

HB 2005 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Defines frame as the part of a handgun or variant of a handgun that provides housing or a structure for the primary energized component designed to hold back the hammer, striker, bolt or similar element, prior to initiation of the firing sequence, even if pins or other attachments are required to attach the component to the housing or structure. Defines receiver as the part of a rifle, shotgun or projectile weapon other than a handgun, that provides housing or a structure for the primary component designed to block or seal the breech prior to initiation of the firing sequence, even if pins or other attachments are required to connect the component to the housing or structure. Defines undetectable firearm as: a firearm constructed or produced, including through a 3-D printing process, entirely of nonmetal substances; that, after removal of grips, stocks and magazines, is not as detectable as a security exemplar by a walk-through metal detector calibrated to detect the security; or that includes a major component that, if subjected to inspection by the X-ray machines, would not generate an image that accurately depicts the shape of the component. Defines unfinished frame or receiver as a forging, casting, printing, extrusion, machined body or similar item that: is designed to or may readily be completed, assembled or otherwise converted to function as a frame or receiver; or is marketed or sold to the public to be completed, assembled or otherwise converted to function as a frame or receiver. Provides that an unfinished frame or receiver does not include a component designed and intended for use in an antique firearm. Prohibits a person from knowingly manufacturing or causing to be manufactured within the state, import in the state, or offer for sale, sell or transfer, an undetectable firearm and classifies the violation as a Class B felony. Prohibits a person from possessing an undetectable firearm and classifies the violation as a Class A misdemeanor, or a class B felony if the person has one or more prior convictions for the same offense, and requires forfeiture of the undetectable firearm. Prohibits a person from knowingly possessing, offering for sale or transfer a firearm unless the firearm has been imprinted with serial number by a federally licensed firearm manufacturer, importer or dealer, or a gunsmith and classifies the violation as a Class B violation, a class A misdemeanor if the person has a prior conviction of the same offense, or a Class B felony if the person has two or more prior convictions of the same offense. Provides that the unlawful possession of an unserialized firearm does not apply to an antique firearm, firearms manufactured prior to October 22, 1968, firearms rendered permanently inoperable, a person licensed as a firearm manufacturer, or a gunsmith taking possession of the firearm to serialize it. Prohibits a person from knowingly importing in the state, offering for sale, selling or transferring an unfinished frame or receiver unless: the person is licensed as a firearm dealer; the name of the manufacturer and an individual serial number is conspicuously placed on the unfinished frame or receiver; and the person maintains records relating to the unfinished frame or receiver and classifies the violation as a Class B violation, a class A misdemeanor if the person has a prior conviction of the same offense, or a Class B felony if the person has two or more prior convictions of the same offense. Prohibits a person from knowingly possessing an unfinished frame or receiver that is not serialized unless: the person is a federally licensed gun manufacturer and the unfinished frame or receiver is an unfinished part within a manufacturing process that includes serialization and classifies the violation as a Class B violation, a class A misdemeanor if the person has a prior conviction of the same offense, or a Class B felony if the person has two or more prior convictions of the same offense. Provides that a person commits the crime of unlawful possession of a firearm if a person is prohibited under law from possessing a firearm and possess an unfinished frame or receiver. Requires a permit to purchase an unfinished frame or receiver. Requires gun dealers

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to, when selling an unfinished frame or receiver, to provide the Department of State Police (OSP) with a description of the unfinished frame or receiver being transferred and are not permitted to transfer the unfinished frame or receiver unless the dealer receives a unique approval number from OSP. Permits a law enforcement agency to inspect the records of gun dealers relating to the transfer of unfinished frames or receivers. Provides that knowingly selling an unfinished frame or receiver to a person without a valid permit-to-purchase is or prior to receiving a unique approval number from OSP is a Class A misdemeanor. Declares emergency.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Undetectable and unserialized firearms ("ghost guns") lack a serial number and those made on 3D printers are made without metal components, allowing them to pass through metal detectors without setting off alarms. Ghost guns can also be obtained without a background check. According to the US Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), from 2016 to 2020, law enforcement agencies recovered 24,000 untraceable firearms. As of August 24, 2022, the federal government adopted rules requiring all unfinished frames and receivers to be serialized and sold through the legal background check process. The federal rules do not address undetectable firearms printed on 3D printers. Additionally the federal rules only regulate Federal Firearm License holders (FFL)--those engaged in the legal manufacture, import, sale, or dealing of firearms. Oregon law does not regulate the manufacture, sale, or possession of ghost guns.

Guns that are undetectable or unserialized are known as "ghost guns." Ghost guns do not have a serial number and those made on 3D printers do not have metal components, allowing them to pass through metal detectors undetected. Ghost guns can also be legally obtained without a background check. According to the US Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), ghost guns made up 30% of recovered firearms in California. As of August 24, 2022, the federal government adopted rules requiring all unfinished frames and receivers to be serialized and sold through the legal background check process. The federal rules do not address undetectable firearms printed on 3D printers. Additionally the federal rules only regulate Federal Firearm License holders (FFL)--those engaged in the legal manufacture, import, sale, or dealing of firearms. Oregon law does not regulate the manufacture, sale, or possession of ghost guns.

Senate Bill 2005 prohibits a person from knowingly manufacturing, importing, selling or transferring an undetectable firearm; prohibits a person from knowingly possessing, selling or transferring a firearm unless the firearm has been imprinted with a serial number by an FFL holder; and prohibits a person from possessing an unfinished frame or receiver unless the person is an FFL dealer or it has been serialized and the name of the manufacturer imprinted on it.