

HOUSE BILL NO. 4479

May 08, 2025, Introduced by Reps. Foreman, Longjohn, Wilson, Wooden, Rheingans, Breen, Morgan, Pohutsky, Mentzer, Skaggs, Coffia, Conlin, Arbit, Tsernoglou, Koleszar, Hope, Price, McKinney, Neeley, Young, Weiss, Byrnes, Myers-Phillips, Martus, Wegela and MacDonell and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend 1927 PA 372, entitled

"An act to regulate and license the selling, purchasing, possessing, and carrying of certain firearms, gas ejecting devices, and electro-muscular disruption devices; to prohibit the buying, selling, or carrying of certain firearms, gas ejecting devices, and electro-muscular disruption devices without a license or other authorization; to provide for the forfeiture of firearms and electro-muscular disruption devices under certain circumstances; to provide for penalties and remedies; to provide immunity from civil liability under certain circumstances; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies; to prohibit certain conduct against individuals who apply for or receive a license to carry a concealed pistol; to make appropriations; to prescribe certain conditions for the appropriations; and to repeal all acts

and parts of acts inconsistent with this act,"

(MCL 28.421 to 28.435) by adding section 14c.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 14c. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a
2 person shall not do any of the following:

3 (a) Knowingly manufacture or assemble, cause to be
4 manufactured or assembled, import, purchase, sell, offer to sell,
5 or transfer ownership of any firearm that is not imprinted with a
6 valid serial number. This subdivision does not apply to a person
7 that complies with subsection (3).

8 (b) Knowingly import, purchase, sell, offer to sell, or
9 transfer ownership of any ghost gun precursor.

10 (c) Beginning 18 months after the effective date of the
11 amendatory act that added this section, knowingly possess either of
12 the following:

13 (i) A firearm that is not imprinted with a valid serial number.

14 (ii) A ghost gun precursor.

15 (d) Knowingly manufacture or assemble or cause to be
16 manufactured or assembled, import, sell, offer to sell, transfer,
17 or possess any undetectable firearm.

18 (e) Sell or transfer ownership of a firearm if any of the
19 following:

20 (i) The person manufactured or assembled the firearm without a
21 license to manufacture firearms unless that firearm has been
22 imprinted with a valid serial number in accordance with subsection
23 (5).

24 (ii) The person knowingly caused the firearm to be manufactured
25 or assembled by another person that does not have a license to
26 manufacture firearms unless that firearm has been imprinted with a

1 valid serial number in accordance with subsection (5) .

2 (iii) The person is aware that the firearm was manufactured or
3 assembled by another person that does not have a license to
4 manufacture firearms unless that firearm has been imprinted with a
5 valid serial number in accordance with subsection (5) .

6 (f) Knowingly allow, facilitate, aid, abet, or cause the
7 manufacturing or assembling of a firearm or completed or unfinished
8 frame or receiver, by a person who is legally prohibited from
9 possessing a firearm or completed or unfinished frame or receiver
10 under state or federal law.

11 (g) Knowingly allow, facilitate, aid, abet, or cause the
12 manufacture or assembly of any firearm or completed or unfinished
13 frame or receiver that is not imprinted with a valid serial number.

14 (2) A person that does any of the following must have a
15 license to manufacture firearms:

16 (a) Manufactures or assembles a firearm or completed or
17 unfinished frame or receiver with the intent to sell that firearm
18 or completed or unfinished frame or receiver predominantly to earn
19 a profit.

20 (b) Manufactures or assembles more than 5 firearms or
21 completed or unfinished frames or receivers in this state in a
22 calendar year for personal use.

23 (c) Uses a 3-dimensional printer or computer numerical control
24 milling machine to manufacture or assemble any firearm or completed
25 or unfinished frame or receiver in this state.

26 (3) A person that manufactures or assembles a firearm or
27 completed or unfinished frame or receiver in this state and who
28 does not have a license to manufacture firearms shall, not later
29 than 10 days after manufacturing or assembling the firearm or frame

1 or receiver, have the firearm or completed or unfinished frame or
2 receiver imprinted with a valid serial number in accordance with
3 subsection (5), notify the director in a form and manner to be
4 prescribed by the director, and provide any identifying information
5 concerning the firearm or frame or receiver and the owner of the
6 firearm or frame or receiver requested by the director, including,
7 but not limited to, the serial number of the firearm or frame or
8 receiver.

