

SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2846

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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The Senate Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2846.

As reported by the committee, this bill upgrades purchasing firearm parts to manufacture a firearm without a serial number; manufacturing a firearm with a three-dimensional printer; manufacturing a covert or undetectable firearm; and transporting a manufactured firearm without a serial number from third degree crimes to second degree crimes.

Under current law, it is a third degree crime for a person:

- not licensed as a manufacturer to purchase or otherwise obtain separately or as part of a kit a firearm frame or firearm receiver which is not imprinted with a serial number;
- not licensed as a manufacturer to manufacture a firearm or certain components of a firearm using a three-dimensional printer;
- to distribute to an unlicensed person, including via the Internet, digital instructions to manufacture a firearm or certain components of a firearm using a three-dimensional printer; and
- to manufacture, cause to be manufacture, transport, ship, sell or dispose of any covert firearm or undetectable firearm.

The bill's provisions upgrade each these offenses to second degree crimes. A crime of the third degree is punishable by three to five years imprisonment, a fine of up to \$15,000, or both. A crime of the second degree is punishable by five to 10 years imprisonment, a fine of up to \$150,000, or both.