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HOUSE BILL DRH30242-ML-81B

Short Title: Ban Ghost Guns & Undetectable Firearms. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Lopez.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OR POSSESSION OF GHOST GUNS AND  
3 UNDETECTABLE FIREARMS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. Article 52A of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by  
6 adding a new section to read:

7 "**§ 14-409B. Ghost guns and undetectable firearms prohibited.**

8 (a) Definition. – The following definitions apply in this section:

9 (1) Ghost gun. – A firearm, including a frame or receiver, that lacks a unique  
10 serial number engraved or cased in metal alloy on the frame or receiver by a  
11 licensed manufacturer, maker, or importer under federal law or markings in  
12 accordance with 27 C.F.R. § 479.102. This term does not include a firearm  
13 that has been rendered permanently inoperable or a firearm that is not required  
14 to have a serial number in accordance with the federal Gun Control Act of  
15 1968.

16 (2) Undetectable firearm. – A firearm that satisfies any of the following  
17 requirements:

18 a. After removal of all parts, other than a major component, is not as  
19 detectable by walk-through metal detectors commonly used at airports  
20 or other public buildings.

21 b. Any major component of which, if subjected to inspection by the types  
22 of detection devices commonly used at airports or other public  
23 buildings for security screening, would not generate an image that  
24 accurately depicts the shape of the component.

25 c. Is manufactured wholly of plastic, fiberglass, or through a 3D printing  
26 process.

27 (b) Prohibition. – Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c) of this section, it shall  
28 be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to manufacture, sell, give away, transfer, use, or  
29 possess a ghost gun or an undetectable firearm.

30 (c) Exception. – This section does not apply to federally licensed firearm manufacturers  
31 (Federal Firearm License Type 07) pursuant to Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives  
32 (ATF) regulations.

33 (d) Punishment. – Any person violating this section is guilty of a Class I felony."

34 SECTION 2. This act becomes effective December 1, 2025, and applies to offenses  
35 committed on or after that date.

