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A BILL

To enact section 9.681 of the Revised Code to 1
establish the Firearms Industry 2
Nondiscrimination Act. 3

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 9.681 of the Revised Code be 4
enacted to read as follows: 5

Sec. 9.681. (A) As used in this section: 6

"Firearm entity" means a shooting range or a firearm, 7
firearm accessory, or ammunition manufacturer, distributor, 8
wholesaler, supplier, or retailer. 9

"Full-time employee" means an employee who is employed an 10
average of at least twenty-five hours per week. 11

"Governmental entity" means the state and any political 12
subdivision of the state. 13

"Political subdivision" means a county, township, 14
municipal corporation, or any other body corporate and politic 15

that is responsible for government activities in a geographic 16
area smaller than that of the state. 17

"State" means the state of Ohio, including the general 18
assembly, the supreme court, the offices of all elected state 19
officers, and all departments, boards, offices, commissions, 20
agencies, colleges and universities, institutions, and other 21
instrumentalities of the state of Ohio. 22

"Trade association" means an entity to which all of the 23
following apply: 24

(1) The entity is a corporation, unincorporated 25
association, federation, business league, or professional or 26
business organization not organized or operated for profit. 27

(2) No part of the net earnings of the entity inures to 28
the benefit of any private shareholder or individual. 29

(3) The entity is an organization described in 26 U.S.C. 30
501(c)(6) and exempt from federal income taxation pursuant to 26 31
U.S.C. 501(a). 32

(4) Two or more members of the entity are manufacturers or 33
sellers of a qualified product, as defined by 15 U.S.C. 7903(4). 34

(B) This section applies only to a contract that is 35
entered into after the effective date of this section and that 36
does both of the following: 37

(1) Is between a governmental entity and a company with 38
ten or more full-time employees; 39

(2) Has a value of one hundred thousand dollars or more 40
that is to be paid wholly or partly from public funds of the 41
governmental entity. 42

(C) A governmental entity may not enter into a contract 43
with a company for goods or services unless the contract 44
contains a written verification of both of the following: 45

(1) The company does not have any internal practice, 46
policy, guidance, or directive, written or unwritten, that 47
discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade 48
association. 49

(2) The company will not discriminate against a firearm 50
entity or firearm trade association during the term of the 51
contract. 52

Section 2. This act shall be known as the Firearms 53
Industry Nondiscrimination Act. 54

Section 3. The items of law contained in this act, and 55
their applications, are severable. If any item of law contained 56
in this act, or if any application of any item of law contained 57
in this act, is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect 58
other items of law contained in this act and their applications 59
that can be given effect without the invalid item of law or 60
application. 61