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**SENATE BILL 23-169**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING INCREASING THE LEGAL AGE FOR CERTAIN CONDUCT**  
102              **RELATED TO A FIREARM, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,**  
103              **INCREASING THE LEGAL AGE TO PURCHASE, POSSESS, SELL, OR**  
104              **TRANSFER A FIREARM.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

Current law allows a person who is 18 years of age or older to knowingly possess or purchase a firearm. The bill increases that age requirement to a person who is 21 years of age or older and adds

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"intentionally" to the mens rea required for a person under 21 years of age to commit the offense of possessing or purchasing a firearm. The bill lists exceptions to the offense.

Under current law, it is a class 4 felony to intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly provide, or allow to possess, a firearm, with or without remuneration, to any person under the age of 18 (juvenile). The bill makes it a class 2 misdemeanor to intentionally or knowingly sell or transfer a firearm to a juvenile.

The bill makes conforming amendments.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-12-101, **add**  
3 (1)(b.7) and (1)(c.5) as follows:

4 **18-12-101. Peace officer affirmative defense - definitions.**

5 (1) As used in this article 12, unless the context otherwise requires:

6 (b.7) "FIREARM" MEANS ANY WEAPON, INCLUDING A STARTER GUN,  
7 THAT CAN, IS DESIGNED TO, OR MAY READILY BE CONVERTED TO EXPEL A  
8 PROJECTILE BY THE ACTION OF AN EXPLOSIVE; THE FRAME OR RECEIVER OF  
9 A FIREARM; A FIREARM SILENCER; AND A DESTRUCTIVE DEVICE, AS  
10 DEFINED IN SECTION 18-9-101. "FIREARM" DOES NOT INCLUDE AN ANTIQUE  
11 FIREARM, AS DEFINED IN 18 U.S.C. SEC. 921 (a)(16). IN THE CASE OF A  
12 LICENSED COLLECTOR, "FIREARM" MEANS ONLY CURIOS AND RELICS.  
13 "FIREARM" INCLUDES A WEAPONS PARTS KIT THAT IS DESIGNED TO OR MAY  
14 READILY BE COMPLETED, ASSEMBLED, RESTORED, OR OTHERWISE  
15 CONVERTED TO EXPEL A PROJECTILE BY THE ACTION OF AN EXPLOSIVE.  
16 "FIREARM" DOES NOT INCLUDE A WEAPON, INCLUDING A WEAPON PARTS  
17 KIT, IN WHICH THE FRAME OR RECEIVER OF THE FIREARM, AS DEFINED IN  
18 SUBSECTION (1)(c.5) OF THIS SECTION, OR THE WEAPON, IS DESTROYED.

19 (c.5) "FRAME OR RECEIVER OF A FIREARM" MEANS A PART OF A  
20 FIREARM THAT, WHEN THE COMPLETE FIREARM IS ASSEMBLED, IS VISIBLE

1 FROM THE EXTERIOR AND PROVIDES HOUSING OR A STRUCTURE DESIGNED  
2 TO HOLD OR INTEGRATE ONE OR MORE FIRE CONTROL COMPONENTS, EVEN  
3 IF PINS OR OTHER ATTACHMENTS ARE REQUIRED TO CONNECT THE FIRE  
4 CONTROL COMPONENTS. ANY PART OF A FIREARM IMPRINTED WITH A  
5 SERIAL NUMBER IS PRESUMED TO BE A FRAME OR RECEIVER OF A FIREARM,  
6 UNLESS THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS, AND  
7 EXPLOSIVES MAKES AN OFFICIAL DETERMINATION OTHERWISE OR THERE  
8 IS OTHER RELIABLE EVIDENCE TO THE CONTRARY.

