



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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BILL SUMMARY

- Requires the Director of Health to conduct a study to determine and describe the types of bodily injuries that can be incurred by a firearm user and by others in proximity to a firearm following its discharge, and to post the study on the Department of Health's website.
- Requires a person who sells a firearm in Ohio to provide to the purchaser a printed copy of the study posted on the Department of Health's website and a list of all of the types of ammunition that can be used in the firearm.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Department of Health study

The bill requires the Director of Health to conduct a study to determine and describe the types of bodily injuries that can be incurred by a firearm user and by others in proximity to a firearm following its discharge. The study must be completed within six months of the bill's effective date. The study must be posted on the Department of Health's website. The Director is required to update the study and post an updated version every three years thereafter.¹

Information to be provided to firearm purchaser

The bill requires a person who sells a firearm in Ohio on or after the date that is six months after the bill's effective date to provide to the purchaser a printed copy of the firearm study posted on the Department of Health's website, and a list of all of the types

¹ R.C. 3701.051.

of ammunition that can be used in the firearm. Whoever violates this provision is guilty of failure to provide information to a purchaser of a firearm, a first degree felony.²

Definitions applicable to the bill

Continuing law defines a "firearm" as any "deadly weapon" capable of expelling or propelling one or more projectiles by the action of an explosive or combustible propellant. "Firearm" includes an unloaded firearm, and any firearm that is inoperable but that can readily be rendered operable. A "deadly weapon" is any instrument, device, or thing capable of inflicting death, and designed or specially adapted for use as a weapon, or possessed, carried, or used as a weapon.³

HISTORY

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² R.C. 2923.221.

³ R.C. 2923.11, not in the bill.

