
DIGEST

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HB No. 141

Abstract: Creates the crime of unlawful sale of firearms and provides for criminal penalties.

Proposed law provides that it shall be unlawful for the holder of a Federal Firearms License to sell any firearm without verification that the purchaser has completed a firearms safety or training course. Provides criminal penalties for intentionally selling a firearm to a person who does not meet the criteria provided for in proposed law, including a fine of not more than \$500 for a first offense and not more than \$1,000 for a second or subsequent offense.

Proposed law provides for several methods by which the purchaser can verify that he has completed a firearms safety or training course.

Proposed law provides that a photocopy of a certificate of completion of any of the courses or classes, an affidavit from the instructor, or a copy of any document which shows completion of the course shall constitute evidence of qualification of completion of a firearms safety or training course.

Proposed law provides that it shall be illegal to intentionally present false, fraudulent, altered, or counterfeit documents to prove training in firearms in order to purchase a firearm. Provides criminal penalties of a fine of not more than \$1,000, imprisonment for not more than six months, or both.

Proposed law provides that no seller of firearms shall be liable for acts committed by the purchaser, unless the seller had actual knowledge at the time of the purchase that the purchaser was ineligible to purchase the firearm.

(Adds R.S. 14:95.1.4)