

CHAPTER 686

H.B. No. 85

An Act relating to the offense of transfer of certain weapons to a person younger than 18 years old.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 46.07, Penal Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 46.07. **UNLAWFUL TRANSFER OF CERTAIN WEAPONS [FIREARM].** (a) A person commits an offense if he:

(1) sells, rents, leases, loans, or gives a handgun to any person knowing that the person to whom the handgun is to be delivered intends to use it unlawfully or in the commission of an unlawful act;

(2) intentionally or knowingly sells, rents, leases, or gives or offers to sell, rent, lease, or give to any child younger than 18 years any firearm, club, or illegal knife or any martial arts throwing stars; or

(3) intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly sells a firearm or ammunition for a firearm to any person who is intoxicated.

(b) For purposes of this section, "intoxicated" means substantial impairment of mental or physical capacity resulting from introduction of any substance into the body.

(c) It is an affirmative defense to prosecution under Subsection (a)(2) of this section that the transfer was to a minor whose parent or the person having legal custody of the minor had given written permission for the sale or, if the transfer was other than a sale, the parent or person having legal custody had given effective consent.

(d) An offense under this section is a Class A misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1985.

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed by the House on April 16, 1985, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 26, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved: June 14, 1985

Effective: September 1, 1985