

Blockchain Firearm Tracking Targeted In MO Bill



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A bill that was recently prefiled with the Missouri House of Representatives would make it illegal to mandate the tracking of firearms via a blockchain or distributed ledger-based system.

On December 1, Missouri Representative Nick Schroer (R) prefiled [HB1256](#) with the state's House of Representatives. If passed, the bill would expand restrictions on gun tracking requirements to include blockchain platforms.

In no uncertain terms, the legislation reads, "it shall be unlawful to require a person to use or be subject to electronic firearm tracking technology." It goes on to define "electronic firearm tracking technology" as:

"a platform, system, or device, or a group of systems or devices, that uses a shared ledger, distributed ledger, or block chain technology or any other similar form of technology or electronic database for the purpose of storing information in a decentralized or centralized way; that is not

owned or controlled by any single person or entity; and that is used to locate or control the use of a firearm.”

The bill also states that a violation of these provisions would amount to a class E felony, the least serious felony classification on the books in Missouri.

Furthermore, it excludes certain classes of gun owners, including some law enforcement personnel, from its purview.

A similar bill in Arizona, [HB2216](#), was signed into law by that state’s governor on April 18. Some language in Missouri’s HB1256 is virtually identical to portions of Arizona’s legislation.

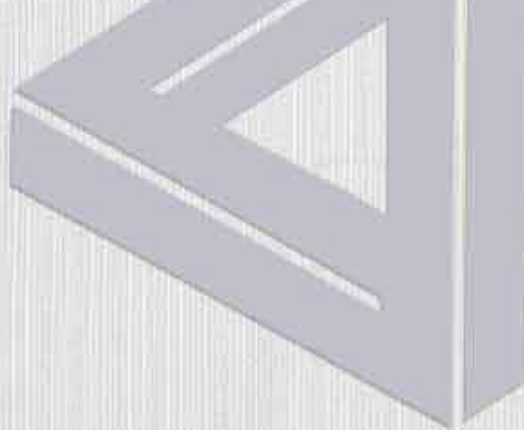
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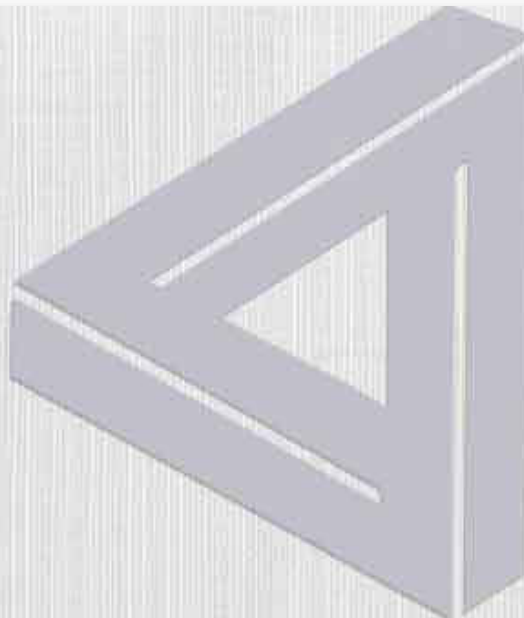
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