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	A BILL FOR AN ACT
101	CONCERNING PROHIBITED ACTIVITY INVOLVING SEMIAUTOMATIC
102	FIREARMS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, PROHIBITING THE
103	MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTION, TRANSFER, SALE, AND PURCHASE
104	OF SPECIFIED SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARMS AND CLASSIFYING A
105	DEVICE THAT INCREASES THE RATE OF FIRE OF A
106	SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARM AS A DANGEROUS WEAPON.

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 a "specified semiautomatic firearm" as a

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semiautomatic rifle or semiautomatic shotgun with a detachable magazine or a gas-operated semiautomatic handgun with a detachable magazine. The bill prohibits knowingly manufacturing, distributing, transferring, selling, or purchasing a specified semiautomatic firearm; except that a person may transfer a specified semiautomatic firearm to an heir, an individual residing in another state, or a federally licensed firearm dealer.

Unlawful manufacture, distribution, transfer, sale, or purchase of a specified semiautomatic firearm is a class 2 misdemeanor; except that a second or subsequent offense is a class 6 felony. The department of revenue shall revoke the state firearms dealer permit of a dealer who unlawfully manufactures, distributes, transfers, sells, or purchases a specified semiautomatic firearm. The Colorado bureau of investigation shall deny the transfer of a firearm to a person who was convicted of misdemeanor unlawful manufacture, distribution, transfer, sale, or purchase of a specified semiautomatic firearm within 5 years prior to the transfer. A person convicted of felony unlawful manufacture, distribution, transfer, sale, or purchase of a specified semiautomatic firearm is prohibited from possessing a firearm or certain other weapons.

Existing law prohibits possession of a dangerous weapon. The bill defines "rapid-fire device" and classifies rapid-fire devices as dangerous weapons under Colorado law. The bill repeals the definition of "machine gun conversion device" and removes machine gun conversion devices from the list of dangerous weapons.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado: 2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-12-101, repeal 3 (1)(g.2); and **add** (1)(g.7) and (1)(g.8) 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 (g.2) "Machine gun conversion device" means any part designed or intended, or combination of parts designed or intended, for use in 7 8 converting a firearm into a machine gun. 9 (g.7) "RAPID-FIRE DEVICE" MEANS ANY DEVICE, PART, KIT, TOOL, 10 ACCESSORY, OR COMBINATION OF PARTS THAT HAS THE EFFECT OF 11 INCREASING THE RATE OF FIRE OF A SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARM ABOVE THE 12 STANDARD RATE OF FIRE FOR THE SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARM THAT IS NOT

