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**HOUSE BILL 25-1133**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE RETAIL SALE OF AMMUNITION**  
102              **FOR FIREARMS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,**  
103              **ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DELIVERY OF**  
104              **AMMUNITION SOLD AT RETAIL.**

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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>.)*

The bill requires that ammunition sold at retail must be accessible to a purchaser or transferee only with the assistance of the vendor, and the bill prohibits the retail sale of ammunition to a person who is younger

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*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.*  
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than 21 years of age. Unlawful sale of ammunition by violating either requirement is a civil infraction; except that a second or subsequent violation is a class 1 misdemeanor.

The bill requires a person shipping ammunition to give written notice to the ammunition deliverer that the package contains ammunition and prohibits labeling the outside of the package in a manner that indicates that the package contains ammunition. Violating either provision is unlawful notification involving an ammunition package, which is a class 1 misdemeanor.

When delivering a package containing ammunition sold at retail, a retail ammunition deliverer is required to verify that the person receiving the delivery is 21 years of age or older and obtain written acknowledgment of receipt from the recipient. Violating either of these requirements is unlawful delivery of ammunition by a retail ammunition deliverer, which is a class 1 misdemeanor.

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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)(a.2) 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 (a.2) "AMMUNITION" MEANS AN AMMUNITION OR CARTRIDGE  
7 CASE, PRIMER, BULLET, OR PROPELLANT POWDER DESIGNED FOR USE IN A  
8 FIREARM. THE TERM "AMMUNITION" DOES NOT INCLUDE:

9 (I) A SHOTGUN SHOT OR PELLET NOT DESIGNED FOR USE AS THE  
10 SINGLE, COMPLETE PROJECTILE LOAD FOR ONE SHOTGUN HULL OR CASING;  
11 OR

12 (II) AN UNLOADED, NONMETALLIC SHOTGUN HULL OR CASING  
13 THAT DOES NOT HAVE A PRIMER.

14 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 18-12-116 as  
15 follows:

16 **18-12-116. Ammunition sales - sales requirements - minimum**  
17 **purchase age - exceptions - ammunition delivery requirements -**

1 **penalties - definitions - repeal.** (1) (a) A RETAIL AMMUNITION VENDOR  
2 SHALL NOT SELL, OFFER FOR SALE, OR DISPLAY FOR SALE OR TRANSFER  
3 AMMUNITION IN A MANNER THAT ALLOWS THE AMMUNITION TO BE  
4 ACCESSIBLE TO A PURCHASER OR TRANSFEREE WITHOUT THE ASSISTANCE  
5 OF THE VENDOR OR AN EMPLOYEE OF THE VENDOR. AMMUNITION  
6 DISPLAYED IN AN ENCLOSED DISPLAY CASE OR BEHIND A COUNTER OR  
7 OTHER CUSTOMER ACCESS PREVENTION DEVICE IS NOT CONSIDERED  
8 ACCESSIBLE FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION (1)(a).

9 (b) (I) A RETAIL AMMUNITION VENDOR SHALL NOT SELL  
10 AMMUNITION TO A PERSON WHO IS UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE.  
11 PRIOR TO COMPLETING A SALE OF AMMUNITION AT AN IN-PERSON  
12 TRANSACTION, THE RETAIL AMMUNITION VENDOR, OR AN EMPLOYEE OF  
13 THE VENDOR, SHALL VERIFY THAT THE PURCHASER IS AT LEAST  
14 TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE BY REQUIRING THE PURCHASER TO PRODUCE  
15 A VALID GOVERNMENT-ISSUED PHOTO IDENTIFICATION.

16 (II) (A) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROHIBITION ON SELLING  
17 AMMUNITION TO A PERSON WHO IS UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE  
18 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)(b)(I) OF THIS SECTION, A RETAIL  
19 AMMUNITION VENDOR IS NOT PROHIBITED FROM SELLING AMMUNITION TO  
20 A PERSON EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER BUT UNDER TWENTY-ONE  
21 YEARS OF AGE WHO WAS BORN ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 28, 2007.

22 (B) THIS SUBSECTION (1)(b)(II) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JANUARY  
23 28, 2028.

24 (c) (I) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROHIBITION ON SELLING  
25 AMMUNITION TO A PERSON WHO IS UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE  
26 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION, THE OPERATOR OF A  
27 SHOOTING RANGE THAT PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE PUBLIC TO

1 ENGAGE IN SHOOTING SPORTS OR EDUCATION MAY SELL AMMUNITION TO  
2 A PERSON WHO IS EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER BUT UNDER  
3 TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE FOR USE ONLY AT THE SHOOTING RANGE.  
4 PRIOR TO COMPLETING THE SALE OF AMMUNITION, THE SELLER SHALL  
5 VERIFY THAT THE PURCHASER IS AT LEAST EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE BY  
6 REQUIRING THE PURCHASER TO PRODUCE A VALID GOVERNMENT-ISSUED  
7 PHOTO IDENTIFICATION.

