

Amendment to HB 609-FN

1 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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3 1 Firearms, Ammunition, and Knives; Authority of the State. Amend RSA 159:26 to read as
4 follows:

5 159:26 Firearms, Ammunition, and Knives; Authority of the State.

6 I. To the extent consistent with federal law, the state of New Hampshire shall have
7 authority and jurisdiction over the sale, purchase, ownership, use, possession, transportation,
8 licensing, permitting, taxation, or other matter pertaining to firearms, firearms components,
9 ammunition, firearms supplies, **stun guns, Tasers, pepper spray devices**, [ø] knives, **or other**
10 **self-defense tools** in the state. Except as otherwise specifically provided by statute, no ordinance or
11 regulation of a political subdivision may regulate the sale, purchase, ownership, use, possession,
12 transportation, licensing, permitting, taxation, or other matter pertaining to firearms, firearms
13 components, ammunition, or firearms supplies in the state. Nothing in this section shall be
14 construed as affecting a political subdivision's right to adopt zoning ordinances for the purpose of
15 regulating firearms or knives businesses in the same manner as other businesses or to take any
16 action allowed under RSA 207:59.

17 II. Upon the effective date of this section, all municipal ordinances and regulations not
18 authorized under paragraph I relative to the sale, purchase, ownership, use, possession,
19 transportation, licensing, permitting, taxation, or other matter pertaining to firearms, firearm
20 components, ammunition, firearms supplies, **stun guns, Tasers, pepper spray devices**, [ø] knives,
21 **or other self-defense tools** shall be null and void.

22 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill provides that the state has authority and jurisdiction over the regulation of firearms, stun guns, Tasers, pepper spray devices, knives, and other self-defense tools, to the extent consistent with federal law.