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1	OTHERWISE EQUIPPED WITH THAT DEVICE, PART, OR COMBINATION OF
2	PARTS.
3	(g.8) "Semiautomatic firearm" means a firearm that is not
4	A MACHINE GUN AND THAT, UPON INITIATING THE FIRING SEQUENCE, FIRES
5	THE FIRST CHAMBERED CARTRIDGE AND USES A PORTION OF THE ENERGY
6	OF THE FIRING CARTRIDGE TO EXTRACT THE EXPENDED CARTRIDGE CASE,
7	CHAMBER THE NEXT ROUND, AND PREPARE THE FIRING MECHANISM TO
8	FIRE AGAIN, AND REQUIRES A SEPARATE PULL, RELEASE, PUSH, OR
9	INITIATION OF THE TRIGGER TO FIRE EACH CARTRIDGE. "SEMIAUTOMATIC
10	FIREARM" INCLUDES A SEMIAUTOMATIC RIFLE, SEMIAUTOMATIC SHOTGUN,
11	OR SEMIAUTOMATIC HANDGUN.
12	SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 18-12-116 as
13	follows:
1.4	10 12 117 F.C
14	18-12-116. Enforcement of large-capacity magazine ban by
15	regulating the manufacture, distribution, transfer, sale, and purchase
15	regulating the manufacture, distribution, transfer, sale, and purchase
15 16	regulating the manufacture, distribution, transfer, sale, and purchase of specified semiautomatic firearms - penalties - definitions. (1) As
15 16 17	regulating the manufacture, distribution, transfer, sale, and purchase of specified semiautomatic firearms - penalties - definitions. (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:
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1	SEMIAUTOMATIC HANDGUN THAT HARNESSES OR TRAPS A PORTION OF THE
2	HIGH-PRESSURE GAS FROM A FIRED CARTRIDGE TO CYCLE THE ACTION
3	USING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:
4	(I) A LONG-STROKE PISTON SYSTEM IN WHICH GAS IS VENTED FROM
5	THE BARREL TO A PISTON THAT IS MECHANICALLY FIXED TO THE BOLT
6	GROUP AND MOVES TO CYCLE THE ACTION;
7	(II) A SHORT-STROKE PISTON SYSTEM IN WHICH GAS IS VENTED
8	FROM THE BARREL TO A PISTON THAT MOVES SEPARATELY FROM THE BOLT
9	GROUP SO THAT THE ENERGY IS IMPARTED THROUGH A GAS PISTON TO
10	CYCLE THE ACTION;
11	(III) A SYSTEM THAT TRAPS AND VENTS GAS FROM EITHER THE
12	BARREL OR THE CHAMBER TO DIRECTLY STRIKE OR IMPINGE THE BOLT,
13	BOLT CARRIER, OR SLIDE ASSEMBLY, TO UNLOCK AND CYCLE THE ACTION;
14	(IV) A HYBRID SYSTEM THAT COMBINES ELEMENTS OF A SYSTEM
15	DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION $(1)(c)(I)$ OF THIS SECTION WITH A SYSTEM
16	DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION $(1)(c)(II)$ OR $(1)(c)(III)$ OF THIS SECTION TO
17	CAPTURE GAS VENTED FROM THE BARREL TO CYCLE THE ACTION; OR
18	(V) A BLOWBACK-OPERATED SYSTEM THAT DIRECTLY UTILIZES
19	THE EXPANDING GASSES OF THE IGNITED PROPELLANT POWDER ACTING ON
20	THE CARTRIDGE CASE TO DRIVE THE BREECHBLOCK OR BREECH BOLT
21	REARWARD.
22	$(d)(I)\hbox{"Specified semiautomatic firearm" means any of the}\\$
23	FOLLOWING, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION $(1)(d)(II)$ of this
24	SECTION:
25	(A) A SEMIAUTOMATIC RIFLE OR SEMIAUTOMATIC SHOTGUN WITH
26	A DETACHABLE MAGAZINE; OR
27	(B) A GAS-OPERATED SEMIAUTOMATIC HANDGUN WITH A

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1	DETACHABLE MAGAZINE.
2	(II) "SPECIFIED SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARM" DOES NOT INCLUDE:
3	(A) A FIREARM DESIGNED TO ACCEPT, AND CAPABLE OF
4	OPERATING ONLY WITH, .22 OR LOWER CALIBER RIMFIRE AMMUNITION,
5	UNLESS THE FIREARM HAS A SEPARATE UPPER AND LOWER RECEIVER;
6	(B) A FIREARM THAT IS MANUALLY OPERATED BY BOLT, PUMP,
7	LEVER, OR SLIDE ACTION;
8	(C) A FIREARM THAT HAS A PERMANENTLY FIXED MAGAZINE THAT
9	CANNOT ACCEPT MORE THAN FIFTEEN ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION,
10	INCLUDING A SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARM THAT HAS BEEN CONVERTED TO
11	HAVE A PERMANENTLY FIXED MAGAZINE THAT CANNOT ACCEPT MORE
12	THAN FIFTEEN ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION;
13	(D) A SINGLE OR DOUBLE ACTION SEMIAUTOMATIC HANDGUN
14	THAT USES RECOIL TO CYCLE THE ACTION OF THE HANDGUN;
15	(E) The following models of firearms, as they exist and
16	ARE CONFIGURED ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION: AG42
17	Ljungman; Benelli Argo E Pro; Benelli R1 Big-Game Rifle;
18	BROWNING BAR MK 3; BROWNING BAR LONGTRAC RIFLE; BROWNING
19	BAR SHORTTRAC RIFLE; FABRIQUE NATIONALE MODEL 49, COMMONLY
20	KNOWN AS FN49; FUSIL AUTOMATIQUE MODELE 1917, ALSO KNOWN AS
21	RSC M1917; GEWEHR 43; GLOBCO MOHAWK; HAKIM RIFLE; HK SL6;
22	HK SL7; M1 CARBINE; M1941 JOHNSON RIFLE; MARLIN CAMP CARBINE;
23	MAS49; REMINGTON MODEL 4; REMINGTON MODEL 8; REMINGTON
24	Model 740; Remington Model 742; Remington Model 750;
25	REMINGTON 7400; RUGER DEERFIELD CARBINE; RUGER MINI-14 RANCH
26	RIFLE; RUGER MINI THIRTY RIFLE; RUGER MODEL 44; SPRINGFIELD
27	ARMORY M1A STANDARD ISSUE RIFLE; SVT 40; VALMET HUNTER M88;

