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SENATE BILL 26-043

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

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Senate Committees

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House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF FIREARM BARREL TRANSFERS, AND,**
102 **IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, CREATING A CRIMINAL PENALTY**
103 **FOR THE UNLAWFUL SALE OF A FIREARM BARREL.**

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>.)

The bill requires a firearm barrel to be sold or transferred in person by a federally licensed firearm dealer. A person who is not a federally licensed firearm dealer shall not possess a firearm barrel with the intent to sell or transfer, or with the intent to offer to sell or transfer, the firearm barrel. Unlawful sale of a firearm barrel and unlawful possession with

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intent to sell a firearm barrel are each an unclassified misdemeanor.

A person must be 18 years old or older and legally allowed to purchase a firearm under state and federal law to purchase a firearm barrel, subject to certain exceptions.

The bill requires a federally licensed firearm dealer to record a sale or transfer of a firearm barrel for at least 5 years.

The bill requires the Colorado bureau of investigation to create a form for federally licensed firearm dealers to record a sale or transfer of a firearm barrel.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 18-12-118 as
3 follows:

4 **18-12-118. Unlawful purchase or sale of a firearm barrel -**
5 **penalty - definitions.**

6 (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE
7 REQUIRES:

8 (a) "FIREARM BARREL" MEANS THE TUBE THROUGH WHICH A
9 PROJECTILE OR SHOT CHARGE IS FIRED. A FIREARM BARREL INCLUDES ANY
10 FORGING, CASTING, PRINTING, EXTRUSION, MACHINED BODY, OR SIMILAR
11 ARTICLE THAT HAS REACHED A STAGE IN MANUFACTURE WHERE IT MAY
12 READILY BE COMPLETED, ASSEMBLED, OR CONVERTED TO BE USED AS A
13 FIREARM BARREL, OR THAT IS MARKETING OR SOLD TO THE PUBLIC TO
14 BECOME OR BE USED AS A FIREARM BARREL ONCE COMPLETED,
15 ASSEMBLED, OR CONVERTED. A FIREARM BARREL MAY HAVE A RIFLED OR
16 SMOOTH BORE.

17 (b) "FIREARM BARREL" DOES NOT INCLUDE A FIREARM BARREL
18 THAT IS PERMANENTLY ATTACHED OR AFFIXED TO A FIREARM.

19 (2) (a) IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR A PERSON TO SELL OR TRANSFER A
20 FIREARM BARREL, UNLESS THE PERSON SELLING OR TRANSFERRING THE

1 FIREARM BARREL IS A FEDERALLY LICENSED FIREARM DEALER AND THE
2 SALE OR TRANSFER OCCURS IN PERSON.

3 (b) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SUBSECTION (2) COMMITS
4 UNLAWFUL SALE OF A FIREARM BARREL. UNLAWFUL SALE OF A FIREARM
5 BARREL IS AN UNCLASSIFIED MISDEMEANOR PUNISHABLE, UPON
6 CONVICTION THEREOF, BY A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN FIVE HUNDRED
7 DOLLARS AND THIRTY DAYS IMPRISONMENT IN THE COUNTY JAIL; EXCEPT
8 THAT A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE IS A CLASS 2 MISDEMEANOR.

9 (3) (a) IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR A PERSON WHO IS NOT A FEDERALLY
10 LICENSED FIREARM DEALER TO POSSESS A FIREARM BARREL WITH THE
11 INTENT TO SELL OR TRANSFER, OR WITH THE INTENT TO OFFER TO SELL OR
12 TRANSFER, THE FIREARM BARREL IN VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION.

13 (b) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SUBSECTION (3) COMMITS
14 UNLAWFUL POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO SELL OR OFFER TO SELL A
15 FIREARM BARREL. UNLAWFUL POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO SELL OR OFFER
16 TO SELL A FIREARM BARREL IS AN UNCLASSIFIED MISDEMEANOR
17 PUNISHABLE, UPON CONVICTION THEREOF, BY A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN
18 FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND THIRTY DAYS IMPRISONMENT IN THE COUNTY
19 JAIL; EXCEPT THAT A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE IS A CLASS 2
20 MISDEMEANOR.

21 (4) (a) A PERSON MAY PURCHASE OR OTHERWISE ACQUIRE A
22 FIREARM BARREL FROM A FEDERALLY LICENSED FIREARM DEALER ONLY IF:

23 (I) THEY ARE AT LEAST EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD; AND

24 (II) THEY ARE NOT PROHIBITED FROM POSSESSING, RECEIVING,
25 OWNING, OR PURCHASING A FIREARM UNDER STATE OR FEDERAL LAW.

