SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 1256

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHROER.

AN ACT

To amend chapter 571, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to electronic firearm tracking technology, with a penalty provision.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 571, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 571.530, to read as follows:

571.530.  1. Except as provided in subsection 2 of this section, it shall be unlawful to require a person to use or be subject to electronic firearm tracking technology or to disclose any identifiable information about the person or the person's firearm for the purpose of using electronic firearm tracking technology.

2. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any of the following:

(1) A criminal justice employee who obtains a search warrant;

(2) A pawnbroker, or agent or employee of a pawnbroker, while the pawnbroker, agent, or employee uses electronic firearm tracking technology to report information to law enforcement authorities under section 367.031 or under a similar reporting requirement;

(3) A probation or parole officer who supervises a person who is serving a term of probation or parole; or

(4) The owner of a firearm if the owner consents in writing to the use of electronic firearm tracking technology on that owner's firearm.

3. For purposes of this section, "criminal justice employee" means a law enforcement officer, peace officer, or prosecutor, and includes any employee of a law enforcement agency who is authorized in the execution of the employee's official duties to use electronic firearm tracking technology or to obtain or disclose any identifiable

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in bold-face type in the above bill is proposed language.
information about a person or a person's firearm in order to use electronic firearm tracking technology. "Electronic firearm tracking technology" means a platform, system, or device, or a group of systems or devices, that uses a shared ledger, distributed ledger, or block chain technology or any other similar form of technology or electronic database for the purpose of storing information in a decentralized or centralized way; that is not owned or controlled by any single person or entity; and that is used to locate or control the use of a firearm. Electronic firearm tracking technology does not include a law enforcement database, including the Missouri Uniform Law Enforcement System (MULES) database, the national crime information center, the national integrated ballistic information network, and any local records management system that is used to manage or process stolen, lost, found, stored, or evidentiary firearms.

4. Any person found to have violated the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a class E felony.