



SUPPORT HB 4757

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Summary: HB 4757- Bans Ghost Guns- Support

- Prohibits the transfer, purchase, manufacture, importation, possession of unfinished frames or receivers and unserialized firearms unless:
 - the person is a federal firearms importer or federal firearms dealer; or
 - the unfinished frame or receiver is imprinted with a serial number issued by a federal firearms importer or federal firearms manufacture.
- Provides a process for serializing unfinished frames or receivers and unserialized firearms through federally licensed firearms dealers.
- Makes it unlawful for a person to manufacture or distribute a firearm using a three-dimensional printer under specified circumstances unless licensed as a federal firearms manufacture.

Conclusion

- Gun violence is a threat to all citizens and every community.
- Law enforcement is seeing a rise in the use of “Ghost Guns” in criminal activity.
- Criminals like them because they are untraceable. Additionally, law enforcement is recovering more of them at crimes scenes and off offenders.
- Ghost Guns are just as dangerous as federally manufactured firearms in the wrong hands.
- With the advances in technology, people are manufacturing the parts for “Ghost Guns” and the assembling them in their homes with 3-D printers.
 - When produced in someone’s home, they are not subject to the same manufacture safety standards.
 - In home production by-passes current laws and potentially enhancing the “firearms black market” through the illegal sell of firearms.
- They undermine our current laws by not having a serial number, therefore making them unregulated, unserialized, untraceable.
- Firearm kits and parts are cheap and readily available for purchase online or at gun shows. Many do not have serial numbers because they are not functioning firearms (80% assembled) and considered parts. However, they are easily assembled with several tutorial videos online.
- You do not have to pass or submit to a background check to purchase a firearms kit bypassing current laws. No FOID card is needed to purchase parts such as frame or receiver. Prohibited persons including convicted felons and kids can purchase parts online.
- This bill provides a process for serializing firearms and major firearms parts such as receivers and frames, in compliance with federal law, therefore making them traceable.
- This bill will ensure that “Ghost Guns”, firearm kits, and major parts are serialized and legally regulated.