

SENATE BILL 2305

By Rose

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 54; Title 39 and Title 40, relative to identifying characteristics of firearms.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-134, is amended by deleting the period at the end of subsection (b) and substituting:

, or SECTION 2 of this act, relative to firearms.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b), it is an offense to knowingly receive, possess, conceal, store, barter, sell, transfer, or dispose of a firearm that has had the importer's or manufacturer's serial number removed, obliterated, or altered.

(b) It is not an offense under subsection (a) for:

(1) A law enforcement officer or law enforcement agency, acting pursuant to § 39-17-1317, to confiscate and dispose of a firearm that has had the importer's or manufacturer's serial number removed, obliterated, or altered; or

(2) A person to knowingly receive, possess, conceal, store, barter, sell, transfer, or dispose of a firearm that bears a serial number assigned to the firearm by the director of the Tennessee bureau of investigation pursuant to § 39-17-1318.

(c) A violation of subsection (a) is a Class E felony.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it.