
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION.

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

1 PART I

2 SECTION 1. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by
3 adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read
4 as follows:

5 "CHAPTER

6 GUN VIOLENCE AND VIOLENT CRIMES COMMISSION

7 § -1 Gun violence and violent crimes commission;
8 established. There is established the gun violence and violent
9 crimes commission that shall be placed within the department of
10 the attorney general for administrative purposes only.

11 § -2 Gun violence and violent crimes commission;
12 membership. (a) The attorney general or the attorney general's
13 designee shall coordinate and serve as the chair of the gun
14 violence and violent crimes commission.

15 (b) The following individuals, or their designees, shall
16 serve as members of the gun violence and violent crimes
17 commission:



- 1 (1) The chief justice of the supreme court of Hawaii;
- 2 (2) The director of health;
- 3 (3) The director of public safety;
- 4 (4) A county prosecuting attorney to be selected by the
- 5 chair of the commission;
- 6 (5) The public defender;
- 7 (6) The chief of police of each county;
- 8 (7) The administrator of the Hawaii state hospital;
- 9 (8) The dean of the college of social sciences at the
- 10 University of Hawaii at Manoa;
- 11 (9) The dean of the John A. Burns school of medicine;
- 12 (10) One representative from Everytown for Gun Safety; and
- 13 (11) One representative from a firearm advocacy group.
- 14 (c) The chair of the gun violence and violent crimes
- 15 commission may request the participation or input of experts in
- 16 gun violence and violent crimes; county, state, and federal
- 17 officials; members of the public; and other persons as
- 18 necessary.
- 19 (d) The members of the gun violence and violent crimes
- 20 commission shall serve without compensation but may be



1 reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses, including
2 travel expenses, incurred in carrying out their duties.

3 § -3 Gun violence and violent crimes commission; powers
4 and duties. (a) The purpose of the gun violence and violent
5 crimes commission shall be to address gun violence and violent
6 crimes in Hawaii.

7 (b) The gun violence and violent crimes commission shall
8 provide coordination, facilitation, and planning among state and
9 county agencies, federal agencies, and other partners as
10 appropriate to carry out its purpose.

11 (c) The gun violence and violent crimes commission shall
12 endeavor to:

13 (1) Identify relevant data that may be used to reduce gun
14 violence and violent crimes;

15 (2) Identify areas in which relevant data is not
16 available;

17 (3) Maximize the sharing between the agencies represented
18 on the commission and other appropriate stakeholders
19 of data relevant to reducing gun violence and violent
20 crimes; and



1 (4) Coordinate and conduct research on gun violence and
2 violent crimes.

3 (d) The gun violence and violent crimes commission may
4 work with and engage stakeholders for the purposes of this
5 chapter.

6 (e) The gun violence and violent crimes commission shall
7 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including
8 any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than
9 December 31 of each year on policy relating to preventing gun
10 violence and violent crimes.

11 (f) The gun violence and violent crimes commission shall
12 be exempt from chapter 92 to protect the sensitive nature of
13 relevant data and information."

14 PART II

15 SECTION 2. The legislature finds that a "ghost gun" is a
16 firearm that is assembled without serial numbers or other
17 identification markings. A person may assemble a ghost gun from
18 a prepackaged kit requiring only minimal expertise and, thus,
19 bypass background checks, registration, and other legal
20 requirements. The legislature also finds that the State's lack
21 of laws addressing ghost guns allows persons who would normally



1 be prohibited under state law from owning or possessing firearms
2 to do so. The ease with which ghost guns may be obtained
3 defeats the intent of the State's otherwise strict firearm
4 permitting and registration laws. It is these laws that have
5 helped Hawaii to achieve the lowest gun violence death rate in
6 the nation.

7 Accordingly, the purpose of this part is to:

- 8 (1) Prohibit the manufacture, purchase, or obtaining of
- 9 firearm parts for the purpose of assembling a firearm
- 10 having no serial number; and
- 11 (2) Amend certain requirements relating to firearms
- 12 registration.

