On page 3 of the printed A-engrossed bill, delete lines 25 through 45.

On page 4, delete line 1 and insert:

"SECTION 4. (1)(a) A person may not knowingly offer for sale, sell or transfer a firearm unless the firearm has been imprinted with a serial number by a federally licensed firearm manufacturer, importer or dealer, or a gunsmith with a federal firearms license, in accordance with federal law.

“(b) A person may not knowingly possess a firearm unless the firearm has been imprinted with a serial number by a federally licensed firearm manufacturer, importer or dealer, or a gunsmith with a federal firearms license, in accordance with federal law.

“(2) This section does not apply to:

“(a) Antique firearms;

“(b) Firearms manufactured prior to October 22, 1968;

“(c) Firearms rendered permanently inoperable;

“(d) The sale, offer to sell, or transfer of a firearm to, or possession of a firearm by, a person licensed as a firearm manufacturer, importer or dealer under 18 U.S.C. 923; or

“(e) A gunsmith taking possession of a firearm for the purpose of imprinting the firearm with a serial number in accordance with federal law.

“(3)(a) A violation of subsection (1)(a) of this section constitutes a Class B violation.

“(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection, a violation of subsection (1)(a) of this section is a Class A misdemeanor if, at the time of the offense, the person has a prior conviction under this section or section 3 or 5 of this 2023 Act.

“(c) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection, a violation of subsection (1)(a) of this section is a Class B felony if, at the time of the offense, the person has two or more prior convictions under this section or section 3 or 5 of this 2023 Act.

“(d) A violation of subsection (1)(b) of this section occurring before September 1, 2024, does not constitute an offense.

“(4) A person convicted of any offense under this section shall forfeit the firearm.

“(5) As used in this section, ‘prior conviction’ includes a conviction for a violation of Federal law.”

On page 15, after line 35, insert:

"SECTION 16. Section 4 of this 2023 Act is amended to read:

“Sec. 4. [(1)(a)] (1) A person may not knowingly possess, offer for sale, sell or transfer a firearm unless the firearm has been imprinted with a serial number by a federally licensed firearm manufacturer, importer or dealer, or a gunsmith with a federal firearms license, in accordance with federal law.

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“[(b) A person may not knowingly possess a firearm unless the firearm has been imprinted with a serial number by a federally licensed firearm manufacturer, importer or dealer, or a gunsmith with a federal firearms license, in accordance with federal law.]

“(2) This section does not apply to:

“(a) Antique firearms;

“(b) Firearms manufactured prior to October 22, 1968;

“(c) Firearms rendered permanently inoperable;

“(d) The sale, offer to sell, or transfer of a firearm to, or possession of a firearm by, a person licensed as a firearm manufacturer, importer or dealer under 18 U.S.C. 923; or

“(e) A gunsmith taking possession of a firearm for the purpose of imprinting the firearm with a serial number in accordance with federal law.

“(3)(a) A violation of subsection [(1)(a)] (1) of this section constitutes a Class B violation.

“(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection, a violation of subsection [(1)(a)] (1) of this section is a Class A misdemeanor if, at the time of the offense, the person has a prior conviction under this section or section 3 or 5 of this 2023 Act.

“(c) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection, a violation of subsection [(1)(a)] (1) of this section is a Class B felony if, at the time of the offense, the person has two or more prior convictions under this section or section 3 or 5 of this 2023 Act.

“[(d) A violation of subsection (1)(b) of this section occurring before September 1, 2024, does not constitute an offense.]

“(4) A person convicted of any offense under this section shall forfeit the firearm.

“(5) As used in this section, ‘prior conviction’ includes a conviction for a violation offense.”.

In line 36, delete “16” and insert “17”.

On page 16, delete lines 28 through 32 and insert:

“SECTION 18. (1) The amendments to section 4 of this 2023 Act by section 16 of this 2023 Act become operative on September 1, 2024.

“(2) The amendments to section 5 of this 2023 Act by section 17 of this 2023 Act become operative on September 1, 2024.

“SECTION 19. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Department of State Police, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of $356,816, for implementation of the provisions of this 2023 Act.

“SECTION 20. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect on its passage.”.