

SENATE BILL 1908

By Jackson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to firearms and firearm ammunition and to enact the "Second Amendment Protection Act".

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

Section 39-17-1363.

(a) This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Second Amendment Protection Act"

(b) As used in this section, "microstamped" means the technology by which a laser or other device is used to make precise, microscopic engravings on the internal mechanisms of a firearm for the purpose of ballistic imprinting, such as the firing pin, breech face or other internal mechanism, or the casing of a cartridge, so that when the firearm is fired, information identifying the make, model and serial number of the firearm, or the purchaser of the ammunition, is stamped on the discharged cartridge case and can then be matched to a specific firearm, purchaser or purchaser of ammunition.

(c) It is a offense for a person licensed as a firearm dealer under 18 U.S.C. § 923, to transfer, sell, deliver, or offer for sale, delivery or transfer, in this state any new firearm, as defined in § 39-11-106, or any firearm ammunition knowing that the firearm or ammunition has been microstamped.

(d) The owner of a firearm or firearm ammunition lawfully acquired may have such firearm or ammunition microstamped provided it was not originally sold in a microstamped condition in this state.

(e) A violation of this section is a fine only Class A misdemeanor and each sale or offer for sale of a microstamped new firearm or ammunition is a separate offense.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.