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Proposed law creates the "Law Enforcement Ammunition Tracking Act".

<u>Proposed law</u> provides for the following definitions:

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- (1) "Department" means the Department of Public Safety and Corrections.
- (2) "Employee" means a person employed by a retail store or a specialty store for a specific salary or wage.
- (3) "Firearm" means any pistol, revolver, rifle, a rifle having a barrel of less than sixteen inches in length, shotgun, a shotgun having a barrel of less than eighteen inches in length, machine gun, submachine gun, black powder weapon, and assault rifle which is designed to fire or is capable of firing fixed cartridge ammunition or from which a shot or projectile is discharged by an explosive.
- (4) "Owner" means any person not a manufacturer or importer engaged in this state in the business of selling any firearm or ammunition for use in a firearm at a specialty store. The term includes wholesalers, pawnbrokers, and other persons dealing in new or used firearms.
- (5) "Retail store" means an entity licensed to do business in the state that sells goods such as firearms and ammunition for use in firearms directly to consumers with the goal of earning a profit.
- (6) "Sale" includes the transfer, assignment, pledge, lease, loan, gift, or other disposition of any firearm.
- (7) "Specialty store" means an entity licensed to do business in the state that offers unique firearms or a large number of firearms and ammunition for use in firearms, for sale directly to consumers with the goal of earning a profit.

Proposed law requires the following when purchasing ammunition for use in a firearm:

- (1) The purchaser produces a federal or state issued photo identification, or a document that, with respect to identification.
- (2) The purchaser signs a written or electronic log or receipt showing the date of the transaction, the name of the purchaser, and the amount of ammunition sold.

(3) The transaction information is recorded by the retail or specialty store and transmitted to the central computer monitoring system as provided for in <u>proposed law</u> and the National Crime Information System.

<u>Proposed law</u> exempts any federal, state, or local governmental agency, department or office with law enforcement authority who purchase ammunition for use in the scope and duty of employment.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides for the following to be recorded to facilitate the monitoring of sales of ammunition for use in a firearm:

- (1) The date of the transaction.
- (2) The name and address of the purchaser verified through photo identification of the purchaser.
- (3) The name and quantity of ammunition purchased, received, or otherwise acquired.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that upon recordation of the transaction information, the retail or specialty store shall transmit the information immediately to a central computer system for purposes of monitoring the sales of ammunition with local law enforcement authorities and to the National Crime Information System. <u>Proposed law</u> further provides for the central computer system authorized by <u>proposed law</u> to be designed and operated to allow the monitoring and reading of sales information regarding ammunition at the point of sale instantly and on a real time basis.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that funding for the acquisition, implementation, and operation of the central computer monitoring system shall be funded through appropriation, gifts, grants, donations, or any other funding sources not otherwise prohibited by law.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of state police, and the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association may actively seek gifts, grants, and donations that may be available through the federal government or other sources to help fund the central computer monitoring system, provided that such gifts, grants, and donations are not otherwise prohibited by law or rule.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides for the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of state police to share the information regarding the sale of ammunition as authorized by the provisions of <u>proposed law</u> and provide instant access to the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association and the National Crime Information System.

<u>Proposed law provides</u> that no employee at a retail or specialty store, which sells ammunition for use in a firearm, located in Louisiana shall be held responsible for failure to transmit transaction information as required by <u>proposed law</u> if at any time the central computer monitoring system is rendered inoperable due to natural disaster, tampering, or any other reason.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that no owner, operator, or employee of a retail or specialty store, which sells ammunition for use in a firearm, shall be personally liable for any act or omission resulting in

damage, injury, or loss arising out of the selling of ammunition and the transmittal of that transaction to the central computer monitoring program as authorized by the provisions of <u>proposed law;</u> however, this limitation of liability is not applicable if the damage, injury, or loss was caused by the gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct of the owner, operator, or employee of the retail or specialty store.

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