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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to products liability for firearms;
creating s. 768.1258, F.S.; providing definitions;
providing that a firearm manufacturer is not liable
for certain torts based on the absence or presence of
certain features, mechanisms, or standards not
required under federal law; providing construction;
providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 768.1258, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

768.1258 Limitation of actions against firearm manufacturers.—

(1) As used in this section, the term:

(a) "Authorized user recognition technology" means a mechanism, device, or technology applied to a firearm which prevents a user not authorized by the firearm owner from firing the firearm.

(b) "External manual safety" means a manually operated mechanism that, when engaged, blocks the firearm trigger from functioning.

(c) "Firearm" has the same meaning as in s. 790.001.

(d) "Loaded chamber indicator" means a mechanism or

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26 feature intended to indicate to the user that a cartridge is in
27 the firing chamber of a firearm.

28 (e) "Magazine disconnect mechanism" means a mechanism that
29 prevents a semiautomatic firearm from firing when the detachable
30 magazine is not fully inserted in the firearm.

31 (2) In a products liability action involving a firearm, a
32 firearm manufacturer is not liable under a theory of defective
33 product design, failure to warn, negligence, strict liability,
34 or other claims based on the absence or presence of any design
35 feature, functionality, safety mechanism, or performance
36 standard that is not required by federal law as a condition for
37 the lawful manufacture, sale, import, or receipt of the firearm,
38 including, but not limited to:

39 (a) A magazine disconnect mechanism;
40 (b) A loaded chamber indicator;
41 (c) Authorized user recognition technology; or
42 (d) An external manual safety, including, but not limited
43 to, a hinged, pivoting, or tabbed trigger safety.

44 (3) This section does not limit liability for a firearm
45 manufacturer in cases in which the claimant establishes that the
46 firearm contained an actual manufacturing defect or failed to
47 operate in a manner consistent with the manufacturer's express
48 warranties or representations.

49 **Section 2.** This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.