


COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20004

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Nyasha Smith, Secretary to the Council

FROM: Phil Mendelson, Chairman 

DATE: December 16, 2021

RE: **Notice to Reconsider Measure on the Agenda for the December 21, 2021 Additional Legislative Meeting**

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The following measure is placed on the agenda for reconsideration at the December 21, 2021 Additional Legislative Meeting:

- **Bill 24-506, “Ghost Gun Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2021”**

The Council approved Bill 24-506 at the December 7, 2021 Legislative meeting, but it has yet to be transmitted to the Mayor for signing. Since the approval of the bill, we have received feedback from stakeholders that necessitates reconsideration of the bill pursuant to Council Rule 345 to make a minor change to the definition of receiver and to strike language that prohibits the ability of owners of self-manufactured firearms from being able to obtain a license to carry.

As approved by the Council, the definition of receiver in the bill would force owners of self-manufactured Glock-style pistols or AR-15-style rifles to serialize both the upper and lower receiver. These firearms have a split receiver design where the fire control components are housed in both the upper and lower receivers. Requiring serialization of both receivers is impractical and could be subject to successful legal challenge.

Additionally, the temporary bill contains language that prohibits the Chief of Police from approving an application for a license to carry when the firearm is self-manufactured, even though owners must legally serialize and register these firearms. Prohibiting the owners of lawful, self-manufactured firearms receiving a license to carry may be constitutionally suspect.

The attached draft amendment in the nature of the substitute (ANS) addresses both of these issues. My office is working with the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety as well as the Office of Attorney General and advocacy stakeholders to ensure these amendments fix legal concerns.

Please call me or Blaine Stum, Legislative Policy Advisor, if you have any questions at (202) 724-8092.

cc: All Councilmembers  
Council Officers