9 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 18-12-108.5  
10 as follows:

11 **18-12-108.5. Possession, purchase, sale, or transfer of firearms**  
12 **- prohibited - exceptions - penalty.** (1) (a) Except as provided in this  
13 section, it is unlawful for any person who ~~has not attained the age of~~  
14 ~~eighteen~~ IS NOT TWENTY-ONE years OF AGE OR OLDER TO INTENTIONALLY  
15 OR knowingly ~~to have any handgun in such person's possession~~ PURCHASE  
16 OR POSSESS ANY FIREARM. THIS SUBSECTION (1)(a) DOES NOT APPLY IF:

17 (I) THE PERSON IS AT LEAST EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE, HAS A  
18 HUNTER EDUCATION CARD OR CERTIFICATE CERTIFIED BY THE PARKS AND  
19 WILDLIFE COMMISSION AS REQUIRED BY TITLE 33 OR RULES PROMULGATED  
20 BY THE PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION, AND PURCHASES OR POSSESSES  
21 A FIREARM THAT IS NOT A HANDGUN OR SEMI-AUTOMATIC CENTER FIRE  
22 RIFLE; OR

23 (II) THE PERSON IS EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER BUT LESS  
24 THAN TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE AND POSSESSES A HANDGUN OR  
25 SEMI-AUTOMATIC CENTER FIRE RIFLE WHILE UNDER THE DIRECT  
26 SUPERVISION OF AN IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER WHO IS TWENTY-FIVE  
27 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER; OR

1 (III) THE PERSON IS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES  
2 ARMED FORCES WHILE ON DUTY AND SERVING IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE  
3 POLICIES OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES; OR

4 (IV) THE PERSON IS A PEACE OFFICER, AS DEFINED IN SECTION  
5 16-2.5-101, WHILE ON DUTY AND SERVING IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE  
6 POLICIES OF THE EMPLOYING AGENCY, AS SET FORTH IN SECTION  
7 16-2.5-101 (2).

8 (a.5) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR  
9 ANY PERSON TO INTENTIONALLY OR KNOWINGLY SELL OR TRANSFER A  
10 FIREARM TO A PERSON WHO IS LESS THAN TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE;  
11 EXCEPT THAT THIS SUBSECTION (1)(a.5) DOES NOT APPLY IF THE TRANSFER  
12 IS:

13 (I) A BONA FIDE GIFT TO AN IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER WHO IS  
14 EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER BUT LESS THAN TWENTY-ONE YEARS  
15 OF AGE; OR

16 (II) TO A PERSON WHO IS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE UNITED  
17 STATES ARMED FORCES WHILE ON DUTY AND SERVING IN CONFORMANCE  
18 WITH THE POLICIES OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES; OR

19 (III) TO A PEACE OFFICER, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 16-2.5-101,  
20 WHILE ON DUTY AND SERVING IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE POLICIES OF  
21 THE EMPLOYING AGENCY, AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 16-2.5-101 (2).

22 (b) ~~Any person possessing any handgun in violation of paragraph~~  
23 ~~(a) of this subsection (1) commits the offense of illegal possession of a~~  
24 ~~handgun by a juvenile.~~

25 (c) (I) ~~Illegal possession of a handgun by a juvenile is a class 2~~  
26 ~~misdemeanor.~~

27 (II) ~~For any second or subsequent offense, illegal possession of a~~

1 ~~handgun by a juvenile is a class 5 felony.~~

2 (d) ~~A person under the age of eighteen years who is taken into~~  
3 ~~custody by a law enforcement officer for an offense pursuant to this~~  
4 ~~section must be taken into temporary custody in the manner described in~~  
5 ~~section 19-2.5-305.~~

6 (2) SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF this section ~~shall~~ DOES not apply to:

7 (a) ~~Any~~ A person ~~under the age of eighteen years~~ WHO IS LESS  
8 THAN TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE, WITH RESPECT TO A FIREARM OTHER  
9 THAN A HANDGUN OR SEMI-AUTOMATIC CENTER FIRE RIFLE, who is:

10 (I) In attendance at a hunter's safety course or a firearms safety  
11 course; or

