House File 2464

S-5129

- 1 Amend House File 2464, as amended, passed, and reprinted by
- 2 the House, as follows:
- 3 l. By striking everything after the enacting clause and 4 inserting:
- 5 <Section 1. NEW SECTION. 554H.1 Definitions.
- 6 1. "Ammunition" means the same as defined in 18 U.S.C. §921.
- 7 2. "Covered entity" means an entity, or agent of an entity,
- 8 that establishes a relationship with a retailer for the purpose
- 9 of processing credit, debit, or prepaid transactions.
- 3. "Firearm" means the same as defined in 18 U.S.C. §921,
- 11 and includes a shotgun, rifle, and antique firearm, as those
- 12 terms are defined in 18 U.S.C. §921.
- 13 4. "Firearms retailer" means an individual or entity that
- 14 is all of the following:
- 15 a. Physically located in the state.
- 16 b. Engaged in the lawful business of selling or trading
- 17 firearms or ammunition.
- 18 5. "Merchant category code" means the code, approved by the
- 19 international organization for standardization specifically for
- 20 firearms retailers, that is assigned to a retailer based on the
- 21 types of goods and services offered to a retailer's customers.
- 22 6. a. "Payment card network" means an entity that, directly
- 23 or through a member, processor, or agent, provides proprietary
- 24 services, infrastructure, software, or hardware that is used
- 25 to authorize, clear, and settle credit, debit, or prepaid
- 26 transactions.
- 27 b. "Payment card network" does not include an issuing
- 28 financial institution that settles a credit, debit, or prepaid
- 29 transaction with a retailer on behalf of a consumer.
- 30 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 554H.2 Merchant category codes.
- 31 1. A payment card network shall not require, incentivize,
- 32 or permit the use of a merchant category code in a manner that
- 33 distinguishes a firearms retailer from other retailers.
- 34 2. A covered entity, or a covered entity's agent, shall
- 35 not assign a firearms retailer a merchant category code that

- 1 distinguishes the firearms retailer from other retailers.
- 2 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 554H.3 Firearm registry or record.
- 3 1. Except for records kept during the regular course of a
- 4 criminal investigation or criminal prosecution, or as otherwise
- 5 required by law, a person, unit of government, or governmental
- 6 organization shall not knowingly and willfully keep or cause to
- 7 be kept a record or registry of privately owned firearms or of
- 8 the owners of privately owned firearms.
- 9 2. This section shall not be construed to prohibit an
- 10 owner or an owner's representative from maintaining a list of
- 11 the owner's privately owned firearms, or to prohibit a law
- 12 enforcement agency from maintaining a list, registry, or record
- 13 of firearms that have been stolen or reported stolen.
- 14 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 554H.4 Enforcement penalties.
- 15 1. The attorney general shall investigate reasonable
- 16 alleged violations of this chapter. As part of the
- 17 investigation, and in accordance with the Iowa rules of civil
- 18 procedure, the attorney general may issue a subpoena for the
- 19 production of records. If a person, unit of government, or
- 20 governmental organization refuses to comply, the attorney
- 21 general may seek enforcement by the district court.
- 22 2. Any of the following may petition the attorney general to
- 23 investigate an alleged violation of this chapter:
- 24 a. A firearms retailer, or a customer who made a transaction
- 25 at a firearms retailer whose business is the subject of any
- 26 alleged violation of section 554H.2.
- 27 b. An individual whose firearms ownership is the subject of
- 28 any alleged violation of section 554H.3.
- 29 3. Upon finding that a person is in violation of this
- 30 chapter, the attorney general shall provide written notice
- 31 to the person, or to the registered agent of the person,
- 32 determined to have committed the violation.
- 33 4. Upon receipt of notice under subsection 2, the person
- 34 shall have sixty calendar days to cease the violation.
- 35 5. If the violation persists after the expiration of the

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- 1 sixty-day period under subsection 3, the attorney general
- 2 shall bring civil action in district court to enjoin further
- 3 violations by a person found to be in violation of this
- 4 chapter.
- 5 6. If a person knowingly or willfully fails to comply with
- 6 an injunction issued under subsection 4, after sixty calendar
- 7 days of the date the person is served with the injunction, the
- 8 attorney general shall petition the district court to impose
- 9 civil penalties in an amount not to exceed one thousand dollars
- 10 per violation of the injunction, taking into consideration the
- ll financial resources of the violator and the harm or risk of
- 12 harm to the violator's rights under the second amendment to the
- 13 Constitution of the United States and Article I, section 1A, of
- 14 the Constitution of the State of Iowa.
- 15 It shall be a defense to a proceeding initiated pursuant
- 16 to this section that the person made a good-faith determination
- 17 that the person's action was required by law.>
- 18 Title page, by striking lines 1 through 3 and inserting
- 19 < An Act relating to merchant category codes for transactions
- 20 involving firearms and ammunition, firearm registries and
- 21 records, and providing civil penalties.>

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