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SUMMARY

- Creates the offense of “illegal rate-of-fire acceleration conduct,” a fourth degree felony.
- Expands the offense of “having weapons while under disability” to include a person who is convicted of “illegal rate-of-fire acceleration conduct.”

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Illegal rate-of-fire acceleration conduct

Offense

The bill creates the offense of “illegal rate-of-fire acceleration conduct.” The offense prohibits a person from importing, manufacturing, selling, transferring, or possessing a trigger crank, a bump-fire device, or any part, combination of parts, component, device, attachment, or accessory that is designed or functions to accelerate the rate-of-fire of a semi-automatic firearm, but not convert the semi-automatic firearm into an automatic firearm.¹

Exceptions

The following entities may import, manufacture, sell, transfer, or possess of any of the above-described items: (1) the United States or any department or agency of the United States, (2) Ohio or any other state or any department or agency of Ohio or any other state, or (3) a political subdivision of Ohio or any other state.²

¹ R.C. 2923.133(A).

² R.C. 2923.133(B).

Penalty

Illegal rate-of-fire acceleration conduct is a fourth degree felony.³

Effective date

The offense takes effect 180 days after the effective date of the act.⁴

Having weapons while under disability

Offense

The bill expands the offense of “having weapons while under disability” to include those convicted of “illegal rate-of-fire acceleration conduct.” Unless relieved from disability under operation of law or legal process, the offense prohibits a person from knowingly acquiring, having, carrying, or using any firearm or dangerous ordnance, if the person is convicted of illegal rate-of-fire acceleration conduct or has been adjudicated a delinquent child for the commission of a violation of that section.⁵

Penalty

The penalty for a violation of the offense is a third degree felony.⁶

Definitions

The bill uses the following existing definitions:

- “Automatic firearm” means any firearm designed or specially adapted to fire a succession of cartridges with a single function of the trigger.⁷
- “Semi-automatic firearm” means any firearm designed or specially adapted to fire a single cartridge and automatically chamber a succeeding cartridge ready to fire, with a single function of the trigger.⁸

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³ R.C. 2923.133(C).

⁴ R.C. 2923.133(A).

⁵ R.C. 2923.13(A)(6); conforming changes in R.C. 2923.14(F)(4).

⁶ R.C. 2923.13(B).

⁷ R.C. 2923.11(E), not in the bill.

⁸ R.C. 2923.11(D), not in the bill.