12 (II) Engaging in practice in the use of a firearm or target shooting  
13 at an established range authorized by the governing body of the  
14 jurisdiction in which ~~such~~ THE range is located or any other area where  
15 the discharge of a firearm is not prohibited; or

16 (III) Engaging in an organized competition involving the use of  
17 a firearm or participating in or practicing for a performance ~~by an~~  
18 ~~organized group under 501 (c)(3) as determined by the federal internal~~  
19 ~~revenue service which~~ THAT uses firearms as a part of such performance;  
20 or

21 (IV) Hunting or trapping pursuant to a valid license issued to such  
22 person pursuant to article 4 of title 33; ~~C.R.S.~~; or

23 (V) HUNTING WITH A VALID HUNTING LICENSE AND IS  
24 ACCOMPANIED BY A MENTOR, AS DEFINED BY RULES PROMULGATED BY  
25 THE PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION, AND HAS A HUNTER EDUCATION  
26 CARD OR CERTIFICATE CERTIFIED BY THE PARKS AND WILDLIFE  
27 COMMISSION, AS REQUIRED BY TITLE 33 OR RULES PROMULGATED BY THE

1 PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION; OR

2 (VI) PARTICIPATING IN A BONA FIDE SHOOTING CLASS, TRAINING,  
3 OR SANCTIONED EVENT, UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF CERTIFIED HUNTER  
4 EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR OR FIREARMS TRAINING INSTRUCTOR WHO IS  
5 TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER; OR

6 ~~(V)~~ (VII) Traveling with ~~any handgun in such person's possession~~  
7 ~~being unloaded~~ AN UNLOADED FIREARM to or from any activity described  
8 in subparagraph (I), (II), (III), or (IV) of this paragraph (a) SUBSECTION  
9 (2)(a)(I), (2)(a)(II), (2)(a)(III), (2)(a)(IV), (2)(a)(V), OR (2)(a)(VI) OF THIS  
10 SECTION; OR

11 (b) ~~Any~~ A person ~~under the age of~~ WHO IS LESS THAN eighteen  
12 years OF AGE who is on real property under the control of ~~such~~ THE  
13 person's parent, legal guardian, or grandparent and who has the  
14 permission of ~~such~~ THE person's parent or legal guardian to possess a  
15 ~~handgun~~ FIREARM THAT IS NOT A HANDGUN OR SEMI-AUTOMATIC CENTER  
16 FIRE RIFLE; OR

17 (c) ~~Any person under the age of eighteen years~~ A PERSON WHO IS  
18 LESS THAN TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE who is at ~~such~~ THE person's  
19 residence and who, with the permission of ~~such~~ THE person's parent or  
20 legal guardian, possesses a ~~handgun~~ FIREARM for the purpose of  
21 exercising the rights contained in section 18-1-704 or ~~section~~ 18-1-704.5;  
22 OR

23 (d) A PERSON WHO IS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES  
24 ARMED FORCES.

25 (3) For the purposes of subsection (2) of this section, a ~~handgun~~  
26 FIREARM is "loaded" if:

27 (a) There is a cartridge in the chamber of the ~~handgun~~ FIREARM;

1 or

2 (b) There is a cartridge in the cylinder of the ~~handgun~~ FIREARM if  
3 the ~~handgun~~ FIREARM is a revolver; or

4 (c) The ~~handgun~~ FIREARM, and the ammunition for ~~such handgun~~  
5 THE FIREARM, is carried on the person of a person ~~under the age of~~  
6 ~~eighteen years~~ WHO IS LESS THAN TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE or is in  
7 such close proximity to ~~such~~ THE person that ~~such~~ THE person could  
8 readily gain access to the ~~handgun~~ FIREARM and the ammunition and load  
9 the ~~handgun~~ FIREARM.

10 (4) Repealed.

11 (5) (a) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS  
12 SECTION COMMITS THE OFFENSE OF ILLEGAL POSSESSION, PURCHASE, SALE,  
13 OR TRANSFER OF A FIREARM.

