

SENATE BILL NO. 572

BY SENATOR MORRELL

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 14:95.1.3, relative to weapons; to prohibit the purchase of firearms or
3 ammunition with the intent to transfer illegally; to provide for definitions; to provide
4 for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 14:95.1.3 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 **§95.1.3. Fraudulent firearm and ammunition purchase**

8 **A. It is unlawful for any person:**

9 **(1) To knowingly solicit, persuade, encourage, or entice a licensed dealer**
10 **or private seller of firearms or ammunition to sell a firearm or ammunition**
11 **under circumstances which the person knows would violate the laws of this state**
12 **or of the United States.**

13 **(2) To provide to a licensed dealer or private seller of firearms or**
14 **ammunition what the person knows to be materially false information with**
15 **intent to deceive the dealer or seller about the legality of a sale of a firearm or**
16 **ammunition.**

17 **(3) To willfully procure another person to engage in conduct prohibited**
18 **by this Section.**

19 **B. For purposes of this Section:**

20 **(1) "Licensed dealer" means a person who is licensed pursuant to 18**
21 **U.S.C. §923 to engage in the business of dealing in firearms or ammunition.**

22 **(2) "Private seller" means a person who sells or offers for sale any**
23 **firearm or ammunition.**

24 **(3) "Ammunition" means any cartridge, shell, or projectile designed for**
25 **use in a firearm.**

26 **(4) "Materially false information" means information that portrays an**
27 **illegal transaction as legal or a legal transaction as illegal.**

1 C. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to a law enforcement
 2 officer acting in his official capacity or to a person acting at the direction of
 3 such law enforcement officer.

4 D. Whoever violates the provisions of this Section shall be fined not less
 5 than one thousand dollars or more than five thousand dollars, or imprisoned,
 6 with or without hard labor, for not less than one year or more than five years,
 7 or both. At least one year of the sentence imposed shall be served without
 8 benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence.

 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

 GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____