



## 99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2015 and 2016

SB1379

Introduced 2/20/2015, by Sen. Ira I. Silverstein

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

720 ILCS 5/24-2.3 new

Amends the Criminal Code of 2012. Creates the offense of unlawful use of a three-dimensional printer to create a firearm. Provides that a person commits the offense when he or she knowingly uses a three-dimensional printer to create a fully functioning firearm. Adds exemptions for: (1) a person who possesses a license to manufacture firearms under the federal Gun Control Act of 1968; (2) a person who is actually engaged in the business of manufacturing and selling any piece or part of a firearm, but only with respect to the activities which are within the lawful scope of that business; or (3) a person who uses a three-dimensional printer to create a prototype of a firearm. Adds definitions of "prototype" and "three-dimensional printer". Provides that a violation is a Class A misdemeanor.

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CORRECTIONAL  
BUDGET AND  
IMPACT NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning criminal law.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Criminal Code of 2012 is amended by adding  
5 Section 24-2.3 as follows:

6 (720 ILCS 5/24-2.3 new)

7 Sec. 24-2.3. Unlawful use of a three-dimensional printer to  
8 create a firearm.

9 (a) As used in this Section:

10 "Prototype" means a sample, model, or release of a product  
11 built to test a concept or process or to act as a thing to be  
12 replicated or learned from the sample, model, or release.

13 "Prototype" includes:

14 (1) a sample, model, or release used to test some  
15 aspect of the design without attempting to exactly simulate  
16 the visual appearance, choice of materials, or intended  
17 manufacturing process;

18 (2) a sample, model, or release used to explore the  
19 basic size, look, and feel of the product without  
20 simulating the actual function or exact visual appearance  
21 of the product;

22 (3) a sample, model, or release intended to capture the  
23 design aesthetic and simulate the appearance, color, and

1 surface textures of the intended product but which does not  
2 actually embody the functions of the final product; or

3 (4) a functional prototype or working prototype which,  
4 to the greatest extent practical, attempt to simulate the  
5 final design, aesthetics, materials, and functionality of  
6 the intended design.

7 "Three-dimensional printer" means a computer capable of  
8 producing a three-dimensional object from a digital model.

9 (b) A person commits unlawful use of a three-dimensional  
10 printer to create a firearm when he or she knowingly uses a  
11 three-dimensional printer to create a fully functioning  
12 firearm. This subsection (b) does not apply to:

13 (1) a person who possesses a license to manufacture  
14 firearms under subsection (a) of Section 923 of the federal  
15 Gun Control Act of 1968 (18 U.S.C. 923(a));

16 (2) a person who is actually engaged in the business of  
17 manufacturing and selling any piece or part of a firearm,  
18 but only with respect to the activities which are within  
19 the lawful scope of that business; or

20 (3) a person who uses a three-dimensional printer to  
21 create a prototype of a firearm.

22 (c) Sentence. Unlawful use of a three-dimensional printer  
23 to create a firearm is a Class A misdemeanor.