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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING AMMUNITION CODING.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2008*) For the purposes of
2 sections 2 to 4, inclusive, of this act, "coded ammunition" means a
3 bullet carrying a unique identifier etched onto the base of the bullet
4 projectile by the manufacturer.

5 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2008*) (a) On and after January 1,
6 2010, no person shall manufacture or sell at retail in this state any
7 handgun or assault weapon ammunition unless such ammunition is
8 coded ammunition.

9 (b) Not later than January 1, 2012, any private person or person
10 selling handgun or assault weapon ammunition at retail in this state
11 who possesses any noncoded handgun or assault weapon ammunition
12 shall dispose of such ammunition in a manner prescribed by the
13 Commissioner of Public Safety.

14 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2008*) (a) The Commissioner of
15 Public Safety shall establish and maintain an ammunition coding

16 system database containing the information specified in subsections (b)
17 and (c) of this section.

18 (b) Any person who manufactures handgun or assault weapon
19 ammunition in this state shall:

20 (1) Register with the Commissioner of Public Safety in a manner
21 prescribed by the commissioner; and

22 (2) Maintain records on the business premises for a period of seven
23 years concerning all sales, deliveries and other transfers of coded
24 ammunition to, from or within the state.

25 (c) Any person who sells handgun or assault weapon ammunition
26 at retail in this state shall:

27 (1) Register with the Commissioner of Public Safety in a manner
28 prescribed by the commissioner;

29 (2) Record the following information in a format prescribed by the
30 commissioner:

31 (A) The date of each sale of coded ammunition;

32 (B) The name of the purchaser;

33 (C) The purchaser's motor vehicle operator's license number or
34 other government-issued identification card number;

35 (D) The date of birth of the purchaser;

36 (E) The unique identifier of the ammunition sold; and

37 (F) All other information prescribed by the commissioner; and

38 (3) Maintain on the business premises a record of each sale of coded
39 ammunition for a period of three years from the date of such sale.

40 (d) To the extent possible or practical, the commissioner shall

41 establish the ammunition coding system database within the
42 framework of existing firearms databases. The ammunition coding
43 system database shall be operational not later than January 1, 2010.

44 (e) Information in the ammunition coding system database shall be
45 confidential and not disclosed except, upon request, to federal, state
46 and local law enforcement officials acting in the performance of their
47 official duties in the investigation of the commission of a criminal
48 offense.

49 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2008*) (a) Any person who sells
50 handgun or assault weapon ammunition at retail in this state who
51 intentionally or knowingly fails to comply with, or falsifies the records
52 required to be kept by, section 2 or 3 of this act shall be guilty of a class
53 A misdemeanor.

54 (b) Any person who manufactures handgun or assault weapon
55 ammunition in this state who fails to comply with the provisions of
56 section 2 or 3 of this act shall be liable for a civil penalty, imposed by
57 the Commissioner of Public Safety after notice and hearing in
58 accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes, of not more than
59 one thousand dollars for a first violation, not more than five thousand
60 dollars for a second violation, and not more than ten thousand dollars
61 for a subsequent violation.

62 (c) Any person who intentionally or knowingly removes, defaces,
63 alters or obliterates the ammunition coding required by section 2 of
64 this act shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

65 Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2008*) The Commissioner of Public
66 Safety shall adopt regulations in accordance with chapter 54 of the
67 general statutes to carry out the provisions of sections 1 to 4, inclusive,
68 of this act.

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| <p>This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:</p> |
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| Section 1 | <i>October 1, 2008</i> | New section |
| Sec. 2 | <i>October 1, 2008</i> | New section |
| Sec. 3 | <i>October 1, 2008</i> | New section |
| Sec. 4 | <i>October 1, 2008</i> | New section |
| Sec. 5 | <i>October 1, 2008</i> | New section |

Statement of Purpose:

To require that ammunition for handguns and assault weapons manufactured or sold in this state be coded with a unique identifier and that records be maintained of all purchases of the coded ammunition and of the individuals who purchased such ammunition.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]