

**SENATE BILL No. 149**

By Senators Merrick, Abrams, Bruce, Marshall, Masterson, Olson, Ostmeyer,  
Petersen and Pilcher-Cook

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1 AN ACT enacting the Kansas firearms freedom act.

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3 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

4 Section 1. Sections 1 through 7, and amendments thereto, may be  
5 cited as the Kansas firearms freedom act.

6 Sec. 2. The legislature declares that the authority for sections 1  
7 through 7, and amendments thereto, is the following:

8 (a) The tenth amendment to the constitution of the United States  
9 guarantees to the states and their people all powers not granted to the  
10 federal government elsewhere in the constitution and reserves to the state  
11 and people of Kansas certain powers as they were understood at the time  
12 that Kansas was admitted to statehood in 1861. The guaranty of those  
13 powers is a matter of contract between the state and people of Kansas and  
14 the United States as of the time that the compact with the United States  
15 was agreed upon and adopted by Kansas in 1859 and the United States in  
16 1861.

17 (b) The ninth amendment to the constitution of the United States  
18 guarantees to the people rights not granted in the constitution and  
19 reserves to the people of Kansas certain rights as they were understood at  
20 the time that Kansas was admitted to statehood in 1861. The guaranty of  
21 those rights is a matter of contract between the state and people of Kansas  
22 and the United States as of the time that the compact with the United  
23 States was agreed upon and adopted by Kansas in 1859 and the United  
24 States in 1861.

25 (c) The regulation of intrastate commerce is vested in the states  
26 under the ninth and tenth amendments to the constitution of the United  
27 States.

28 (d) The second amendment to the constitution of the United States  
29 reserves to the people the right to keep and bear arms as that right was  
30 understood at the time that Kansas was admitted to statehood in 1861,  
31 and the guaranty of the right is a matter of contract between the state and  
32 people of Kansas and the United States as of the time that the compact  
33 with the United States was agreed upon and adopted by Kansas in 1859  
34 and the United States in 1861.

35 (e) Section 4 of the bill of rights of the constitution of the state of

1 Kansas clearly secures to Kansas citizens, and prohibits government  
2 interference with, the right of individual Kansas citizens to keep and bear  
3 arms. This constitutional protection is unchanged from the constitution of  
4 the state of Kansas, which was approved by congress and the people of  
5 Kansas, and the right exists as it was understood at the time that the  
6 compact with the United States was agreed upon and adopted by Kansas  
7 in 1859 and the United States in 1861.

8 Sec. 3. As used in sections 1 through 7, and amendments thereto, the  
9 following definitions apply:

10 (a) "Borders of Kansas" means the boundaries of Kansas described  
11 in the act for admission of Kansas into the union, 12 stat. 126, ch. 20, §1.

12 (b) "Firearms accessories" means items that are used in conjunction  
13 with or mounted upon a firearm but are not essential to the basic function  
14 of a firearm, including, but not limited to, telescopic or laser sights,  
15 magazines, flash or sound suppressors, folding or aftermarket stocks and  
16 grips, speedloaders, ammunition carriers and lights for target  
17 illumination.

18 (c) "Generic and insignificant parts" includes, but is not limited to,  
19 springs, screws, nuts and pins.

20 (d) "Manufactured" means that a firearm, a firearm accessory or  
21 ammunition has been created from basic materials for functional  
22 usefulness, including, but not limited to, forging, casting, machining or  
23 other processes for working materials.

24 Sec. 4. (a) A personal firearm, a firearm accessory or ammunition  
25 that is manufactured commercially or privately in Kansas and that  
26 remains within the borders of Kansas is not subject to federal law or  
27 federal regulation, including registration, under the authority of congress  
28 to regulate interstate commerce. It is declared by the legislature that those  
29 items have not traveled in interstate commerce. This section applies to a  
30 firearm, a firearm accessory or ammunition that is manufactured in  
31 Kansas from basic materials and that can be manufactured without the  
32 inclusion of any significant parts imported from another state.

33 (b) Generic and insignificant parts that have other manufacturing or  
34 consumer product applications are not firearms, firearms accessories or  
35 ammunition, and their importation into Kansas and incorporation into a  
36 firearm, a firearm accessory or ammunition manufactured in Kansas does  
37 not subject the firearm, firearm accessory or ammunition to federal  
38 regulation. It is declared by the legislature that basic materials, such as  
39 unmachined steel and unshaped wood, are not firearms, firearms  
40 accessories or ammunition and are not subject to congressional authority  
41 to regulate firearms, firearms accessories and ammunition under interstate  
42 commerce as if they were actually firearms, firearms accessories or  
43 ammunition.

1 (c) The authority of congress to regulate interstate commerce in  
2 basic materials does not include authority to regulate firearms, firearms  
3 accessories and ammunition made in Kansas from those materials.  
4 Firearms accessories that are imported into Kansas from another state and  
5 that are subject to federal regulation as being in interstate commerce do  
6 not subject a firearm to federal regulation under interstate commerce  
7 because they are attached to or used in conjunction with a firearm in  
8 Kansas.

9 Sec. 5. Section 4, and amendments thereto, does not apply to:

10 (a) A firearm that cannot be carried and used by one person;

11 (b) a firearm that has a bore diameter greater than 1 1/2 inches and  
12 that uses smokeless powder, not black powder, as a propellant;

13 (c) ammunition with a projectile that explodes using an explosion of  
14 chemical energy after the projectile leaves the firearm; or

15 (d) other than shotguns, a firearm that discharges two or more  
16 projectiles with one activation of the trigger or other firing device.

17 Sec. 6. A firearm manufactured or sold in Kansas under sections 1  
18 through 7, and amendments thereto, must have the words "Made in  
19 Kansas" clearly stamped on a central metallic part, such as the receiver or  
20 frame.

21 Sec. 7. Sections 1 through 7, and amendments thereto, apply to  
22 firearms, firearms accessories and ammunition that are manufactured, as  
23 defined in section 3, and amendments thereto, and retained in Kansas on  
24 and after October 1, 2009.

25 Sec. 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
26 publication in the Kansas register.

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