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1	VZ.52; WINCHESTER MODEL 100; WINCHESTER MODEL 1905;
2	WINCHESTER MODEL 1907; AND WINCHESTER MODEL 1910;
3	(F) A FIREARM THAT HAS BEEN MADE PERMANENTLY INOPERABLE;
4	OR
5	(G) An antique <u>firearm</u> , as defined in 18 U.S.C. sec. 921
6	(a)(16), OR A CURIO OR RELIC, AS DEFINED IN 27 CFR 478.11.
7	(2) On or after September 1, 2025, it is unlawful for any
8	PERSON TO KNOWINGLY MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTE, TRANSFER, SELL, OR
9	PURCHASE A SPECIFIED SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARM; EXCEPT THAT A PERSON
10	MAY SELL OR TRANSFER A SPECIFIED SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARM TO AN
11	INDIVIDUAL RESIDING IN ANOTHER \underline{STATE} OR A FEDERALLY LICENSED
12	FIREARM DEALER.
13	(3) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO:
14	(a) THE MANUFACTURE, TRANSFER, OR SALE OF A SPECIFIED
15	SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARM TO, OR RECEIPT OR PURCHASE OF A SPECIFIED
16	SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARM BY:
17	(I) A FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY FOR
18	THE PURPOSE OF EQUIPPING THE AGENCY'S PEACE OFFICERS;
19	(II) A PEACE OFFICER, AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 16-2.5-101, WHO
20	IS CERTIFIED BY THE PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING BOARD
21	CREATED IN SECTION 24-31-302, IF THE AGENCY THAT EMPLOYS THE
22	PEACE OFFICER REQUIRES OR PERMITS THE PEACE OFFICER TO CARRY A
23	SPECIFIED SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARM FOR USE IN THE PEACE OFFICER'S
24	OFFICIAL CAPACITY;
25	(III) THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, THE WARDEN OF A
26	PRISON, THE SUPERINTENDENT OF A FACILITY IN WHICH A PERSON HAS
27	BEEN PLACED BY TRANSFER FROM A CORRECTIONAL FACILITY PURSUANT

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1	TO SECTION 17-23-101, THE KEEPER OF A JAIL, OR THE HEAD OF ANY
2	OTHER INSTITUTION FOR THE DETENTION OF PEOPLE ACCUSED OR
3	CONVICTED OF AN OFFENSE, IN ORDER TO EQUIP STAFF FOR THE
4	PERFORMANCE OF THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES; OR
5	(IV) AN ENTITY THAT OPERATES AN ARMORED VEHICLE BUSINESS
6	FOR USE BY AN AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEE OF THE ENTITY WHILE IN THE
7	COURSE AND SCOPE OF THE EMPLOYEE'S DUTIES;
8	(b) THE MANUFACTURE, TRANSFER, OR SALE OF A SPECIFIED
9	SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARM TO, OR RECEIPT OR PURCHASE OF A SPECIFIED
10	SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARM FOR USE BY, MEMBERS OF THE ARMED SERVICES
11	OR RESERVE FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES OR OF THE COLORADO
12	NATIONAL GUARD, IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES;
13	(c) THE TRANSFER OF A SPECIFIED SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARM TO,
14	AND RECEIPT OF A SPECIFIED SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARM BY:
15	(I) A FEDERALLY LICENSED FIREARMS DEALER FOR TEMPORARY
16	STORAGE OR PERMANENT DISPOSAL; OR
17	(II) A GUNSMITH , OR AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM DESIGNED FOR
18	THE REPAIR OR MAINTENANCE OF WEAPONS APPROVED BY THE GOVERNING
19	BOARD OF A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION OR THE
20	COLORADO DIVISION OF PRIVATE OCCUPATIONAL SCHOOLS, FOR THE
21	PURPOSES OF MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, OR MODIFICATION AND THE
22	SUBSEQUENT RETURN OF THE SPECIFIED SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARM TO THE
23	LAWFUL OWNER, AS LONG AS THE LAWFUL OWNER IS NOT OTHERWISE
24	PROHIBITED BY LAW FROM POSSESSING THE SPECIFIED SEMIAUTOMATIC
25	FIREARM;
26	(d) The sale of a specified semiautomatic firearm to, and
27	PURCHASE OF A SPECIFIED SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARM BY, AN INSTITUTION

