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A BILL

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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