CHAPTER 525 — H.F.No. 1704

An act relating to public safety; making it a felony to use or possess metal-penetrating bullets in the commission of a crime; prescribing penalties; proposing new law coded in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 624.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. [624.74] METAL-PENETRATING BULLETS.

Subdivision 1. INTENT. This section is designed to give law enforcement officers performing their official duties a reasonable degree of protection from penetration of quality body armor. It is not the intent of this section to restrict the availability of ammunition for personal defense, sporting, or hunting purposes.

Subd. 2. DEFINITION. For purposes of this section, "metal-penetrating bullet" means a handgun bullet of 9 mm, .25, .32, .357, .38, .41, .44, or .451 caliber which is comprised of a hardened core equal to the minimum of the maximum attainable hardness by solid red metal alloys which purposely reduces the normal expansion or mushrooming of the bullet's shape upon impact. "Metal-penetrating bullet" excludes any bullet composed of copper or brass jacket with lead or lead alloy cores and any bullet composed of lead or lead alloys.

Subd. 3. USE OR POSSESSION IN COMMISSION OF A CRIME. Any person who uses or possesses a metal-penetrating bullet during the commission of a crime is guilty of a felony and may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than three years or to payment of a fine of not more than $3,000, or both. Any imprisonment sentence imposed under this subdivision shall run consecutively to any sentence imposed for the other crime.

Subd. 4. LOCAL REGULATION. Section 1 shall be construed to supersede any municipal or county regulation of ammunition, including its component parts.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Section 1 is effective the day after final enactment and applies to all crimes committed on or after that date.

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