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HOUSE BILL 26-1144

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Gilchrist and Boesenecker,

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House Committees
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Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING MEASURES TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF**
102 **THREE-DIMENSIONAL PRINTING TO MANUFACTURE FIREARMS.**

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 defines 3-dimensional printing to mean additive and subtractive manufacturing. The bill prohibits each of the following:

- Manufacturing or producing a firearm, unfinished frame or receiver, large-capacity magazine, or rapid-fire device (firearm or firearm component) by 3-dimensional printing. The prohibition does not apply to a federally licensed

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- firearm manufacturer.
- Possessing, in circumstances that indicate intent to manufacture a firearm or firearm component in violation of state law or intent to distribute, digital instructions that may be used to program a 3-dimensional printer or a computer numerical control (CNC) milling machine to manufacture or produce a firearm or firearm component. The prohibition does not apply to a federally licensed firearm manufacturer who possesses digital instructions in circumstances that indicate intent to manufacture a firearm or firearm component.
- Distributing digital instructions that may be used to program a 3-dimensional printer or CNC milling machine to manufacture or produce a firearm or firearm component.

The bill does not prohibit possession of digital instructions in circumstances that indicate intent to distribute to, or distributing digital instructions to, a federally licensed firearm manufacturer.

A violation of any of the prohibitions in the bill is a class 1 misdemeanor; except that a second or subsequent offense is a class 5 felony.

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 three-dimensional printing of a firearm**
5 **or firearm component - distribution of firearm or firearm**
6 **component printing plans - penalties - definitions.**

7 (1) (a) A PERSON SHALL NOT **KNOWINGLY** MANUFACTURE OR
8 PRODUCE A FIREARM OR FIREARM COMPONENT BY MEANS OF
9 THREE-DIMENSIONAL PRINTING USING A THREE-DIMENSIONAL PRINTER,
10 CNC MILLING MACHINE, OR SIMILAR DEVICE.

11 (b) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SUBSECTION (1) COMMITS
12 UNLAWFUL THREE-DIMENSIONAL PRINTING OF A FIREARM OR FIREARM
13 COMPONENT. UNLAWFUL THREE-DIMENSIONAL PRINTING OF A FIREARM OR
14 FIREARM COMPONENT IS A CLASS 1 MISDEMEANOR; EXCEPT THAT A

1 SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE IS A CLASS 5 FELONY.

2 (c) THIS SUBSECTION (1) DOES NOT APPLY TO:

3 (I) A FEDERALLY LICENSED FIREARM MANUFACTURER;

4 (II) AN INSTRUCTOR OR STUDENT OF AN ACCREDITED
5 GUNSMITHING PROGRAM, OR AN INSTITUTION THAT OPERATES AN
6 ACCREDITED GUNSMITHING PROGRAM, WHEN THE MANUFACTURE IS
7 SOLELY FOR PURPOSES OF EDUCATIONAL INSTRUCTION WITHIN THE
8 ACCREDITED GUNSMITHING PROGRAM.

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10 (2) (a) A PERSON SHALL NOT KNOWINGLY OFFER TO SELL AND
11 SHALL NOT DISTRIBUTE BY ANY MEANS, INCLUDING DISTRIBUTION OVER
12 THE INTERNET, TO A PERSON IN COLORADO WHO IS NOT A FEDERALLY
13 LICENSED FIREARM MANUFACTURER, DIGITAL INSTRUCTIONS THAT MAY BE
14 USED FOR AN ACTIVITY THAT CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF SECTION
15 18-12-111.5.

16 (b) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SUBSECTION (2) COMMITS
17 UNLAWFUL DISTRIBUTION OF DIGITAL FIREARMS PRODUCTION
18 INSTRUCTIONS. UNLAWFUL DISTRIBUTION OF DIGITAL FIREARMS
19 PRODUCTION INSTRUCTIONS IS A CIVIL INFRACTION.

20 (c) THIS SUBSECTION (2) DOES NOT APPLY TO DISTRIBUTION OF
21 DIGITAL INSTRUCTIONS TO AN INSTRUCTOR OR STUDENT, OR BETWEEN AN
22 INSTRUCTOR AND STUDENT, OF AN ACCREDITED GUNSMITHING PROGRAM,
23 OR AN INSTITUTION THAT OPERATES AN ACCREDITED GUNSMITHING
24 PROGRAM, WHEN THE DISTRIBUTION IS SOLELY FOR PURPOSES OF
25 EDUCATIONAL INSTRUCTION WITHIN THE ACCREDITED GUNSMITHING
26 PROGRAM.

27 (3) THIS SECTION ONLY APPLIES TO POTENTIALLY FUNCTIONAL

1 FIREARMS AND FIREARM COMPONENTS AND DOES NOT APPLY TO THE
2 THREE-DIMENSIONAL PRINTING OF ANY OTHER COMPONENTS OR
3 COMPONENTS THAT COULD BE USED TO MAKE A NON-FUNCTIONING OR
4 PROP FIREARM.

5 (4) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE
6 REQUIRES:

7 (a) "CNC MILLING MACHINE" MEANS A COMPUTER NUMERICAL
8 CONTROL MILLING MACHINE.

9 (b) "DIGITAL INSTRUCTIONS" MEANS DIGITAL CODE IN THE FORM
10 OF COMPUTER-AIDED DESIGN FILES OR OTHER CODE OR INSTRUCTIONS
11 STORED AND DISPLAYED IN ELECTRONIC FORMAT AS A DIGITAL MODEL
12 THAT MAY BE USED TO PROGRAM A THREE-DIMENSIONAL PRINTER OR A
13 CNC MILLING MACHINE TO MANUFACTURE OR PRODUCE A FIREARM OR
14 FIREARM COMPONENT.

15 (c) "DISTRIBUTE" MEANS TO SELL OR TO GIVE OUT, PROVIDE, OR
16 DELIVER TO A PERSON IN THIS STATE, WITH OR WITHOUT CONSIDERATION,
17 WHETHER THE DISTRIBUTOR IS IN-STATE OR OUT-OF-STATE.

18 (d) "FIREARM COMPONENT" MEANS AN UNFINISHED FRAME OR
19 RECEIVER, LARGE-CAPACITY MAGAZINE, OR RAPID-FIRE DEVICE.

20 (e) "GUNSMITHING PROGRAM" MEANS A GUNSMITHING PROGRAM
21 OPERATED BY AN INSTITUTION.

22 (f) "INSTITUTION" MEANS A STATE-AUTHORIZED INSTITUTION OF
23 HIGHER EDUCATION OR INSTITUTION REGULATED BY THE COLORADO
24 DIVISION OF PRIVATE OCCUPATIONAL SCHOOLS.

25 (g) "LARGE-CAPACITY MAGAZINE" HAS THE SAME MEANING SET
26 FORTH IN SECTION 18-12-301.

27 (h) "THREE-DIMENSIONAL PRINTING" OR "3-D PRINTING" MEANS

1 ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING THAT BUILDS THREE-DIMENSIONAL OBJECTS
2 BY USE OF A THREE-DIMENSIONAL PRINTER OR SIMILAR DEVICE AND
3 SUBTRACTIVE MANUFACTURING THAT CREATES OBJECTS BY REMOVING
4 MATERIAL FROM A WORKPIECE BY USE OF A CNC MILLING MACHINE OR
5 SIMILAR DEVICE.

6 **SECTION 2. Severability.** If any provision of this act or the
7 application of this act to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
8 invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of the act that
9 can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to
10 this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

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

13 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
14 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
15 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
16 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
17 institutions.