26 (b) A PERSON WHO PURCHASES A FIREARM BARREL IN VIOLATION
27 OF THIS SUBSECTION (4) COMMITS UNLAWFUL PURCHASE OF A FIREARM

1 BARREL. UNLAWFUL PURCHASE OF A FIREARM BARREL IS A CIVIL
2 INFRACTION.

3 (5) A FEDERALLY LICENSED FIREARM DEALER SHALL LEGIBLY
4 RECORD THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE SALE OR
5 TRANSFER OF A FIREARM BARREL ON A FORM TO BE PRESCRIBED BY THE
6 COLORADO BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION:

7 (a) THE DATE OF THE SALE OR TRANSFER;

8 (b) THE PURCHASER'S OR TRANSFEREE'S DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER
9 OR OTHER OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER AND THE
10 STATE OR TERRITORY WHERE IT WAS ISSUED;

11 (c) THE MAKE, MODEL, AND CALIBER OF THE FIREARM WHICH THE
12 FIREARM BARREL IS DESIGNED FOR OR USED IN;

13 (d) THE PURCHASER'S OR TRANSFEREE'S FULL LEGAL NAME;

14 (e) THE FULL LEGAL NAME OF THE EMPLOYEE WHO PROCESSED THE
15 SALE OR TRANSFER OF THE FIREARM BARREL;

16 (f) THE PURCHASER'S OR TRANSFEREE'S FULL RESIDENTIAL
17 ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER; AND

18 (g) THE PURCHASER'S OR TRANSFEREE'S DATE OF BIRTH.

19 (6) A FEDERALLY LICENSED FIREARM DEALER SHALL RETAIN THE
20 RECORDS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION FOR AT LEAST FIVE
21 YEARS. A DEALER THAT DOES NOT RETAIN THEIR RECORDS PURSUANT TO
22 THIS SUBSECTION (6) IS SUBJECT TO THE PENALTIES DESCRIBED IN SECTION
23 18-12-401.5 (7)(a).

24 (7) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO:

25 (a) THE SALE OR TRANSFER OF A FIREARM BARREL TO A FEDERAL,
26 STATE, OR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY;

27 (b) THE SALE OR TRANSFER OF A FIREARM BARREL TO A FEDERAL

1 FIREARMS LICENSEE;

2 (c) THE SALE OR TRANSFER OF A FIREARM BARREL TO THE UNITED
3 STATES MILITARY;

4 (d) THE SALE OR TRANSFER OF A FIREARM BARREL TO A PERSON
5 WHO, IN THE SAME TRANSACTION, IS SEPARATELY PURCHASING A FIREARM
6 AND UNDERGOING A FEDERAL AND STATE FIREARM BACKGROUND CHECK
7 PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SEC. 922 (t) AND SECTION 18-12-112.5;

8 (e) THE SALE OR TRANSFER OF A FIREARM BARREL TO A FEDERALLY
9 LICENSED COLLECTOR WHO IS ACQUIRING OR BEING LOANED A FIREARM
10 BARREL OF A FIREARM THAT IS A CURIO OR RELIC, AS DEFINED IN 27 CFR
11 478.11;

12 (f) A TRANSFER OF A FIREARM BARREL THAT OCCURS BY
13 OPERATION OF LAW OR BECAUSE OF THE DEATH OF A PERSON FOR WHOM
14 THE PROSPECTIVE TRANSFEROR IS AN EXECUTOR OR ADMINISTRATOR OF
15 AN ESTATE OR A TRUSTEE OF A TRUST CREATED IN A WILL. A TRANSFER OR
16 SALE OF A FIREARM BARREL BY AN EXECUTOR OR ADMINISTRATOR OF AN
17 ESTATE OR A TRUSTEE OF A TRUST CREATED IN A WILL MUST BE
18 CONDUCTED BY A FEDERALLY LICENSED FIREARM DEALER AND IS SUBJECT
19 TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

20 (g) THE SALE OR OTHER TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF A FIREARM
21 BARREL IF THE SALE OR OTHER TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP IS TO AN
22 AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF A CITY, CITY AND COUNTY, COUNTY,
23 STATE, OR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AND THE ENTITY IS ACQUIRING THE
24 FIREARM BARREL AS PART OF AN AUTHORIZED VOLUNTARY PROGRAM IN
25 WHICH THE ENTITY IS BUYING OR RECEIVING WEAPONS FROM A PRIVATE
26 INDIVIDUAL.

27 (8) THE COLORADO BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION SHALL CREATE A

1 FORM FOR RETAIL RECORD KEEPING PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

2 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-12-401.5, **amend**
3 (7)(a) introductory portion as follows:

4 **18-12-401.5. Permit required - issuing agency - cash fund -**
5 **inspections - penalty - report - rules - repeal.**

6 (7) (a) Except as provided in subsection (8) of this section, if the
7 department finds that a dealer failed to post the required notice or make
8 a report concerning unlawful purchases in violation of section 18-12-111;
9 FAILED TO MAKE A RECORD REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SECTION 18-12-118;
10 failed to make a record required pursuant to section 18-12-402;
11 transferred a firearm without a locking device or failed to post the
12 required notice concerning locking devices, in violation of section
13 18-12-405; failed to comply with any of the requirements of section
14 18-12-406; failed to comply with any of the requirements of section
15 29-11.7-105 (5); violated any other provision of this article 12 or any
16 other state or local law concerning the sale of firearms; or violated any
17 federal law or rule concerning the sale of firearms or firearm components
18 for which the penalty includes potential revocation of the person's federal
19 firearms license, the department shall:

20 **SECTION 3. Effective date - applicability.** This act takes effect
21 July 1, 2026, and applies to offenses committed on or after said date.

22 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
23 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
24 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
25 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
26 institutions.