Richland County Sheriff's Office
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Passage of SB 214

On November 24, 2026, Governor Mike Dewine signed Senate Bill 214, which will become law in 90 days. SB 214 removes short-barreled rifles and shotguns along with suppressors from the dangerous ordnance provisions under current Ohio law.

The Buckeye State Sheriffs' Association (BSSA) reviewed the as introduced version of SB 214 on July 15, 2025, and supported the proposed legislation. As SB 214 made its way through the legislative process, the BSSA did not change its position. With the passage of SB 214, Ohio will now be compliant with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) recent decision to provide the same protections for citizens of the United States.

The BSSA is a strong proponent of the Second Amendment and has consistently been on the frontline to ensure safety and security are contained in any proposed legislative initiative.

If there are any questions, please contact the BSSA Executive Director Robert Cornwell, 614-431-5500, or your local Sheriff's Office.

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