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**S. B. No. 360**

**Senator Obhof**

**Cosponsors: Senators Peterson, Hottinger, Brenner, Johnson, Roegner, Rulli,  
Schaffer, Burke, Coley, Hoagland**

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**A BILL**

To enact section 9.71 of the Revised Code to 1  
generally bar public officials from prohibiting 2  
all federally licensed firearms dealers in the 3  
state or a specified geographic area from the 4  
commercial sale or transfer of firearms or their 5  
components or ammunition. 6

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That section 9.71 of the Revised Code be 7  
enacted to read as follows: 8

**Sec. 9.71.** (A) As used in this section: 9

(1) "Federally licensed firearms dealer" has the same 10  
meaning as in section 5502.63 of the Revised Code. 11

(2) "Firearm" has the same meaning as in section 2923.11 12  
of the Revised Code. 13

(3) "Public official" means any elected or appointed 14  
officer, employee, or agent of the state or any political 15  
subdivision, board, commission, bureau, or other public body 16

established by law. 17

(B) Notwithstanding any contrary provision of the Revised 18  
Code, subject to division (C) of this section, no public 19  
official shall issue an order that prohibits all federally 20  
licensed firearms dealers in the state or in a geographic area 21  
of the state from engaging in the commercial sale, giving, 22  
furnishing, or transfer of firearms, firearm components, or 23  
ammunition for firearms. This division does not prohibit a 24  
public official from issuing an order, pursuant to the 25  
official's authority under the Revised Code or a local 26  
ordinance, that prohibits a particular federally licensed 27  
firearms dealer from engaging in the commercial sale, giving, 28  
furnishing, or transfer of firearms, firearm components, or 29  
ammunition for firearms. 30

(C) Division (B) of this section does not apply to either 31  
a zoning ordinance of the type described in division (D) (1) of 32  
section 9.68 of the Revised Code or a zoning ordinance of the 33  
type described in division (D) (2) of that section. 34