

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 277

BY REPRESENTATIVE MARCELLE

WEAPONS/FIREARMS: Prohibits the sale of assault rifles to any person under the age of twenty-one years

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 14:95.1.4, relative to offenses affecting the public safety; to create the crime
3 of unlawful sales of assault rifles to persons under the age of twenty-one years; to
4 provide for definitions; to provide for criminal penalties; and to provide for related
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 14:95.1.4 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §95.1.4. Unlawful sales of assault rifles to a person under twenty-one years of age

9 A. Unlawful sales of assault rifles to a person under twenty-one years of age
10 is the selling or otherwise delivering for value of any assault rifle to any person
11 under the age of twenty-one. Lack of knowledge of the age of the purchaser shall
12 not be a defense.

13 B. Whoever commits the crime of unlawful sales of assault rifles to a person
14 under twenty-one years of age shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars,
15 imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

16 C. For the purposes of this Section, an "assault rifle" means any of the
17 following:

18 (1) Any semiautomatic or pump-action rifle that is capable of accepting a
19 detachable magazine and that also possesses any of the following:

20 (2) A pistol grip located behind the trigger.

1 (3) A stock in any configuration, including but not limited to a thumbhole
2 stock, a folding stock, or a telescoping stock, that allows the bearer of the firearm to
3 grasp the firearm with the trigger hand such that the web of the trigger hand, between
4 the thumb and forefinger, can be placed below the top of the external portion of the
5 trigger during firing.

6 (4) A barrel shroud.

7 (5) A threaded barrel.

8 (6) A muzzle brake or muzzle compensator.

9 (7) A forward grip.

10 (8) Any feature designed to be capable of functioning as a protruding grip
11 that can be held by the hand that is not the trigger hand, excluding any extension of
12 the stock along the bottom of the barrel that does not substantially or completely
13 encircle the barrel.

14 (9) A grenade launcher or rocket launcher.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Prohibits the sale of assault rifles to any person under the age of 21 years.

Proposed law prohibits the sale of an assault rifle to a person under the age of 21 years and defines an "assault rifle".

Proposed law provides criminal penalties of a fine not more than \$1,000, imprisonment for not more than six months, or both.

(Adds R.S. 14:95.1.4)