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1	OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT OPERATES, OR INSTRUCTOR OF, AN
2	EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM APPROVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF A
3	PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION OR THE COLORADO DIVISION
4	OF PRIVATE OCCUPATIONAL SCHOOLS, FOR USE AND STORAGE AT THE
5	LOCATION OF THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM;
6	(e) The transfer or sale of a specified semiautomatic
7	FIREARM TO, AND RECEIPT OR PURCHASE OF A SPECIFIED SEMIAUTOMATIC
8	FIREARM BY:
9	(I) A PERSON WHO:
10	(A) COMPLETED A HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE CERTIFIED BY THE
11	DIVISION OF PARKS AND WILDLIFE, AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 33-6-107(8),
12	AND, WITHIN FIVE YEARS BEFORE MAKING THE PURCHASE, COMPLETED A
13	BASIC FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (5) OF THIS
14	SECTION;
15	(B) WITHIN FIVE YEARS BEFORE MAKING THE PURCHASE,
16	COMPLETED AN EXTENDED FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE DESCRIBED IN
17	SUBSECTION (5) OF THIS SECTION; OR
18	(C) COMPLETED AN EXTENDED FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE MORE
19	THAN FIVE YEARS BEFORE MAKING THE PURCHASE AND COMPLETED A
20	BASIC FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE WITHIN FIVE YEARS BEFORE MAKING THE
21	<u>PURCHASE;</u>
22	(II) A FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MUSEUM,
23	OR INSTITUTIONAL COLLECTION THAT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, IF THE
24	SPECIFIED SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARM IS RENDERED PERMANENTLY
25	INOPERABLE PRIOR TO THE SALE OR TRANSFER; AND
26	(III) A FORENSIC LABORATORY, OR ANY AUTHORIZED AGENT OR
2.7	EMPLOYEE OF THE LABORATORY FOR USE EXCLUSIVELY IN THE COURSE

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1	AND SCOPE OF FORENSIC <u>ANALYSIS;</u>
2	(f) A TRANSFER THAT OCCURS BY OPERATION OF LAW OR BECAUSE
3	OF THE DEATH OF A PERSON FOR WHOM THE PROSPECTIVE TRANSFEROR IS
4	AN EXECUTOR OR ADMINISTRATOR OF AN ESTATE OR A TRUSTEE OF A
5	TRUST CREATED IN A WILL; AND
6	(g) The manufacture, distribution, transfer, sale, or
7	RENTAL OF A SPECIFIED SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARM CAPABLE OF ONLY
8	FIRING BLANKS BY, OR RECEIPT OR PURCHASE OF A SPECIFIED
9	SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARM CAPABLE OF ONLY FIRING BLANKS FROM, A
10	FEDERALLY LICENSED FIREARM DEALER, FOR USE SOLELY AS A PROP FOR
11	A FILM, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 24-48.5-114.
12	(4) (a) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION COMMITS
13	UNLAWFUL MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTION, TRANSFER, SALE, OR PURCHASE
14	OF A SPECIFIED SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARM.
15	(b) Unlawful manufacture, distribution, transfer, sale,
16	OR PURCHASE OF A SPECIFIED SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARM IS A CLASS 2
17	MISDEMEANOR; EXCEPT THAT A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE IS A
18	CLASS 6 FELONY.
19	(5) (a) (I) A BASIC FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE AND AN EXTENDED
20	FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE MUST BE TAUGHT BY AN INSTRUCTOR VERIFIED
21	BY A SHERIFF AS A FIREARMS INSTRUCTOR PURSUANT TO SECTION
22	18-12-202.7. A BASIC OR EXTENDED FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE MUST BE
23	HELD IN PERSON WITH THE INSTRUCTOR OF THE CLASS AT THE SAME
24	LOCATION AS THE STUDENTS AND NO PART OF THE CLASS MAY BE
25	CONDUCTED VIA THE INTERNET.
26	(II) IN ORDER TO ENROLL IN A BASIC OR EXTENDED FIREARMS
27	SAFETY COURSE, A PERSON MUST PAY TO THE INSTRUCTOR THE FIREARMS