9 (4) This section does not apply to any of the following:

10 (a) An antique firearm, any completed or unfinished frame or
11 receiver of an antique firearm, or any firearm or completed or
12 unfinished frame or receiver that has been rendered permanently
13 inoperable.

14 (b) The sale, offer for sale, or transfer of ownership of a
15 firearm, or any completed or unfinished frame or receiver, to a law
16 enforcement agency.

17 (c) The manufacture or assembly, importation, purchase,
18 transfer, or possession of a firearm, or any completed or
19 unfinished frame or receiver, by a law enforcement agency for law
20 enforcement purposes.

21 (d) The sale or transfer of ownership of a firearm, or any
22 completed or unfinished frame or receiver, to a federally licensed
23 gunsmith, manufacturer, or importer, or to any other entity
24 authorized to serialize firearms.

25 (e) The manufacture or assembly, importation, purchase, or
26 possession of a firearm, or any completed or unfinished frame or
27 receiver, by a federally licensed gunsmith, manufacturer, or
28 importer, or by any other entity authorized to serialize firearms.

29 (f) A member of any of the following, while on duty and acting

1 in the scope and course of employment:

2 (i) The United States Armed Forces or the National Guard.

3 (ii) A law enforcement agency.

4 (iii) A forensic laboratory.

5 (g) A common carrier, motor carrier, air carrier, or carrier
6 affiliated with an air carrier through common controlling interest,
7 or an authorized agent of that carrier, when acting in the scope
8 and course of duties incident to the receipt, processing,
9 transportation, or delivery of property.

10 (h) An authorized representative of a local, state, or federal
11 government that receives a firearm or any completed or unfinished
12 frame or receiver as part of an authorized, voluntary buyback
13 program in which the governmental entity is buying or receiving
14 firearms or any completed or unfinished frames or receivers from
15 private individuals.

16 (i) The possession and disposition of a firearm or any
17 completed or unfinished frame or receiver by a person that meets
18 all of the following:

19 (i) The person is not prohibited by state or federal law from
20 possessing the firearm or completed or unfinished frame or
21 receiver.

22 (ii) The person possessed the firearm or any completed or
23 unfinished frame or receiver no longer than was necessary to
24 deliver it to a law enforcement agency for that agency's
25 disposition according to law.

26 (iii) If the person is transporting the firearm or any completed
27 or unfinished frame or receiver, the person is transporting it to a
28 law enforcement agency in order to deliver it to the agency for the
29 agency's disposition according to law.

1 (j) The possession or importation of a firearm or any
2 completed or unfinished frame or receiver by an individual moving
3 into this state who, not later than 90 days after moving into this
4 state, causes the firearm or completed or unfinished frame or
5 receiver to be imprinted with a valid serial number in accordance
6 with subsection (5), removes the weapon from this state, or
7 otherwise comes into compliance with this section.

8 (k) The transportation of or temporary transfer of a firearm,
9 or any completed or unfinished frame or receiver, to a federally
10 licensed gunsmith, manufacturer, or importer, or to any other
11 entity authorized to serialize firearms by an individual who
12 lawfully possesses such firearm or completed or unfinished frame or
13 receiver before 18 months after the effective date of the
14 amendatory act that added this section, or before moving into this
15 state, for the purpose of having the firearm or completed or
16 unfinished frame or receiver imprinted with a valid serial number
17 in accordance with subsection (5).

18 (5) A firearm or completed or unfinished frame or receiver
19 must be imprinted with a valid serial number in the following
20 manner:

21 (a) The serial number must be imprinted by a federally
22 licensed gunsmith, manufacturer, or importer, or other entity
23 authorized to serialize firearms.

24 (b) The serial number must comply with federal requirements
25 for the identification of firearms, including, but not limited to,
26 27 CFR 479.102.

27 (6) A person who violates this section is guilty of the
28 following:

29 (a) For a first offense, a misdemeanor punishable by

1 imprisonment for not more than 1 year, a fine of not more than
2 \$5,000.00, or both.

