

By: Senator(s) Barnett

To: Judiciary, Division A

SENATE BILL NO. 2018

1 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT REALISTIC TOY GUNS AND IMITATION FIREARMS  
2 THAT COULD BE MISTAKEN FOR ACTUAL FIREARMS; TO CREATE EXCEPTIONS;  
3 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

5 **SECTION 1.** (1) For the purposes of this section, "device"  
6 is defined as a toy, look-alike, or imitation firearm having the  
7 appearance, shape or configuration of a firearm. It does not  
8 include:

9 (a) A nonfiring collector replica antique firearm,  
10 which looks authentic and may be a scale model but is not intended  
11 as a toy;

12 (b) Any traditional B-B, paint-ball or pellet-firing  
13 airgun that expels a projectile through the force of compressed  
14 air, compressed gas or mechanical spring action, or any  
15 combination;

16 (c) Any decorative, ornamental or miniature object  
17 having the appearance, shape or configuration of a firearm,  
18 including one intended to be displayed on a desk or worn on a



19 bracelet, necklace or keychain or that is merely decorative, if  
20 the object measures no more than thirty-eight (38) millimeters in  
21 height by seventy (70) millimeters in length.

22 (2) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, no  
23 person shall manufacture, enter into commerce, ship, transport, or  
24 receive any device defined in this section unless the device  
25 contains, or has affixed to it, one (1) of the following markings:

26 (a) A blaze orange solid plug permanently affixed to  
27 the muzzle end of the barrel as an integral part of the entire  
28 device and recessed no more than six (6) millimeters from the  
29 muzzle end of the barrel.

30 (b) A blaze orange marking permanently affixed to the  
31 exterior surface of the barrel, covering the circumference of the  
32 barrel from the muzzle end for a depth of at least six (6)  
33 millimeters.

34 (c) Construction of the device entirely of transparent  
35 or translucent materials which permits unmistakable observation of  
36 the device's complete contents.

37 (d) Coloration of the entire exterior surface of the  
38 device in white, bright red, bright orange, bright yellow, bright  
39 green, bright blue, bright pink, or bright purple, either singly  
40 or as the predominant color in combination with other colors in  
41 any pattern.

42 (3) The prohibitions set forth in this section do not apply  
43 to any toy, look-alike or imitation firearm that is used only in



44 the theatrical, movie or television industry or by the drama  
45 department of a school.

46         **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
47 and after July 1, 2017.