14 (b) (I) ILLEGAL POSSESSION, PURCHASE, SALE, OR TRANSFER OF A  
15 FIREARM IS A CLASS 2 MISDEMEANOR.

16 (II) FOR ANY SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE, ILLEGAL  
17 POSSESSION, PURCHASE, SALE, OR TRANSFER OF A FIREARM IS A CLASS 5  
18 FELONY.

19 (c) A PERSON WHO IS LESS THAN EIGHTEEN YEARS AGE WHO IS  
20 TAKEN INTO CUSTODY BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FOR AN OFFENSE  
21 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MUST BE TAKEN INTO TEMPORARY CUSTODY  
22 IN THE MANNER DESCRIBED IN SECTION 19-2.5-305.

23 (6) IT IS AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE TO THE OFFENSE OF ILLEGAL  
24 POSSESSION, PURCHASE, SALE, OR TRANSFER OF A FIREARM THAT A PERSON  
25 WHO IS LESS THAN TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE GAINED POSSESSION OF  
26 AND USED THE FIREARM FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXERCISING THE RIGHTS SET  
27 FORTH IN SECTION 18-1-704, 18-1-704.5, OR IN DEFENSE OF LIVESTOCK.

1           **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 18-12-108.7  
2 as follows:

3           **18-12-108.7. Unlawfully providing or permitting a juvenile to**  
4 **possess a firearm - penalty.** (1) (a) ~~Any~~ A person who ~~intentionally,~~  
5 ~~knowingly,~~ or recklessly provides a ~~handgun~~ FIREARM, with or without  
6 remuneration, to any person under the age of eighteen years in violation  
7 of section 18-12-108.5 or any person who knows of such juvenile's  
8 conduct ~~which~~ THAT violates section 18-12-108.5 and fails to make  
9 reasonable efforts to prevent such violation commits the crime of  
10 unlawfully providing a ~~handgun~~ to a juvenile or permitting a juvenile to  
11 possess a ~~handgun~~ FIREARM.

12           (b) Unlawfully providing a ~~handgun~~ to a juvenile or permitting a  
13 juvenile to possess a ~~handgun~~ FIREARM in violation of this subsection (1)  
14 is a class 4 felony.

15           (2) (a) ~~Any~~ A person who ~~intentionally, knowingly,~~ or recklessly  
16 provides a ~~handgun~~ to a juvenile or permits a juvenile to possess a  
17 ~~handgun~~ FIREARM, even though ~~such~~ THE person is aware of a substantial  
18 risk that ~~such~~ THE juvenile will use a ~~handgun~~ FIREARM to commit a  
19 felony offense, or who, being aware of such substantial risk, fails to make  
20 reasonable efforts to prevent the commission of the offense, commits the  
21 crime of unlawfully providing or permitting a juvenile to possess a  
22 ~~handgun~~ FIREARM. A person ~~shall be deemed to have violated this~~  
23 ~~paragraph (a) if such~~ VIOLATES THIS SUBSECTION (2)(a) IF THE person  
24 provides a ~~handgun~~ to or permits the possession of a ~~handgun~~ FIREARM  
25 by ~~any~~ A juvenile who has been convicted of a crime of violence, as  
26 defined in section 18-1.3-406, or ~~any~~ A juvenile who has been adjudicated  
27 a juvenile delinquent for an offense ~~which~~ THAT would constitute a crime



1 of violence, as defined in section 18-1.3-406, if ~~such~~ THE juvenile were  
2 an adult.

3 (b) Unlawfully providing a ~~handgun~~ to a juvenile or permitting a  
4 juvenile to possess a ~~handgun~~ FIREARM in violation of this subsection (2)  
5 is a class 4 felony.