3 (b) For a second or subsequent offense, a felony punishable by
4 imprisonment for not more than 5 years, a fine of not more than
5 \$10,000.00, or both.

6 (7) As used in this section:

7 (a) "Antique firearm" means that term as defined in 27 CFR
8 479.11.

9 (b) "Director" means the director of the department of state
10 police or the director's designee.

11 (c) "Entity authorized to serialize firearms" means a person,
12 firm, corporation, or other entity that is authorized under federal
13 law to imprint serial numbers on firearms and completed or
14 unfinished frames or receivers under 18 USC 923.

15 (d) "Federally licensed gunsmith, manufacturer, or importer"
16 means a person, firm, corporation, or other entity that holds a
17 valid gunsmith license, or license to manufacture or import
18 firearms issued under 18 USC 923.

19 (e) "Frame" means the part of a handgun, or variants thereof,
20 that provides housing or a structure for the component designed to
21 hold back the hammer, striker, bolt, or similar primary energized
22 component before initiation of the firing sequence, even if pins or
23 other attachments are required to connect that component to the
24 housing or structure. Any part of a handgun that is identified with
25 an importer's or manufacturer's serial number is presumed, absent
26 an official determination by the director of the Bureau of Alcohol,
27 Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives or other reliable evidence to the
28 contrary, to be the frame of the handgun.

29 (f) "Ghost gun precursor" means a frame, receiver, or

1 unfinished frame or receiver, that does not have a valid serial
2 number.

3 (g) "License to manufacture firearms" means a valid license to
4 manufacture firearms issued under 18 USC 923.

5 (h) "Major component" means that term as defined in 18 USC
6 922.

7 (i) "Manufacture or assemble" means to fabricate, construct,
8 fit together component parts of, or otherwise produce a firearm or
9 completed or unfinished frame or receiver, including through
10 additive, subtractive, or other processes.

11 (j) "Receiver" means the part of a rifle, shotgun, or
12 projectile weapon other than a handgun, or variants thereof, that
13 provides housing or a structure for the primary component designed
14 to block or seal the breech before initiation of the firing
15 sequence, even if pins or other attachments are required to connect
16 that component to the housing or structure. Any part of a rifle,
17 shotgun, or projectile weapon other than a handgun that is
18 identified with an importer's or manufacturer's serial number is
19 presumed, absent an official determination by the director of the
20 Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives or other
21 reliable evidence to the contrary, to be the receiver of the rifle,
22 shotgun, or projectile weapon other than a handgun.

23 (k) "Security exemplar" means that term as defined in 18 USC
24 922.

25 (l) "3-dimensional printer" means a computer-aided
26 manufacturing device capable of producing a 3-dimensional object
27 from a 3-dimensional digital model through an additive
28 manufacturing process that involves the layering of 2-dimensional
29 cross sections formed of a resin or similar material that are fused

1 together to form a 3-dimensional object.

2 (m) "Undetectable firearm" means a firearm manufactured,
3 assembled, or otherwise comprised entirely of nonmetal substances,
4 if 1 of the following is true:

5 (i) After removal of all parts except major components, the
6 firearm is not detectable as a security exemplar by a walk-through
7 metal detector calibrated to detect the security exemplar.

8 (ii) The firearm includes a major component that, if subjected
9 to inspection by the types of X-ray machines commonly used at
10 airports, would not generate an image that accurately depicts the
11 shape of the component.

12 (n) "Unfinished frame or receiver" means a forging, casting,
13 printing, extrusion, machined body, or similar item that does
14 either of the following:

15 (i) Is designed to or may readily be completed, assembled, or
16 otherwise converted to function as a frame or receiver.

17 (ii) Is marketed or sold to the public to become or be used as
18 the frame or receiver of a functional firearm once completed,
19 assembled, or otherwise converted.

20 (o) Unfinished frame or receiver does not include a component
21 designed and intended for use in an antique firearm.

22 (p) "Valid serial number" means a serial number required by
23 federal law that has been imprinted by an entity authorized to
24 serialize firearms.

25 (q) "Variants thereof" means a weapon utilizing a similar
26 frame or receiver design irrespective of new or different model
27 designations or configurations, characteristics, features,
28 components, accessories, or attachments.