

(SB881)

GOVERNOR'S VETO

Pursuant to Article V, Section 6 of the Constitution of Virginia, I veto Senate Bill 881, which establishes a felony for knowingly possessing certain firearms or materials.

No one supports the proliferation of these weapons, and action has already been taken on this issue. During the 2024 General Assembly Session, Senate Bill 363, developed through a bipartisan process and enacted with my recommendations, built upon existing law to further restrict ghost guns responsibly. In contrast, this bill introduces confusing and overly broad changes that could unintentionally impact law-abiding individuals and businesses, including those involved in manufacturing or distributing industrial parts.

Additionally, the General Assembly rejected my amendments to clarify these concerns. As written, this legislation would not improve public safety with numerous unintended consequences.

Accordingly, I veto this bill.