6 (3) ~~With regard to firearms other than handguns, no person shall~~  
7 ~~sell, rent, or transfer ownership or allow unsupervised possession of a~~  
8 ~~firearm with or without remuneration to any juvenile without the consent~~  
9 ~~of the juvenile's parent or legal guardian. Unlawfully providing a firearm~~  
10 ~~other than a handgun to a juvenile in violation of this subsection (3) is a~~  
11 ~~class 1 misdemeanor.~~

12 (4) It ~~shall~~ IS not ~~be~~ an offense under this section if a person  
13 believes that a juvenile will physically harm the person if the person  
14 attempts to disarm the juvenile or prevent the juvenile from committing  
15 a violation of section 18-12-108.5.

16 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-12-108, **amend**  
17 (7) introductory portion and (7)(ww) as follows:

18 **18-12-108. Possession of weapons by previous offenders.** (7) In  
19 addition to a conviction for felony crime as defined in section 24-4.1-302  
20 (1), a felony conviction or adjudication for one of the following felonies  
21 prohibits a person from possessing, using, or carrying upon ~~his or her~~ THE  
22 person a firearm as defined in section 18-1-901 (3)(h) or any other  
23 weapon that is subject to this article 12 pursuant to subsection (1) or (3)  
24 of this section:

25 (ww) Possession, PURCHASE, SALE, OR TRANSFER of a ~~handgun~~ by  
26 a ~~juvenile~~ FIREARM in violation of section 18-12-108.5;

27 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 19-1-304, **amend**

1 (5.5) as follows:

2 **19-1-304. Juvenile delinquency records - division of youth**  
3 **services critical incident information - definitions.** (5.5) Whenever a  
4 petition is filed in juvenile court alleging a class 1, class 2, class 3, or  
5 class 4 felony; a level 1, level 2, or level 3 drug felony; an offense  
6 involving unlawful sexual behavior as defined in section 16-22-102 (9);  
7 a crime of violence as described in section 18-1.3-406; a burglary offense  
8 as described in part 2 of article 4 of title 18; felony menacing, in violation  
9 of section 18-3-206; harassment, in violation of section 18-9-111; fourth  
10 degree arson, in violation of section 18-4-105; aggravated motor vehicle  
11 theft, in violation of section 18-4-409; hazing, in violation of section  
12 18-9-124; or possession, PURCHASE, SALE, OR TRANSFER of a ~~handgun by~~  
13 ~~a juvenile~~ FIREARM, in violation of section 18-12-108.5, or when a  
14 petition is filed in juvenile court in which the alleged victim of the crime  
15 is a student or staff person in the same school as the juvenile or in which  
16 it is alleged that the juvenile possessed a deadly weapon during the  
17 commission of the alleged crime, the prosecuting attorney, within three  
18 working days after the petition is filed, shall make good faith reasonable  
19 efforts to notify the principal of the school in which the juvenile is  
20 enrolled and shall provide ~~such~~ THE principal with the arrest and criminal  
21 records information, as defined in section 24-72-302 (1). In the event the  
22 prosecuting attorney, in good faith, is not able to either identify the school  
23 that the juvenile attends or contact the principal of the juvenile's school,  
24 then the prosecuting attorney shall contact the superintendent of the  
25 juvenile's school district.

26 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 19-2.5-305, **amend**  
27 (3)(a)(V) introductory portion and (3)(a)(V)(C) as follows:

1           **19-2.5-305. Detention and shelter - hearing - time limits -**  
2           **findings - review - confinement with adult offenders - restrictions.**

3           (3) (a) (V) A court shall not order further detention for a juvenile who is  
4           ten years of age and older but less than thirteen years of age unless the  
5           juvenile has been arrested or adjudicated for a felony or weapons charge  
6           pursuant to section 18-12-102, 18-12-105, 18-12-106, ~~or~~ 18-12-108.5, OR  
7           18-12-108.7. The court shall receive any information having probative  
8           value regardless of its admissibility under the rules of evidence. In  
9           determining whether a juvenile requires detention, the court shall consider  
10          the results of the detention screening instrument. There is a rebuttable  
11          presumption that a juvenile poses a substantial risk of serious harm to  
12          others if:

13                (C) The juvenile is alleged to have committed possessing a  
14                dangerous or illegal weapon, as described in section 18-12-102;  
15                possession of a defaced firearm, as described in section 18-12-103;  
16                unlawfully carrying a concealed weapon, as described in section  
17                18-12-105; unlawfully carrying a concealed weapon on school, college,  
18                or university grounds, as described in section 18-12-105.5; prohibited use  
19                of weapons, as described in section 18-12-106; illegal discharge of a  
20                firearm, as described in section 18-12-107.5; or illegal possession,  
21                PURCHASE, SALE, OR TRANSFER of a ~~handgun by a juvenile~~ FIREARM, as  
22                described in section 18-12-108.5.

23                **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 19-2.5-502, **amend**  
24                (5)(a) introductory portion as follows:

25                **19-2.5-502. Petition initiation - petition form and content.**

26                (5) (a) Pursuant to section 19-1-126, in those delinquency proceedings  
27                to which the federal "Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978", 25 U.S.C. sec.

1 1901 et seq., as amended, applies, including but not limited to status  
2 offenses such as the illegal possession or consumption of ethyl alcohol or  
3 marijuana by an underage person or illegal possession of marijuana  
4 paraphernalia by an underage person, as described in section 18-13-122,  
5 and possession, PURCHASE, SALE, OR TRANSFER of ~~handguns by juveniles~~  
6 A FIREARM, as described in section 18-12-108.5, the petition must:

7 **SECTION 8.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 19-2.5-1203, **amend**  
8 (5)(b)(VII) and (5)(b)(VIII) as follows:

9 **19-2.5-1203. Juvenile parole - hearing panels - definition.**

10 (5) (b) Subsection (5)(a) of this section allowing for extension of the  
11 period of parole applies to juveniles committed to the department of  
12 human services due to an adjudication for one or more of the following  
13 offenses:

14 (VII) Felony illegal possession, PURCHASE, SALE, OR TRANSFER of  
15 a ~~handgun by a juvenile~~ FIREARM, as described in section 18-12-108.5,  
16 that would constitute a felony if committed by an adult;

17 (VIII) Misdemeanor illegal possession, PURCHASE, SALE, OR  
18 TRANSFER of a ~~handgun by a juvenile~~ FIREARM, as described in section  
19 18-12-108.5, that would constitute a misdemeanor if committed by an  
20 adult, if the ~~juvenile~~ PERSON WHO IS LESS THAN TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF  
21 AGE is contemporaneously committed to the department of human  
22 services for an offense that would constitute a felony if committed by an  
23 adult; or

24 **SECTION 9.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-33.5-424, **amend**  
25 (3)(b.3)(IX) and (3)(b.3)(X); and **repeal** (3)(b.3)(XI) as follows:

26 **24-33.5-424. National instant criminal background check**  
27 **system - state point of contact - fee - grounds for denial of firearm**

1 **transfer - appeal - rule-making - unlawful acts - instant criminal**  
2 **background check cash fund - creation.** (3) (b.3) In addition to the  
3 grounds for denial specified in subsections (3)(a) and (3)(b) of this  
4 section, the bureau shall deny a transfer of a firearm if the prospective  
5 transferee has been convicted of any of the following offenses committed  
6 on or after June 19, 2021, if the offense is classified as a misdemeanor,  
7 or if the prospective transferee has been convicted in another state or  
8 jurisdiction, including a military or federal jurisdiction, of an offense that,  
9 if committed in Colorado, would constitute any of the following offenses  
10 classified as a misdemeanor offense, within five years prior to the  
11 transfer:

12 (IX) Cruelty to animals, as described in section 18-9-202 (1)(a)  
13 and (1.5); OR

14 (X) Possession of an illegal weapon, as described in section  
15 18-12-102 (4). or

16 (XI) ~~Unlawfully providing a firearm other than a handgun to a~~  
17 ~~juvenile, as described in section 18-12-108.7 (3).~~

18 **SECTION 10. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
19 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
20 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.