons*
26 *if, except as authorized by law, he or she knowingly uses, possesses, makes,*
27 *repairs, sells, or otherwise deals in any:*

28 *(1) Bomb;*

29 ~~*(2) Machine gun;*~~

30 ~~*(3) Sawed-off shotgun or rifle;*~~

31 ~~*(4) Firearm specially made or specially adapted for silent*~~
32 ~~*discharge;*~~

33 ~~*(5)(2) Metal knuckles; or*~~

34 ~~*(6)(3) Other implement for the infliction of serious physical*~~
35 ~~*injury or death that serves no lawful purpose.*~~

36 *(b) This section does not apply if the person uses, possesses, makes,*



1 repairs, sells, or otherwise deals in an item described in this section that
 2 is in compliance with the National Firearms Act, 26 U.S.C. §§ 5801 – 5861, or
 3 other applicable federal law, as either existed on January 1, 2019.

4 ~~(b)(c)~~ It is a defense to prosecution under this section that:

5 (1) The defendant was a law enforcement officer, prosecuting
 6 attorney, deputy prosecuting attorney, prison guard, or member of the ~~armed~~
 7 ~~forces~~ United States Armed Forces acting in the course and scope of his or
 8 her duty at the time he or she used or possessed the prohibited weapon; or

9 (2) The defendant used, possessed, made, repaired, sold, or
 10 otherwise dealt in any article enumerated in subsection (a) of this section
 11 under circumstances negating any likelihood that the weapon could be used as
 12 a weapon.

13 ~~(e)(1)(d)(1)~~ Criminal use of prohibited weapons is a Class B felony if
 14 the weapon is a bomb, machine gun, or firearm specially made or specially
 15 adapted for silent discharge.

16 (2) Criminal use of prohibited weapons is a Class A misdemeanor
 17 if the offense is possession of metal knuckles.

18 (3) Otherwise, criminal use of prohibited weapons is a Class D
 19 felony.

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 21 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 5-73-109 is amended to read as follows:

22 5-73-109. Furnishing a deadly weapon to a minor.

23 (a) A person commits the offense of furnishing a deadly weapon to a
 24 minor if he or she sells, barter, leases, gives, rents, or otherwise
 25 furnishes a firearm or other deadly weapon to a minor without the consent of
 26 a parent, guardian, or other person responsible for general supervision of
 27 the minor's welfare.

28 (b)(1) Furnishing a deadly weapon to a minor is a Class A misdemeanor.

29 (2) However, furnishing a deadly weapon to a minor is a Class B
 30 felony if the deadly weapon is:

31 (A) A handgun;

32 ~~(B) A sawed-off or short-barrelled shotgun, as defined in~~
 33 ~~§ 5-1-102;~~

34 ~~(C) A sawed-off or short-barrelled rifle, as defined in §~~
 35 ~~5-1-102;~~

36 ~~(D) A firearm that has been specially made or specially~~

1 ~~adapted for silent discharge;~~

2 ~~(E) A machine gun;~~

3 ~~(F)(B)~~ An explosive or incendiary device, as defined in §
4 5-71-301;

5 ~~(G)(C)~~ Metal knuckles;

6 ~~(H)(D)~~ A defaced firearm, as ~~defined~~ described in § 5-73-
7 107; or

8 ~~(I)(E)~~ Another implement for the infliction of serious
9 physical injury or death that serves no ~~common~~ lawful purpose.

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11 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 5-73-129 is amended to read as follows:

12 5-73-129. Furnishing a handgun or a prohibited weapon to a felon.

13 (a) A person commits the offense of furnishing a handgun to a felon if
14 he or she sells, barter, leases, gives, rents, or otherwise furnishes a
15 handgun to a person who he or she knows has been found guilty of or pleaded
16 guilty or nolo contendere to a felony.

17 (b) A person commits the offense of furnishing a prohibited weapon to
18 a felon if he or she sells, barter, leases, gives, rents, or otherwise
19 furnishes:

20 (1) ~~A sawed-off shotgun or rifle;~~

21 ~~(2) A firearm that has been specially made or specially adapted
22 for silent discharge;~~

23 ~~(3) A machine gun;~~

24 ~~(4) A bomb;~~

25 ~~(5)(2)~~ Metal knuckles;

26 ~~(6)(3)~~ A defaced firearm, as ~~defined~~ described in § 5-73-107; or

27 ~~(7)(4)~~ Other implement for the infliction of serious physical
28 injury or death that serves no ~~common~~ lawful purpose,

29 to a person ~~who~~ he or she knows has been found guilty of or who has pleaded
30 guilty or nolo contendere to a felony.

31 (c) Furnishing a handgun or a prohibited weapon to a felon is a Class
32 B felony.

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34 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 5-73-132 is amended to read as follows:

35 5-73-132. Sale, rental, or transfer of firearm to person prohibited
36 from possessing firearms.

1 (a) A person shall not sell, rent, or transfer a firearm to any person
2 who he or she knows is prohibited by state or federal law from possessing the
3 firearm.

4 (b)(1) Violation of this section is a Class A misdemeanor, unless the
5 firearm is:

6 (A) A handgun;

7 ~~(B) A sawed off or short barreled shotgun, as defined in~~
8 ~~§ 5-1-102;~~

9 ~~(C) A sawed off or short barreled rifle, as defined in §~~
10 ~~5-1-102;~~

11 ~~(D) A firearm that has been specially made or specially~~
12 ~~adapted for silent discharge;~~

13 ~~(E) A machine gun;~~

14 ~~(F)(B) An explosive or incendiary device, as defined in §~~
15 ~~5-71-301;~~

16 ~~(G)(C) A defaced firearm, as ~~defined~~ described in § 5-73-~~
17 ~~107; or~~

18 ~~(H)(D) Other implement for the infliction of serious~~
19 ~~physical injury or death that serves no ~~common~~ lawful purpose.~~

20 (2) If the firearm is listed in subdivision (b)(1) of this
21 section, a violation of this section is a Class B felony.

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23 /s/Gonzales

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26 **APPROVED: 4/16/19**