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1	TRAINING AND SAFETY COURSE RECORD FEE SET BY THE PARKS AND
2	WILDLIFE COMMISSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 33-9-115 (5) AND HOLD A
3	VALID FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE ELIGIBILITY CARD, AS DESCRIBED IN
4	SUBSECTION (5)(b) OF THIS SECTION. THE INSTRUCTOR SHALL REMIT THE
5	FIREARMS TRAINING AND SAFETY COURSE RECORD FEE TO THE DIVISION OF
6	PARKS AND WILDLIFE. BEFORE ALLOWING A STUDENT TO ATTEND A
7	COURSE, THE INSTRUCTOR SHALL VERIFY THAT THE STUDENT HOLDS A
8	VALID FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE ELIGIBILITY CARD BY REQUESTING
9	INFORMATION FROM THE FIREARMS TRAINING AND SAFETY COURSE
10	RECORD SYSTEM CREATED IN SECTION 33-9-115.
11	(III) (A) A BASIC FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE MUST PROVIDE A
12	MINIMUM OF FOUR HOURS OF INSTRUCTION.
13	(B) AN EXTENDED FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE MUST PROVIDE A
14	MINIMUM OF TWELVE HOURS OF INSTRUCTION, WHICH MUST BE PROVIDED
15	ON AT LEAST TWO DIFFERENT DAYS.
16	(IV) A BASIC OR EXTENDED FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE MUST
17	INCLUDE, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO INCLUDING, INSTRUCTION ON SAFE
18	HANDLING OF SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION MAGAZINES,
19	SAFE STORAGE OF FIREARMS AND CHILD SAFETY, FIREARM DEATHS
20	ASSOCIATED WITH MENTAL ILLNESS, EXTREME RISK PROTECTION ORDERS
21	DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 14.5 OF TITLE 13, AND VICTIM AWARENESS AND
22	EMPATHY.
23	(V) At the conclusion of a basic or extended firearms
24	SAFETY COURSE, THE INSTRUCTOR SHALL ADMINISTER AN EXAM THAT
25	TESTS A STUDENT'S KNOWLEDGE OF THE SUBJECTS TAUGHT IN THIS COURSE
26	AND REQUIRES THE STUDENT TO DEMONSTRATE THE ABILITY TO SAFELY
27	HANDLE FIREARMS AND A MASTERY OF GUN SAFETY. TO COMPLETE A

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1	BASIC FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE, A STUDENT MUST ACHIEVE A SCORE OF
2	AT LEAST NINETY PERCENT ON THE EXAM.
3	(VI) WITHIN THREE BUSINESS DAYS AFTER A STUDENT'S
4	COMPLETION OF A BASIC OR EXTENDED FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE, THE
5	INSTRUCTOR SHALL REPORT THE STUDENT'S COURSE COMPLETION TO THE
6	FIREARMS TRAINING AND SAFETY COURSE RECORD SYSTEM DESCRIBED IN
7	<u>SECTION 33-9-115.</u>
8	(b) (I) EACH SHERIFF SHALL ISSUE FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE
9	ELIGIBILITY CARDS PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (5)(b). A CARD IS
10	VALID FOR FIVE YEARS AFTER THE DATE OF ISSUANCE.
11	(II) TO OBTAIN A FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE ELIGIBILITY CARD, AN
12	APPLICANT MUST SUBMIT THE APPLICANT'S FINGERPRINTS TO THE SHERIFF
13	OF THE COUNTY OR CITY AND COUNTY IN WHICH THE APPLICANT RESIDES,
14	MAINTAINS A SECONDARY RESIDENCE, OR OWNS OR LEASES REAL
15	PROPERTY USED BY THE APPLICANT IN A BUSINESS. THE SHERIFF SHALL
16	TAKE TWO COMPLETE SETS OF THE APPLICANT'S FINGERPRINTS FOR THE
17	BUREAU TO CONDUCT A FINGERPRINT-BASED CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD
18	CHECK OF THE APPLICANT. THE SHERIFF SHALL SUBMIT BOTH SETS OF
19	FINGERPRINTS TO THE BUREAU, AND THE SHERIFF SHALL NOT RETAIN A SET
20	OF THE APPLICANT'S FINGERPRINTS.
21	(III) THE APPLICANT MUST SUBMIT A FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE
22	ELIGIBILITY CARD FEE TO THE SHERIFF. THE FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE
23	ELIGIBILITY CARD FEE INCLUDES THE SHERIFF'S PROCESSING FEE AND THE
24	FINGERPRINT PROCESSING FEE. THE FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE ELIGIBILITY
25	CARD FEE IS NOT REFUNDABLE IF THE SHERIFF DENIES THE APPLICANT'S
26	APPLICATION. EACH SHERIFF MAY ESTABLISH A PROCESSING FEE. THE
27	AMOUNT OF THE FEE MUST REFLECT THE ACTUAL DIRECT AND INDIRECT

