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SENATE BILL 409

Short Title: Ban Ghost Guns & Undetectable Firearms. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Chaudhuri and Applewhite (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

March 25, 2025

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OR POSSESSION OF GHOST GUNS AND
3 UNDETECTABLE FIREARMS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Article 52A of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by
6 adding a new section to read:

7 "**§ 14-409B. Ghost guns and undetectable firearms prohibited.**

8 (a) Definition. – The following definitions apply in this section:

9 (1) Ghost gun. – A firearm, including a frame or receiver, that lacks a unique
10 serial number engraved or cased in metal alloy on the frame or receiver by a
11 licensed manufacturer, maker, or importer under federal law or markings in
12 accordance with 27 C.F.R. § 479.102. This term does not include a firearm
13 that has been rendered permanently inoperable or a firearm that is not required
14 to have a serial number in accordance with the federal Gun Control Act of
15 1968.

16 (2) Undetectable firearm. – A firearm that satisfies any of the following
17 requirements:

18 a. After removal of all parts, other than a major component, is not as
19 detectable by walk-through metal detectors commonly used at airports
20 or other public buildings.

21 b. Any major component of which, if subjected to inspection by the types
22 of detection devices commonly used at airports or other public
23 buildings for security screening, would not generate an image that
24 accurately depicts the shape of the component.

25 c. Is manufactured wholly of plastic, fiberglass, or through a 3D printing
26 process.

27 (b) Prohibition. – Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c) of this section, it shall
28 be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to manufacture, sell, give away, transfer, use, or
29 possess a ghost gun or an undetectable firearm.

30 (c) Exception. – This section does not apply to federally licensed firearm manufacturers
31 (Federal Firearm License Type 07) pursuant to Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives
32 (ATF) regulations.

33 (d) Punishment. – Any person violating this section is guilty of a Class I felony."

34 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2025, and applies to offenses
35 committed on or after that date.

