

ACT 144

S.B. NO. 608

A Bill for an Act Relating to Firearms and Ammunition.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Purpose. Inexpensive "Saturday night special" hand guns can be purchased by anyone by mail. This bill is introduced to prevent this practice.

SECTION 2. Chapter 134, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

"Sec. 134- Restriction of materials for manufacture of pistols or revolvers. It shall be unlawful for any person, including a licensed manufacturer, licensed importer or licensed dealer, to possess, sell or deliver any pistol or revolver which is not duly registered pursuant to section 134-2 prior to July 1, 1975, if the frame or receiver thereof is a die casting of zinc alloy or any other material which has a melting temperature of less than 800 degrees Fahrenheit.

Any person who violates this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

This section shall not apply to any pistol or revolver duly registered prior to July 1, 1975, pursuant to section 134-2, or to any antique pistol or revolver.

The term antique pistol or revolver means any pistol manufactured in or before 1898 and any replica of such pistols or revolvers if such replica is not designed or redesigned for using rimfire or conventional centerfire fixed ammunition, or uses rimfire or conventional centerfire fixed ammunition which is no longer manufactured in the United States and which is not readily available in the ordinary channels of commercial trade."

SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored. In printing this Act, the revisor of statutes need not include the underscoring.*

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 27, 1975.)

*Edited accordingly.