13 SECTION 3. Chapter 134, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended by adding a new section to part I to be appropriately
15 designated and to read as follows:

16 "§134- Manufacturing, purchasing, or obtaining firearm
17 parts to assemble a firearm having no serial number; penalty.

18 (a) A person who is not licensed to manufacture a firearm under
19 section 134-31, or who is not a dealer licensed by the United
20 States Department of Justice, shall not, for the purpose of



1 assembling a firearm, purchase, produce with a three-dimensional
2 printer, or otherwise obtain separately, or as part of a kit:

3 (1) A firearm receiver that is not imprinted with a serial
4 number registered with a federally licensed
5 manufacturer;

6 (2) A firearm receiver that has not been provided a serial
7 number that may be registered in accordance with
8 section 134-3(c); or

9 (3) Any combination of parts from which a firearm having
10 no serial number may be readily assembled; provided
11 that the parts do not have the capacity to function as
12 a firearm unless assembled.

13 (b) Violation of this section is a class C felony."

14 SECTION 4. Section 134-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
15 amended by adding three new definitions to be appropriately
16 inserted and to read as follows:

17 "Assembly" means the fabrication of a firearm or the
18 fitting together of component parts to construct a firearm.

19 "Firearm receiver" means the part of a firearm that
20 provides housing for the firearm's internal components,
21 including a hammer, bolt, breechblock, action, or firing



1 mechanism. "Firearm receiver" includes any object or part that
2 is not a firearm frame or receiver in finished form but that is
3 designed or intended to be used for that purpose and may readily
4 be made into a firearm frame or receiver through milling or
5 other means."

6 SECTION 5. Section 134-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
7 amended by amending subsections (a) through (d) to read as
8 follows:

9 "(a) Every resident or person arriving in the State who
10 brings or by any other manner causes to be brought into the
11 State a firearm of any description, whether usable or unusable,
12 serviceable or unserviceable, modern or antique, shall register
13 the firearm within five days after arrival of the person or of
14 the firearm, whichever arrives later, with the chief of police
15 of the county of the person's place of business or, if there is
16 no place of business, the person's residence or, if there is
17 neither a place of business nor residence, the person's place of
18 sojourn. A nonresident alien may bring firearms not otherwise
19 prohibited by law into the State for a continuous period not to
20 exceed ninety days; provided that the person meets the



1 registration requirement of this section and the person
2 possesses:

- 3 (1) A valid Hawaii hunting license procured under chapter
4 183D, part II, or a commercial or private shooting
5 preserve permit issued pursuant to section 183D-34;
6 (2) A written document indicating the person has been
7 invited to the State to shoot on private land; or
8 (3) Written notification from a firing range or target
9 shooting business indicating that the person will
10 actually engage in target shooting.

11 The nonresident alien shall be limited to a nontransferable
12 registration of not more than ten firearms for the purpose of
13 the above activities.

14 Every person registering a firearm under this subsection
15 shall be fingerprinted and photographed by the police department
16 of the county of registration; provided that this requirement
17 shall be waived where fingerprints and photographs are already
18 on file with the police department. The police department shall
19 perform an inquiry on the person by using the International
20 Justice and Public Safety Network, including the United States
21 Immigration and Customs Enforcement query, the National Crime



1 Information Center, and the National Instant Criminal Background
2 Check System, pursuant to section 846-2.7 before any
3 determination to register a firearm is made. Any person
4 attempting to register a firearm, a firearm receiver, or the
5 parts used to assemble a firearm, and who is found to be
6 disqualified from ownership, possession, or control of firearms
7 or ammunition under section 134-7, shall surrender or dispose of
8 all firearms and ammunition pursuant to section 134-7.3.

