

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

SENATE BILL 695

By: Murdock

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to firearms; amending 21 O.S. 2021, Section 1289.24a, which relates to lawsuits against gun manufacturers; prohibiting certain action; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2021, Section 1289.24a, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1289.24a. 1. The State Legislature declares that the lawful design, marketing, manufacturing, or sale of firearms or ammunition to the public is not unreasonably dangerous activity and does not constitute a nuisance.

2. The authority to bring suit and right to recover against any firearms or ammunition manufacturer, trade association, or dealer by or on behalf of any governmental unit created by or pursuant to an act of the Legislature or the Constitution, or any department, agency, or authority thereof, for damages, abatement, or injunctive relief resulting from or relating to the lawful design, manufacturing, marketing, or sale of firearms or ammunition to the

1 public shall be reserved exclusively to the state. This paragraph
2 shall not prohibit a political subdivision or local government
3 authority from bringing an action against a firearms or ammunition
4 manufacturer or dealer for breach of contract or warranty as to
5 firearms or ammunition purchased by the political subdivision or
6 local government authority. This bill shall not be construed to
7 prohibit an individual from bringing a cause of action based upon an
8 existing recognized theory of law.

9 3. A person may not bring, file, or maintain any civil action
10 or special proceeding against a firearm, firearm accessory, or
11 ammunition manufacturer, distributor, dealer, importer, exporter, or
12 trade association, or the owners, shareholders, directors, and
13 employees of any such entity, for recovery of damages, punitive
14 damages, restitution, fines, penalties, injunctive or declaratory
15 relief, or other remedy based on the legal theory that the marketing
16 or advertising of a firearm, firearm accessories, or ammunition was
17 the cause of any personal injury, death, or property damage or
18 caused or contributed to the creation or maintaining of a public
19 nuisance.

20 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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