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## DIGEST

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HB No. 141

**Abstract:** Authorizes the use of electronic forms for applications to possess or transfer certain firearms.

Present law defines "firearm" as a shotgun having a barrel of less than 18 inches in length; a rifle having a barrel of less than 16 inches in length; any weapon made from either a rifle or a shotgun if the weapon has been modified to have an overall length of less than 26 inches; any other firearm, pistol, revolver, or shotgun from which the serial number or mark of identification has been obliterated, from which a shot is discharged by an explosive, if that weapon is capable of being concealed on the person; or a machine gun, grenade launcher, flame thrower, bazooka, rocket launcher, excluding black powder weapons, or gas grenade; and includes a muffler or silencer for any firearm, whether or not the firearm is included within this definition. Pistols and revolvers and those rifles and shotguns which have not been identified as firearms in present law from which serial numbers or marks of identification have not been obliterated are specifically exempt from this definition.

Present law defines "transfer" as the sale, assignment, pledge, lease, loan, gift, or other disposition of any firearm.

Proposed law retains the provisions of present law and provides that applications for the possession or transfer of certain firearms may be filed electronically if those forms are approved by DPS&C.

(Amends R.S. 40:1784)