

As Introduced

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A BILL

To enact section 2923.26 of the Revised Code to 1
prohibit a person from changing, altering, 2
removing, or obliterating the name of the 3
manufacturer, model, manufacturer's serial number, 4
or any other mark of identification on a handgun 5
and to prohibit a person from possessing a handgun 6
knowing or having reasonable cause to believe any 7
such mark of identification on the handgun has 8
been changed, altered, removed, or obliterated. 9

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 2923.26 of the Revised Code be 10
enacted to read as follows: 11

Sec. 2923.26. (A) No person shall do either of the following: 12

(1) Change, alter, remove, or obliterate the name of the 13
manufacturer, model, manufacturer's serial number, or other mark 14
of identification on a handgun. 15

(2) Possess a handgun knowing or having reasonable cause to 16
believe that the name of the manufacturer, model, manufacturer's 17
serial number, or other mark of identification on the handgun has 18
been changed, altered, removed, or obliterated. 19

(B)(1) Whoever violates division (A)(1) of this section is 20

guilty of defacing identification marks of a handgun. Except as
otherwise provided in this division, defacing identification marks
of a handgun is a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the offender
previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation
of division (A)(1) of this section, defacing identification marks
of a handgun is a felony of the fifth degree.

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(2) Whoever violates division (A)(2) of this section is
guilty of possessing a defaced handgun. Except as otherwise
provided in this division, possessing a defaced handgun is a
misdemeanor of the first degree. If the offender previously has
been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation of division
(A)(2) of this section, possessing a defaced handgun is a felony
of the fifth degree.

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