9 (b) Every person who acquires a firearm pursuant to
10 section 134-2 shall register the firearm in the manner
11 prescribed by this section within five days of acquisition. The
12 registration of all firearms shall be on forms prescribed by the
13 attorney general, which shall be uniform throughout the State,
14 and shall include the following information: name of the
15 manufacturer and importer; model; type of action; caliber or
16 gauge; serial number; and source from which receipt was
17 obtained, including the name and address of the prior
18 registrant. If the firearm has been assembled from separate
19 parts and an unfinished firearm receiver, the entity that
20 registered the firearm receiver shall be recorded in the space
21 provided for the name of the manufacturer and importer, and the



1 phrase "assembled from parts" shall be recorded in the space
2 provided for model. If the firearm has been assembled from
3 parts created using a three-dimensional printer, the entity that
4 registered the firearm receiver shall be recorded in the space
5 provided for the name of the manufacturer and importer, and the
6 phrase "3-D printer" shall be recorded in the space provided for
7 model. If the firearm has no serial number, the [permit]
8 registration number shall be entered in the space provided for
9 the serial number, and the [permit] registration number shall be
10 engraved upon the receiver portion of the firearm before
11 registration. On firearms assembled from parts created using a
12 three-dimensional printer, the serial number shall be engraved
13 on stainless steel and permanently embedded to the firearm
14 receiver during fabrication or construction. All registration
15 data that would identify the individual registering the firearm
16 by name or address shall be confidential and shall not be
17 disclosed to anyone, except as may be required:

- 18 (1) For processing the registration;
- 19 (2) For database management by the Hawaii criminal justice
- 20 data center;



1 (3) By a law enforcement agency for the lawful performance
2 of its duties; or

3 (4) By order of a court.

4 (c) Dealers licensed under section 134-31 or dealers
5 licensed by the United States Department of Justice shall
6 register firearms pursuant to this section on registration forms
7 prescribed by the attorney general and shall not be required to
8 have the firearms physically inspected by the chief of police at
9 the time of registration. An authorized dealer, as provided in
10 section 134-31, or a dealer licensed by the United States
11 Department of Justice, who brings, assembles, or causes to be
12 brought into the State by any other means, separate parts and an
13 unfinished firearm receiver that when assembled create a
14 firearm, or parts created by a three-dimensional printer that
15 when assembled create a firearm, shall register the unfinished
16 firearm receiver and receive a serial number before the assembly
17 of the firearm or the sale or transfer of unassembled firearm
18 parts or a receiver to a third party in accordance with
19 subsection (b). Any sale or transfer of unfinished firearm
20 receivers by an authorized dealer to a third party shall be
21 conducted as if they were fully assembled firearms with a serial



1 number engraved on the firearm receiver and in accordance with
2 the firearms permitting process in section 134-2. All other
3 firearms and firearm receivers registered under this section
4 shall be physically inspected by the respective county chief of
5 police or the chief's representative at the time of
6 registration.

7 (d) Registration shall not be required for:

- 8 (1) Any device that is designed to fire loose black powder
9 or that is a firearm manufactured before 1899;
- 10 (2) Any device not designed to fire or made incapable of
11 being readily restored to a firing condition; or
- 12 (3) All unserviceable firearms and destructive devices
13 registered with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, [and]
14 Firearms, and Explosives of the United States
15 Department of Justice pursuant to Title 27, Code of
16 Federal Regulations."

17 PART III

18 SECTION 6. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
19 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
20 begun before its effective date.



1 SECTION 7. If any provision of this Act, or the
2 application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held
3 invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or
4 applications of the Act that can be given effect without the
5 invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions
6 of this Act are severable.

7 SECTION 8. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 9. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Gun Violence and Violent Crimes Commission; Firearms; Ghost
Guns; Registration

Description:

Establishes the gun violence and violent crimes commission.
Requires reports to the Legislature. Makes it a class C felony
to purchase, manufacture, or otherwise obtain firearm parts for
the purpose of assembling a firearm having no serial number.
Amends certain requirements relating to firearms registration.
Takes effect on 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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