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AN ACT to amend and reenact §61-7-10 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the unlawful transfer of firearms or ammunition to prohibited persons; increasing fines and penalties for certain offenses; creating felony offenses relating to the transfer of firearms or ammunition under certain circumstances; prohibiting persons other than law-enforcement officers acting in their official capacity from soliciting others to violate state and federal firearms laws; distinguishing between firearms and other deadly weapons for criminal offense purposes; and modifying and establishing criminal penalties.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §61-7-10 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

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#### **ARTICLE 7. DANGEROUS WEAPONS**

# §61-7-10. Display of deadly weapons for sale or hire; sale to prohibited persons; penalties.

(a) A person may not publicly display and offer for rent
 or sale, or, where the person is other than a natural person,
 knowingly permit an employee thereof to publicly display
 and offer for rent or sale, to any passersby on any street,
 road or alley, any deadly weapon, machine gun, subma chine gun or other fully automatic weapon, any rifle,
 shotgun or ammunition for same.

8 (b) Any person who violates the provisions of subsections
9 (a) or (c) of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor,
10 and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than
11 five thousand dollars or shall be confined in the county jail
12 for not more than one year, or both fined and confined,
13 except that where the person violating the provisions of
14 said subsections is other than a natural person, such
15 person shall be fined not more than ten thousand dollars.

(c) A person may not knowingly sell, rent, give or lend,
or, where the person is other than a natural person,
knowingly permit an employee thereof to knowingly sell,
rent, give or lend, any deadly weapon other than a firearm
to a person prohibited from possessing a deadly weapon
other than a firearm by any provision of this article.

(d) a person may not knowingly sell, rent, give or lend, or
where the person is other than a natural person, knowingly permit an employee thereof to knowingly sell, rent
give or lend a firearm or ammunition to a person prohibited by any provision of this article or the provisions of 18
U. S. C.§922.

(e) Any person who violates any of the provisions of
subsection (d) of this section is guilty of a felony, and,
upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than
\$100,000 imprisoned in a state correctional facility for a

definite term of years of not less than three years nor more
than ten years, or both fined and imprisoned, except that
where the person committing an offense punishable under
this subsection is other than a natural person, such person
shall be fined not more than \$250,000.

37 (f) Any person who knowingly solicits, persuades, 38 encourages or entices a licensed dealer or private seller of 39 firearms or ammunition to transfer a firearm or ammuni-40 tion under circumstances which the person knows would 41 violate the laws of this state or the United States is guilty 42 of a felony. Any person who willfully procures another to 43 engage in conduct prohibited by this subsection shall be 44 punished as a principal. This subsection does not apply to 45 a law-enforcement officer acting in his or her official 46 capacity. Any person who violates the provisions of this 47 subsection is guilty of a felony, and upon conviction 48 thereof, shall be fined not more than \$5,000, imprisoned in 49 a state correctional facility for a definite term or not less 50 than one year nor more than five years, or both fined and 51 imprisoned.

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