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I oppose this bill. This bill imposes stringent regulations on the possession, sale, and transfer of firearms and firearm components, such as unfinished frames and receivers, particularly by criminalizing the possession of firearms without serial numbers. This unnecessary overreach infringes on the rights of responsible gun owners and legal firearm manufacturers. By mandating that all firearms, including unfinished components, have serial numbers imprinted, it creates burdensome requirements for private individuals and small businesses who may not have the resources to comply. Furthermore, it introduces potential legal penalties for individuals who possess firearms or parts that are not imprinted with serial numbers, even if these items are not intended for illegal use. The bill also introduces complex regulations for those who manufacture or transfer unfinished components, imposing penalties for failing to meet bureaucratic requirements. These provisions are likely to be disruptive and overly restrictive, potentially penalizing law-abiding citizens while doing little to prevent criminal activity. In addition, it burdens law-abiding gun owners by requiring them to schedule appointments with federal firearms licensees for serial number imprinting, which may be time-consuming and financially prohibitive for some.