

Prior law authorized the city of New Orleans to institute a firearms buyback program.

New law authorizes all parishes and municipalities to institute a firearms buyback program.

Existing law authorizes the use of donations from private businesses and funds from assets, seizures, and forfeitures to fund the program.

New law further provides that no public funds other than donations and funds from assets, seizures, and forfeitures may be used to implement the program.

Existing law authorizes the program to exist for not more than a 30-day period in a calendar year or until the funds acquired for the purchase of the firearms are depleted.

Existing law provides that all acquired firearms must be either destroyed or delivered to law enforcement agencies for departmental use. Prohibits any acquired firearms from being given to any individual, except a stolen weapon being returned to its rightful owner.

New law makes the provisions applicable to all parishes and municipalities that implement a program. Further provides that departmental use of acquired firearms includes the sale of firearms at a public auction. Limits the use of the proceeds of such sales to defraying the cost of the auction, training, and purchase of law enforcement equipment.

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