

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 272

BY REPRESENTATIVE ALFRED WILLIAMS

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4879(B) and (C), relative to firearms; to authorize parishes
3 and municipalities to institute a firearms buyback program; to provide relative to the
4 procedures governing the implementation of the program and the funding of the
5 program; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 33:4879(B) and (C) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
8 follows:

9 §4879. Purpose; firearms buyback program; authorization; ~~city of New Orleans~~

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11 B. ~~The city of New Orleans~~ Any municipality or parish may institute a
12 firearms buyback program. Funding for the buyback program shall be acquired from
13 cash donations from private businesses and may ~~be acquired from~~ include funds from
14 ~~the city's assets, seizures, and forfeiture~~ forfeitures fund of any participating law
15 enforcement agency within the jurisdiction of the municipality or parish, if the city
16 possesses such a fund. and no other public funds shall be used to implement the
17 program. The firearms buyback program shall exist for not more than a thirty-day
18 period in any calendar year or shall exist until the funds acquired or received for the
19 purchase of the firearms are exhausted.

20 C. The ~~city~~ municipality or parish shall promulgate rules of procedure
21 governing the acquisition and disposal of firearms purchased through the program.
22 Such weapons shall either be destroyed or delivered to law enforcement agencies of
23 the ~~city~~ municipality or parish for departmental use. Departmental use may include
24 the sale of the firearms at a public auction. The proceeds of the sales shall be used

1 to defray the costs of administering the auction, and any surplus funds shall be
2 deposited into the training fund of the law enforcement agency conducting the sale
3 or may be used by that agency to purchase law enforcement equipment. Any firearm
4 sales authorized pursuant to the provisions of this Section shall comply with all state
5 and federal firearms laws. In no case shall such weapon be given to any individual,
6 except that a stolen weapon shall be returned to its rightful owner on proof of
7 ownership.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____