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Introduced by Sens. KAVANAGH, FERNANDEZ -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Codes -- reported favorably from said committee and committed to the Committee on Finance -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to requiring the division of criminal justice services to study the technological viability of personalized firearms

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "safer weapons, safer homes act".

§ 2. Section 835 of the executive law is amended by adding two new subdivisions 12 and 13 to read as follows:

12. "Personalized firearm" means a pistol or revolver that incorporates within its design a permanent programmable feature as part of its manufacture that cannot be deactivated and renders it reasonably resistant to being fired except when activated by the lawful owner or other user authorized by the lawful owner.

13. "Authorized user" means the owner of a personalized firearm or a person to whom such owner has given consent to use the personalized firearm.

§ 3. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 837-z to read as follows:

§ 837-z. Personalized firearms; study of technological viability. 1. As used in this section, the terms "personalized firearm" and "authorized user" shall have the same meanings as defined in subdivisions twelve and thirteen, respectively, of section eight hundred thirty-five of this article.

2. The division or a designee shall within two years of the effective date of this section engage in and complete a study that describes

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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performance standards, qualifying criteria, and testing protocols necessary to determine the technological viability of personalized firearms and identifies by make and model firearms that qualify as personalized firearms.

3. The division shall report the results of the study completed pursuant to subdivision two of this section to the governor, the temporary president and minority leader of the senate, and the speaker and minority leader of the assembly.

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately.