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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) "FAMILY MEMBER" MEANS:

9 (I) A PERSON RELATED BY BLOOD, MARRIAGE, OR ADOPTION;

10 (II) A PERSON WHO HAS A CHILD IN COMMON WITH ANOTHER
11 PERSON;

12 (III) A PERSON WHO REGULARLY RESIDES OR REGULARLY RESIDED
13 WITH ANOTHER PERSON WITHIN THE LAST SIX MONTHS;

14 (IV) A DOMESTIC PARTNER;

15 (V) A PERSON WHO HAS A BIOLOGICAL OR LEGAL PARENT-CHILD
16 RELATIONSHIP WITH ANOTHER PERSON, INCLUDING STEPPARENTS AND
17 STEPCHILDREN AND GRANDPARENTS AND GRANDCHILDREN;

18 (VI) A PERSON WHO IS ACTING OR HAS ACTED AS ANOTHER
19 PERSON'S LEGAL GUARDIAN; AND

20 (VII) A PERSON IN ANY OTHER RELATIONSHIP DESCRIBED IN

1 SECTION 18-6-800.3 (2) WITH ANOTHER PERSON.

2 (b) "FIREARM BARREL" MEANS THE TUBE THROUGH WHICH A
3 PROJECTILE OR SHOT CHARGE IS FIRED. A FIREARM BARREL INCLUDES ANY
4 FORGING, CASTING, PRINTING, EXTRUSION, MACHINED BODY, OR SIMILAR
5 ARTICLE THAT HAS REACHED A STAGE IN MANUFACTURE WHERE IT MAY
6 READILY BE COMPLETED, ASSEMBLED, OR CONVERTED TO BE USED AS A
7 FIREARM BARREL, OR THAT IS MARKETED OR SOLD TO THE PUBLIC TO
8 BECOME OR BE USED AS A FIREARM BARREL ONCE COMPLETED,
9 ASSEMBLED, OR CONVERTED. A FIREARM BARREL MAY HAVE A RIFLED OR
10 SMOOTH BORE.

11 (c) "FIREARM BARREL" DOES NOT INCLUDE A FIREARM BARREL
12 THAT IS PERMANENTLY ATTACHED OR AFFIXED TO A FIREARM.

13 (2) (a) IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR A PERSON TO SELL OR TRANSFER A
14 FIREARM BARREL, UNLESS THE PERSON SELLING OR TRANSFERRING THE
15 FIREARM BARREL IS A FEDERALLY LICENSED FIREARM DEALER AND THE
16 SALE OR TRANSFER OCCURS IN PERSON.

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

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

27 (b) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SUBSECTION (3) COMMITS

1 UNLAWFUL POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO SELL OR OFFER TO SELL A
2 FIREARM BARREL. UNLAWFUL POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO SELL OR OFFER
3 TO SELL A FIREARM BARREL IS AN UNCLASSIFIED MISDEMEANOR
4 PUNISHABLE, UPON CONVICTION THEREOF, BY A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN
5 FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND THIRTY DAYS IMPRISONMENT IN THE COUNTY
6 JAIL; EXCEPT THAT A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE IS A CLASS 2
7 MISDEMEANOR.

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

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

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

13 (b) A PERSON WHO PURCHASES A FIREARM BARREL IN VIOLATION
14 OF THIS SUBSECTION (4) COMMITS UNLAWFUL PURCHASE OF A FIREARM
15 BARREL. UNLAWFUL PURCHASE OF A FIREARM BARREL IS A CIVIL
16 INFRACTION.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6 (6) A FEDERALLY LICENSED FIREARM DEALER SHALL RETAIN THE
7 RECORDS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION FOR AT LEAST FIVE
8 YEARS. A DEALER THAT DOES NOT RETAIN THEIR RECORDS PURSUANT TO
9 THIS SUBSECTION (6) IS SUBJECT TO THE PENALTIES DESCRIBED IN SECTION
10 18-12-401.5 (7)(a).

11 (7) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO:

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

14 (b) THE SALE OR TRANSFER OF A FIREARM BARREL TO A FEDERAL
15 FIREARMS LICENSEE;

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

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

22 (e) THE SALE OR TRANSFER OF A FIREARM BARREL FOR AN ANTIQUE
23 FIREARM, AS DEFINED IN 18 U.S.C. SEC. 921 (a)(16);

24 (f) THE SALE OR TRANSFER OF A FIREARM BARREL TO A FEDERALLY
25 LICENSED COLLECTOR WHO IS ACQUIRING OR BEING LOANED A FIREARM
26 BARREL OF A FIREARM THAT IS A CURIO OR RELIC, AS DEFINED IN 27 CFR
27 478.11;

1 (g) A TRANSFER OF A FIREARM BARREL THAT OCCURS BY
2 OPERATION OF LAW OR BECAUSE OF THE DEATH OF A PERSON FOR WHOM
3 THE PROSPECTIVE TRANSFEROR IS AN EXECUTOR OR ADMINISTRATOR OF
4 AN ESTATE OR A TRUSTEE OF A TRUST CREATED IN A WILL. A TRANSFER OR
5 SALE OF A FIREARM BARREL BY AN EXECUTOR OR ADMINISTRATOR OF AN
6 ESTATE OR A TRUSTEE OF A TRUST CREATED IN A WILL MUST BE
7 CONDUCTED BY A FEDERALLY LICENSED FIREARM DEALER AND IS SUBJECT
8 TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

9 (h) THE SALE OR OTHER TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF A FIREARM
10 BARREL IF THE SALE OR OTHER TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP IS TO AN
11 AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF A CITY, CITY AND COUNTY, COUNTY,
12 STATE, OR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AND THE ENTITY IS ACQUIRING THE
13 FIREARM BARREL AS PART OF AN AUTHORIZED VOLUNTARY PROGRAM IN
14 WHICH THE ENTITY IS BUYING OR RECEIVING WEAPONS FROM A PRIVATE
15 INDIVIDUAL;

16 (i) THE SALE OR TRANSFER OF A FIREARM BARREL THAT OCCURS
17 BETWEEN FAMILY MEMBERS; AND

18 (j) THE SALE OR TRANSFER OF A FIREARM BARREL BETWEEN AN
19 INSTRUCTOR AND STUDENT OF AN ACCREDITED GUNSMITHING PROGRAM
20 AT AN ACCREDITED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION OR AN
21 INSTITUTION REGULATED BY THE COLORADO DIVISION OF PRIVATE
22 OCCUPATIONAL SCHOOLS, WHEN THE SALE OR TRANSFER OCCURS SOLELY
23 FOR PURPOSES OF EDUCATIONAL INSTRUCTION WITHIN THE ACCREDITED
24 GUNSMITHING PROGRAM.

25 (8) THE COLORADO BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION SHALL CREATE A
26 FORM FOR RETAIL RECORD KEEPING PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

27 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-12-401.5, **amend**

1 (7)(a) introductory portion as follows:

2 **18-12-401.5. Permit required - issuing agency - cash fund -**
3 **inspections - penalty - report - rules - repeal.**

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

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

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