

HB 16 -- UNLAWFUL TRANSFER OF WEAPONS (Schroer)

Committee of Origin: Standing Committee on General Laws

Currently, selling, leasing, lending, giving, or delivering a firearm to a person not legally allowed to possess one is prohibited. This bill states that a person commits the offense of unlawful transfer of weapons if they knowingly sell, lease, lend, give away, or deliver a firearm to a person under 18 years of age for the purpose of avoiding, interfering with, or preventing a lawful felony arrest, detention, or investigation of any alleged offense.

Currently, a person who recklessly sells, leases, loans, gives away or delivers a firearm to a minor, without the consent of the minor's parent, commits the offense of unlawful transfer of a weapon. This bill removes that provision.

This bill also clarifies existing language on the transfer of other items including blackjacks, and specifies that exceptions exist for peace officers and members of the National Guard.

Violations of subdivisions (1) and (2) under subsection 1 of this section is a class E felony. Violations of subdivisions (3) and (4) under subsection 1 of this section is a class A misdemeanor.

This bill has an emergency clause.