



Legislation Text

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**Item Title & Description:**

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**A bill for an ordinance amending chapters 14, 34, 37, 38, and 42 of the Denver Revised Municipal Code to restructure the weapons code, properly categorize and clarify certain offenses involving minors and non-weapons offenses, prohibit non-serialized firearms in the City, and make conforming amendments.**

Amends chapters 14, 34, 37, 38, and 42 of the Denver Revised Municipal Code to restructure the weapons code, properly categorize and clarify certain offenses involving minors and non-weapons offenses, prohibit non-serialized firearms in the City, and make conforming amendments. The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 12-8-21.

**Affected Council District(s) or citywide?** Citywide

**Executive Summary with Rationale and Impact:**

*Detailed description of the item and why we are doing it. This can be a separate attachment.*

Earlier this year, the Biden Administration's announced it would be taking efforts to update federal rules to help end the proliferation of non-serialized firearms in the country. These "ghost guns" as they are referred to colloquially, are firearms and firearm frames and receivers that lack a serial number, and thus cannot be traced to their original owner, seller, or manufacturer.

As various cities across the country have seen more and more of these non-serialized firearms being used in crimes, Mayor Hancock and City Attorney Kristin Bronson are proposing a ban on the possession, carry, use, manufacture, and sale of non-serialized guns in Denver.

In addition to the prohibition on non-serialized firearms, this bill also reorganizes division 2 of chapter 38 of the D.R.M.C. where weapons offenses are listed. The reorganization is intended to provide better clarity for law enforcement officers, prosecutors, defense attorneys, and average citizens. Some minor modifications to the status quo are intended to capture legislative intent or provide clarity where previous code language was unclear.

**Address/Location (if applicable):**

**Legal Description (if applicable):**

**Denver Revised Municipal Code (D.R.M.C.) Citation (if applicable):**

**Draft Bill Attached?**