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1	COSTS TO THE SHERIFF FOR ISSUING A FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE
2	ELIGIBILITY CARD. THE FINGERPRINT PROCESSING FEE IS THE AMOUNT
3	SPECIFIED PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-72-306 BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE
4	BUREAU FOR PROCESSING THE APPLICANT'S FINGERPRINTS.
5	(IV) UPON RECEIPT OF AN APPLICANT'S FINGERPRINTS FROM A
6	SHERIFF, THE BUREAU SHALL PROCESS THE FULL SET OF THE APPLICANT'S
7	FINGERPRINTS AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 18-12-208 (1) TO OBTAIN ANY
8	AVAILABLE STATE CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION OR FEDERAL
9	INFORMATION ABOUT THE APPLICANT RELEVANT TO DETERMINING
10	WHETHER THE APPLICANT IS ELIGIBLE TO POSSESS A FIREARM PURSUANT
11	TO STATE AND FEDERAL LAW. THE BUREAU SHALL REPORT THE RESULTS
12	OF THE FINGERPRINT-BASED CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECK TO THE
13	SHERIFF.
14	(V) AFTER RECEIVING THE RESULTS OF THE FINGERPRINT-BASED
15	CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECK, A SHERIFF SHALL ISSUE A FIREARMS
16	SAFETY COURSE ELIGIBILITY CARD TO AN APPLICANT WHO SATISFIES THE
17	CRITERIA LISTED IN SECTION 18-12-203 (1)(a) TO (1)(g). A SHERIFF SHALL
18	DENY OR REVOKE A FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE ELIGIBILITY CARD IF AN
19	APPLICANT OR CARDHOLDER FAILS TO MEET ONE OF THE CRITERIA LISTED
20	SECTION 18-12-203 (1)(a) TO (1)(g), AND MAY DENY OR REVOKE A CARD
21	IF THE SHERIFF HAS A REASONABLE BELIEF THAT DOCUMENTED PREVIOUS
22	BEHAVIOR BY THE APPLICANT OR CARDHOLDER MAKES IT LIKELY THE
23	PERSON WILL PRESENT A DANGER TO THEMSELF OR OTHERS IF THE PERSON
24	HOLDS A FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE ELIGIBILITY CARD.
25	(VI) A SHERIFF SHALL REPORT INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE
26	DIVISION OF PARKS AND WILDLIFE ABOUT THE CARD TO THE FIREARMS
27	TRAINING AND SAFETY COURSE RECORD SYSTEM CREATED IN SECTION

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1	<u>33-9-115.</u>
2	(VII) A FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE ELIGIBILITY CARD MUST
3	INCLUDE THE FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE ELIGIBILITY CARD HOLDER'S FULL
4	NAME; THE COUNTY OF ISSUANCE AND THE SIGNATURE OF THE SHERIFF
5	WHO ISSUED THE CARD; AND THE ISSUANCE AND EXPIRATION DATES OF
6	THE CARD.
7	SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 33-9-115 as
8	<u>follows:</u>
9	33-9-115. Firearms training and safety course record system
10	- rules - definitions. (1) As used in this section, unless the context
11	OTHERWISE REQUIRES:
12	(a) "BASIC FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE" MEANS A BASIC FIREARMS
13	SAFETY COURSE DESCRIBED IN SECTION 18-12-116 (5).
14	(b) "BUREAU" MEANS THE COLORADO BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
15	<u>CREATED IN SECTION 24-33.5-401.</u>
16	(c) "DIVISION" MEANS THE DIVISION OF PARKS AND WILDLIFE
17	CREATED IN SECTION 33-9-104.
18	(d) "Extended firearms safety course" means an extended
19	FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE DESCRIBED SECTION 18-12-116 (5).
20	(e) "HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE" MEANS A HUNTER EDUCATION
21	COURSE CERTIFIED BY THE DIVISION OF PARKS AND WILDLIFE, AS
22	<u>DESCRIBED IN SECTION 33-6-107 (8).</u>
23	(f) "System" means the firearms training and safety
24	COURSE RECORD SYSTEM DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS
25	<u>SECTION.</u>
26	(2) (a) THE DIVISION SHALL DEVELOP AND OPERATE A SYSTEM OF
27	RECORDS OF PERSONS WHO:

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1	(I) HOLD A VALID FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE ELIGIBILITY CARD
2	ISSUED PURSUANT TO SECTION 18-12-116 (5)(b); AND
3	(II) HAVE COMPLETED A HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE, A BASIC
4	FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE, OR AN EXTENDED FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE.
5	(b) The division shall consult with the bureau in
6	DEVELOPING AND OPERATING THE SYSTEM.
7	(c) THE SYSTEM IS NOT A RECORD THAT A PERSON PURCHASES OR
8	EXCHANGES FIREARMS OR PURCHASED OR EXCHANGED A SPECIFIC
9	<u>FIREARM.</u>
10	(3) THE SYSTEM MUST ALLOW:
11	(a) THE INSTRUCTOR OF A BASIC FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE OR
12	EXTENDED FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE TO REQUEST AND RECEIVE
13	INFORMATION ABOUT WHETHER A PERSON HOLDS A VALID FIREARMS
14	SAFETY COURSE ELIGIBILITY CARD ISSUED PURSUANT TO SECTION
15	<u>18-12-116 (5)(b);</u>
16	(b) The instructor of a hunter education course, basic
17	FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE, OR EXTENDED FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE TO
18	ELECTRONICALLY ENTER INTO THE SYSTEM THE NAME OF AND OTHER
19	INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE DIVISION ABOUT EACH STUDENT WHO
20	COMPLETES A COURSE; AND
21	(c) A FEDERAL FIREARMS LICENSEE, AS DEFINED IN SECTION
22	18-12-101, TO ELECTRONICALLY REQUEST AND RECEIVE INFORMATION
23	ABOUT WHETHER A PERSON HAS COMPLETED THE COURSES NECESSARY TO
24	PURCHASE A SPECIFIED SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARM PURSUANT TO SECTION
25	<u>18-12-116</u> (3)(e)(I).
26	(4) The division may adopt processes and procedures
2.7	NECESSARY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SECTION

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1	(5) (a) THE COMMISSION SHALL ESTABLISH A FIREARMS TRAINING
2	AND SAFETY COURSE RECORD FEE FOR A PERSON TO BE INCLUDED IN THE
3	SYSTEM. THE FEE MUST REFLECT ACTUAL DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS TO
4	OPERATE THE SYSTEM. THE COMMISSION MAY ADJUST THE FEE, BUT SHALL
5	NOT ADJUST THE FEE MORE THAN ONE TIME EACH YEAR. THE INSTRUCTOR
6	OF A BASIC OR EXTENDED FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE SHALL COLLECT THE
7	FEE FROM EACH STUDENT OF A BASIC OR EXTENDED FIREARMS SAFETY
8	COURSE AND REMIT THE FEE TO THE DIVISION FOR DEPOSIT IN THE
9	FIREARMS TRAINING AND SAFETY COURSE CASH FUND.
10	(b) THE FIREARMS TRAINING AND SAFETY COURSE CASH FUND IS
11	CREATED IN THE STATE TREASURY. THE FUND CONSISTS MONEY CREDITED
12	TO THE FUND PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (5)(a) OF THIS SECTION AND ANY
13	OTHER MONEY THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY APPROPRIATE OR
14	TRANSFER TO THE FUND. THE STATE TREASURER SHALL CREDIT ALL
15	INTEREST AND INCOME DERIVED FROM THE DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT OF
16	MONEY IN THE FIREARMS TRAINING AND SAFETY COURSE CASH FUND TO
17	THE FUND. SUBJECT TO ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BY THE GENERAL
18	ASSEMBLY, THE DIVISION MAY EXPEND MONEY FROM THE FUND FOR THE
19	OPERATION OF THE SYSTEM.
20	SECTION 4. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-12-108, amend
21	(7)(hhh) and (7)(iii); and add (7)(jjj) as follows:
22	18-12-108. Possession of weapons by previous offenders. (7) In
23	addition to a conviction for felony crime as defined in section 24-4.1-302
24	(1), a felony conviction or adjudication for one of the following felonies
25	prohibits a person from possessing, using, or carrying upon the person a
26	firearm as defined in section 18-1-901 (3)(h) or any other weapon that is
27	subject to this article 12 pursuant to subsection (1) or (3) of this section:

