

Subject Ghost guns

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Overview

This bill prohibits the sale and possession of ghost guns; limits 3D printing of firearms; prohibits distribution of 3D printer firearm design files; requires printing serial numbers on firearms; and places limits on the assembly of firearms.

Summary

Section Description

- 1 **Serial numbers; ghost guns.**
- Subd. 1. Definitions.** Defines the terms “federal firearms licensee,” “ghost gun,” “unfinished frame or receiver,” and “unique serial number” for purposes of this section, section 624.7146 (Assembly and Manufacturing of Firearms), and section 624.7147 (Serialization of Firearms).
- Subd. 2. Alteration of serial numbers.** Establishes a five-year felony for alteration of a firearm’s serial number or possession of a firearm that has had its serial number altered.
- Subd. 3. Prohibition on possession.** Establishes a five-year felony for possession of a ghost gun.
- Subd. 4. Sale, transfer, and distribution of ghost guns.** Establishes a five-year felony for the sale, transfer, or distribution of a ghost gun.
- Subd. 5. Firearms without serial numbers.** Requires persons who possess unserialized firearms, frames, or receivers prior to August 1, 2026, to: (1) have a federal firearms licensee (FFL) apply a serial number to the device; (2) remove the device from the state; (3) render the device inoperable; or (4) surrender the device to law enforcement.
- Subd. 6. Exceptions.** Establishes limited exceptions to the crimes created in this section for FFLs, law enforcement, and the military.

Section	Description
	Subd. 7. Enforcement. Empowers the attorney general to enforce the law.
2	Assembly and manufacturing of firearms. Subd. 1. Definitions. Defines “assemble” and “manufacture” for purposes of this section. Subd. 2. Assembling firearms; requirements; limitations. Prohibits non-FFLs from assembling more than three firearms in a calendar year. Subd. 3. Manufacturing prohibitions. Prohibits non-FFLs from using a computer numerical control milling machine or 3D printer to manufacture firearms. Violation of the prohibition is a five-year felony. Subd. 4. Firearm design files. Prohibits non-FFLs from selling, distributing, or transferring firearm design files. Violation of the prohibition is a five-year felony. Subd. 5. Enforcement. Authorizes the attorney general to enforce this section.
3	Serialization of firearms. Subd. 1. Requirements. Establishes the protocol and recordkeeping requirements for FFLs to follow when assigning serial numbers to unserialized firearms, frames, and receivers that are owned by Minnesota residents. Requires the commissioner of public safety to educate the public about the requirement to add serial numbers to unserialized devices. Subd. 2. Data classification. Treats data generated and collected in the serialization process as private.
4	Repealer. Repeals the existing law prohibiting removal or alteration of serial numbers.



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