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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 46

As Amended by House Committee on
Federal and State Affairs

Brief*

SB 46 as amended would allow persons who were in compliance with the National Firearms Act (26 USC 5801 *et seq.*) to possess silencers for firearms, shotguns with barrels less than 18 inches long, and automatic weapons.

The bill would allow a licensed dealer, manufacturer, or importer to deal in these types of firearms as well as any person to possess such firearms under federal restrictions.

The bill would amend current law to increase the penalty for the crime of defacing identification marks of a firearm from a class B nonperson misdemeanor to a severity level 10, nonperson felony.

Background

Senator Journey and Jordan Austin, National Rifle Association, testified in support of SB 46 as introduced.

No opponents testified on the bill as introduced.

The House Committee amended the provisions of HB 2819 into SB 46. HB 2819 would allow persons to possess silencers, short-barreled shotguns and automatic weapons in accordance with federal regulations.

According to the fiscal note, the Attorney General's Office indicated that the enactment of the bill would have no fiscal impact.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>