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1	(hhh) A criminal attempt, complicity, or conspiracy to commit any
2	of the offenses listed in this subsection (7); and
3	(iii) Unlawful conduct involving an unserialized firearm, frame,
4	or receiver, as described in section 18-12-111.5; AND
5	(jjj) Unlawful manufacture, distribution, transfer, sale,
6	OR PURCHASE OF A SPECIFIED SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARM, AS DESCRIBED IN
7	SECTION 18-12-116.
8	SECTION 5. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-33.5-424, amend
9	(3)(b.3)(XI) and (3)(b.3)(XII); and add (3)(b.3)(XIII) as follows:
10	24-33.5-424. National instant criminal background check
11	system - state point of contact - fee - grounds for denial of firearm
12	transfer - appeal - rule-making - unlawful acts - instant criminal
13	background check cash fund - creation. (3) (b.3) In addition to the
14	grounds for denial specified in subsections (3)(a) and (3)(b) of this
15	section, the bureau shall deny a transfer of a firearm if the prospective
16	transferee has been convicted of any of the following offenses committed
17	on or after June 19, 2021, if the offense is classified as a misdemeanor,
18	or if the prospective transferee has been convicted in another state or
19	jurisdiction, including a military or federal jurisdiction, of an offense that,
20	if committed in Colorado, would constitute any of the following offenses
21	classified as a misdemeanor offense, within five years prior to the
22	transfer:
23	(XI) Unlawfully providing a firearm other than a handgun to a
24	juvenile, as described in section 18-12-108.7 (3); or
25	(XII) Unlawful conduct involving an unserialized firearm, frame,
26	or receiver, as described in section 18-12-111.5; OR
2.7	(XIII) UNLAWFUL MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTION, TRANSFER, SALE.

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1	OR PURCHASE OF A SPECIFIED SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARM, AS DESCRIBED IN
2	SECTION 18-12-116.
3	SECTION 6. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-12-401.5, amend
4	(8)(a)(IV)(D) and $(8)(a)(IV)(E)$; and add $(8)(a)(IV)(F)$ as follows:
5	18-12-401.5. Permit required - issuing agency - cash fund -
6	inspections - penalty - report - rules - repeal. (8) (a) Notwithstanding
7	subsection (7) of this section, the department shall revoke a state permit
8	if the state permit holder:
9	(IV) Is convicted of any of the following:
10	(D) Selling or otherwise transferring a firearm to a person who is
11	ineligible to possess the firearm pursuant to state or federal law; or
12	(E) Selling or otherwise transferring a firearm component or
13	accessory, as defined in section 29-11.7-101.5, to another person in
14	violation of federal, state, or local law; OR
15	(F) Manufacturing, distributing, transferring, selling, or
16	PURCHASING A SPECIFIED SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARM IN VIOLATION OF
17	SECTION 18-12-116.
18	SECTION <u>7.</u> In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 24-31-120 as
19	follows:
20	24-31-120. List of prohibited weapons. Pursuant to the
21	AUTHORITY GRANTED IN SECTION 24-31-101 (1)(a) AND (1)(d), THE
22	ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY PROVIDE GUIDANCE AND CLARIFICATION TO
23	ASSIST IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTION 18-12-116. THE ATTORNEY
24	GENERAL MAY PUBLISH <u>AND MAKE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE</u> GUIDANCE AND
25	OPINIONS CONCERNING SECTION 18-12-116, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED
26	TO, OPINIONS ABOUT THE SPECIFIC MODELS OF FIREARMS TO WHICH
27	SECTION 18-12-116 (2) APPLIES.

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1	SECTION 8. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-12-302, amend
2	(1)(a) as follows:
3	18-12-302. Large-capacity magazines prohibited - penalties -
4	exceptions. (1) (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, on and
5	after July 1, 2013, a person who sells, transfers, or possesses a
6	large-capacity magazine commits a class 2 CLASS 1 misdemeanor.
7	SECTION 9. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-12-102, amend
8	(1) as follows:
9	18-12-102. Possessing a dangerous or illegal weapon -
10	affirmative defense - definition. (1) As used in this section, the term
11	"dangerous weapon" means a firearm silencer, machine gun, machine gun
12	conversion device RAPID-FIRE DEVICE, short shotgun, or short rifle.
13	SECTION 10. Effective date - applicability. This act takes
14	effect September 1, 2025, and applies to offenses committed on or after
15	said date.
16	SECTION 11. Severability. If any provision of this act or the
17	application of this act to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
18	invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of the act that
19	can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to
20	this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.
21	SECTION 12. Safety clause. The general assembly finds,
22	determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
23	preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
24	the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
25	institutions.

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