

SENATE BILL 2456

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;
Title 38 and Title 39, relative to firearms.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, is amended by adding the following new section:

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Eighty percent (80%) frame" means an item that has not yet reached a stage of manufacture that meets the definition of firearm frame;

(2) "Eighty percent (80%) receiver" means an item that has not yet reached a stage of manufacture that meets the definition of firearm receiver;

(3) "Firearm frame" means the part of a handgun, or variants thereof, that provides housing or a structure for the component (i.e., sear or equivalent) designed to hold back the hammer, striker, bolt, or similar primary energized component prior to initiation of the firing sequence, even if pins or other attachments are required to connect such component (i.e., sear or equivalent) to the housing or structure; and

(4) "Firearm receiver" means the part of a rifle, shotgun, or projectile weapon other than a handgun, or variants thereof, that provides housing or a structure for the primary component designed to block or seal the breech prior to initiation of the firing sequence (i.e., bolt, breechblock, or equivalent), even if pins or other attachments are required to connect such component to the housing or structure.

(b)

(1) An eighty percent (80%) frame or eighty percent (80%) receiver shall not be manufactured, distributed, sold, or transferred on or after July 1, 2024, unless a manufacturer's serial number is prominently stamped on the item or on a piece of metal securely affixed to the item.

(2) It is the responsibility of the manufacturer to ensure that such an item is properly supplied with a serial number.

(c) Notwithstanding another law to the contrary, a person who manufactures, distributes, sells, or transfers an eighty percent (80%) frame or eighty percent (80%) receiver without a serial number prominently stamped on the item or on a piece of metal securely affixed thereto commits a Class A misdemeanor, punishable only by a fine of five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it.