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To amend section 2923.17 and to enact section 1533.04 1
of the Revised Code to allow a person to use a 2
noise suppressor attached to a gun while hunting 3
game birds or wild quadrupeds. 4

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

Section 1. That section 2923.17 be amended and section 5
1533.04 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 6

Sec. 1533.04. (A) A person who holds a valid hunting license 7
issued under this chapter and who hunts game birds or wild 8
quadrupeds may use a suppressor attached to a gun that is 9
authorized to be used for hunting by section 1533.16 of the 10
Revised Code while hunting, provided that the person is authorized 11
to possess the suppressor under state and federal laws and has 12
registered the suppressor in accordance with the "National 13
Firearms Act," 68A Stat. 725 (1934), 26 U.S.C. 5841, et seq., as 14
amended. 15

(B) As used in this section, "suppressor" means any device 16
used for diminishing the sound of any shot, bullet, or projectile 17

that is discharged from a gun that is authorized to be used for 18
hunting by section 1533.16 of the Revised Code. 19

Sec. 2923.17. (A) No person shall knowingly acquire, have, 20
carry, or use any dangerous ordnance. 21

(B) No person shall manufacture or process an explosive at 22
any location in this state unless the person first has been issued 23
a license, certificate of registration, or permit to do so from a 24
fire official of a political subdivision of this state or from the 25
office of the fire marshal. 26

(C) Division (A) of this section does not apply to: 27

(1) Officers, agents, or employees of this or any other state 28
or the United States, members of the armed forces of the United 29
States or the organized militia of this or any other state, and 30
law enforcement officers, to the extent that any such person is 31
authorized to acquire, have, carry, or use dangerous ordnance and 32
is acting within the scope of the person's duties; 33

(2) Importers, manufacturers, dealers, and users of 34
explosives, having a license or user permit issued and in effect 35
pursuant to the "Organized Crime Control Act of 1970," 84 Stat. 36
952, 18 U.S.C. 843, and any amendments or additions thereto or 37
reenactments thereof, with respect to explosives and explosive 38
devices lawfully acquired, possessed, carried, or used under the 39
laws of this state and applicable federal law; 40

(3) Importers, manufacturers, and dealers having a license to 41
deal in destructive devices or their ammunition, issued and in 42
effect pursuant to the "Gun Control Act of 1968," 82 Stat. 1213, 43
18 U.S.C. 923, and any amendments or additions thereto or 44
reenactments thereof, with respect to dangerous ordnance lawfully 45
acquired, possessed, carried, or used under the laws of this state 46
and applicable federal law; 47

(4) Persons to whom surplus ordnance has been sold, loaned, 48
or given by the secretary of the army pursuant to 70A Stat. 262 49
and 263, 10 U.S.C. 4684, 4685, and 4686, and any amendments or 50
additions thereto or reenactments thereof, with respect to 51
dangerous ordnance when lawfully possessed and used for the 52
purposes specified in such section; 53

(5) Owners of dangerous ordnance registered in the national 54
firearms registration and transfer record pursuant to the act of 55
October 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1229, 26 U.S.C. 5841, and any 56
amendments or additions thereto or reenactments thereof, and 57
regulations issued thereunder; 58

(6) Carriers, warehouses, and others engaged in the business 59
of transporting or storing goods for hire, with respect to 60
dangerous ordnance lawfully transported or stored in the usual 61
course of their business and in compliance with the laws of this 62
state and applicable federal law; 63

(7) The holders of a license or temporary permit issued and 64
in effect pursuant to section 2923.18 of the Revised Code, with 65
respect to dangerous ordnance lawfully acquired, possessed, 66
carried, or used for the purposes and in the manner specified in 67
such license or permit; 68

(8) Persons who own a dangerous ordnance that is a firearm 69
muffler or silencer attached to a gun that is authorized to be 70
used for hunting by section 1533.16 of the Revised Code and who 71
are authorized to use such a dangerous ordnance by section 1533.04 72
of the Revised Code. 73

(D) Whoever violates division (A) of this section is guilty 74
of unlawful possession of dangerous ordnance, a felony of the 75
fifth degree. 76

(E) Whoever violates division (B) of this section is guilty 77
of illegally manufacturing or processing explosives, a felony of 78

the second degree.

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Section 2. That existing section 2923.17 of the Revised Code
is hereby repealed.

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