

1 AN ACT relating to modified weapons.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 237 IS CREATED TO  
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) As used in this section:*

6 *(a) "Modified weapon" means:*

7 *1. A semiautomatic rifle that has an ability to accept a detachable*  
8 *magazine and has at least one (1) of the following characteristics:*

9 *a. A folding or telescoping stock;*

10 *b. A pistol grip that protrudes conspicuously beneath the action of*  
11 *the weapon;*

12 *c. A second handgrip or a protruding grip that can be held by the*  
13 *non-trigger hand;*

14 *d. A bayonet mount;*

15 *e. A flash suppressor, muzzle break, muzzle compensator, or*  
16 *threaded barrel designed to accommodate a flash suppressor,*  
17 *muzzle break, or muzzle compensator; or*

18 *f. A grenade launcher;*

19 *2. A semiautomatic shotgun that has at least one (1) of the following*  
20 *characteristics:*

21 *a. A folding or telescoping stock;*

22 *b. A second handgrip or a protruding grip that can be held by the*  
23 *non-trigger hand;*

24 *c. A fixed magazine capacity in excess of seven (7) rounds; or*

25 *d. An ability to accept a detachable magazine; or*

26 *3. A semiautomatic pistol that has an ability to accept a detachable*  
27 *magazine and has at least one (1) of the following characteristics:*

- 1                    a. A folding or telescoping stock;  
2                    b. A second handgrip or a protruding grip that can be held by the  
3                    non-trigger hand;  
4                    c. Capacity to accept an ammunition magazine that attaches to the  
5                    pistol outside of the pistol grip;  
6                    d. A threaded barrel capable of accepting a barrel extender, flash  
7                    suppressor, forward handgrip, or silencer;  
8                    e. A shroud that is attached to, or partially or completely encircles,  
9                    the barrel and that permits the shooter to hold the firearm with  
10                   the non-trigger hand without being burned; or  
11                   f. A manufactured weight of fifty (50) ounces or more when the  
12                   pistol is unloaded;  
13                   4. A semiautomatic version of an automatic rifle, shotgun, or firearm; or  
14                   5. A revolving cylinder shotgun; and  
15                   (b) "Modified weapon" does not include:  
16                   1. Any rifle, shotgun, or pistol that is manually operated by bolt, pump,  
17                   lever, or slide action, which has been rendered permanently  
18                   inoperable, or which is an antique firearm as defined in 18 U.S.C. sec.  
19                   921(a)(16);  
20                   2. A semiautomatic rifle that cannot accept a detachable magazine that  
21                   holds more than five (5) rounds of ammunition; or  
22                   3. A semiautomatic shotgun that cannot hold more than five (5) rounds  
23                   of ammunition in a fixed or detachable magazine.  
24                   (2) A licensed dealer as defined in KRS 527.090 may not deliver a modified weapon  
25                   to a purchaser until seven (7) days have elapsed from the date of the purchase  
26                   application.

27                   ➔SECTION 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 527 IS CREATED TO

1 READ AS FOLLOWS:

2 (1) A person is guilty of possession of a modified weapon when, being under the age  
3 of twenty-one (21) years, he or she possesses, manufactures, or transports a  
4 modified weapon as defined in Section 1 of this Act, except when the person is:

5 (a) A member of the Armed Forces of the United States or the Kentucky  
6 National Guard; or

7 (b) A law enforcement officer as defined in KRS 15.310.

8 (2) Possession of a modified weapon by a person under twenty-one (21) years of age  
9 is a Class A misdemeanor for the first offense and a Class D felony for a second  
10 or subsequent offense.

11 ➔SECTION 3. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 527 IS CREATED TO  
12 READ AS FOLLOWS:

13 (1) No person shall knowingly sell or transfer a modified weapon as defined in  
14 Section 1 of this Act to any person under twenty-one (21) years of age.

15 (2) Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (1) of this section is guilty of  
16 a Class D felony for the first offense and a Class C felony for a second or  
17 subsequent offense.