8 (II) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROHIBITION ON SELLING  
9 AMMUNITION TO A PERSON WHO IS UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE  
10 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION, A RETAIL AMMUNITION  
11 VENDOR MAY SELL AMMUNITION == TO A MEMBER OR VETERAN OF THE  
12 UNITED STATES MILITARY OR COLORADO NATIONAL GUARD WHO IS  
13 EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER BUT UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF  
14 AGE. PRIOR TO COMPLETING THE SALE OF AMMUNITION DURING AN  
15 IN-PERSON TRANSACTION TO A MEMBER OR VETERAN OF THE UNITED  
16 STATES MILITARY OR COLORADO NATIONAL GUARD WHO IS UNDER  
17 TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE, THE RETAIL AMMUNITION VENDOR, OR AN  
18 EMPLOYEE OF THE VENDOR, SHALL VERIFY THAT THE PURCHASER IS A  
19 MEMBER OR VETERAN BY REQUIRING THE PURCHASER TO PRODUCE A  
20 VALID MILITARY IDENTIFICATION CARD THAT DEMONSTRATES THAT THE  
21 PERSON IS A MEMBER OR VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY OR  
22 COLORADO NATIONAL GUARD.

23 (III) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROHIBITION ON SELLING  
24 AMMUNITION TO A PERSON WHO IS UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE  
25 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION, A RETAIL AMMUNITION  
26 VENDOR MAY SELL AMMUNITION TO A PERSON WHO IS EIGHTEEN YEARS OF  
27 AGE OR OLDER BUT UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE WHO

1 DEMONSTRATES HAVING OBTAINED HUNTER EDUCATION CERTIFICATION  
2 BY PRESENTING:

3 (A) A VALID HUNTER EDUCATION CERTIFICATE RECOGNIZED BY  
4 THE DIVISION OF PARKS AND WILDLIFE; OR

5 (B) AN EXPIRED OR UNEXPIRED HUNTING LICENSE ISSUED BY THE  
6 DIVISION OF PARKS AND WILDLIFE THAT HAS A VERIFIED HUNTER  
7 EDUCATION CERTIFICATION.

8 (IV) (A) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROHIBITION ON SELLING  
9 AMMUNITION TO A PERSON WHO IS UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE  
10 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION, A RETAIL AMMUNITION  
11 VENDOR MAY SELL AMMUNITION TO A PERSON WHO IS EIGHTEEN YEARS OF  
12 AGE OR OLDER BUT UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE AND WHO IS  
13 IDENTIFIED AS A PROTECTED PERSON IN A PROTECTION ORDER THAT IS IN  
14 EFFECT. PRIOR TO COMPLETING THE SALE OF AMMUNITION TO A  
15 PROTECTED PERSON, THE RETAIL AMMUNITION VENDOR, OR AN EMPLOYEE  
16 OF THE VENDOR, SHALL VERIFY THAT THE PURCHASER IS A PROTECTED  
17 PERSON BY REQUIRING THE PURCHASER TO PRODUCE A COPY OF THE  
18 PROTECTION ORDER IDENTIFYING THE PURCHASER AS A PROTECTED  
19 PERSON AND REQUIRING THE PERSON TO ATTEST THAT THE PROTECTION  
20 ORDER IS IN EFFECT.

21 (B) AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION (1)(c)(IV), "PROTECTED PERSON"  
22 MEANS A PERSON IDENTIFIED IN A PROTECTION ORDER, AS DESCRIBED IN  
23 SECTION 18-6-803.5 (1.5)(a.5), AS A PERSON FOR WHOSE BENEFIT THE  
24 PROTECTION ORDER WAS ISSUED.

25 (d) THE PROVISIONS IN SUBSECTION (1)(c) OF THIS SECTION THAT  
26 PERMIT THE SALE OF AMMUNITION TO A PERSON EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE  
27 OR OLDER BUT UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE ONLY APPLY TO THE

1     SALE OF AMMUNITION DURING AN IN-PERSON TRANSACTION AT WHICH THE  
2     SALE IS COMPLETED AND THE AMMUNITION IS DELIVERED TO THE  
3     PURCHASER.

4             (e) THIS SUBSECTION (1) DOES NOT APPLY TO THE SALE OF         
5     RIMFIRE AMMUNITION.

6             (f) A RETAIL AMMUNITION VENDOR THAT VIOLATES THIS  
7     SUBSECTION (1) COMMITS UNLAWFUL SALE OF AMMUNITION. UNLAWFUL  
8     SALE OF AMMUNITION IS A CIVIL INFRACTION; EXCEPT THAT A SECOND OR  
9     SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE IS A CLASS 1 MISDEMEANOR.

10            (2) (a) A RETAIL AMMUNITION VENDOR DELIVERING A PACKAGE  
11     CONTAINING AMMUNITION TO A RETAIL AMMUNITION DELIVERER FOR  
12     PURPOSES OF TRANSPORT SHALL USE A DELIVERY SERVICE THAT ENSURES  
13     THAT THE PERSON RECEIVING THE AMMUNITION IS TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF  
14     AGE OR OLDER THROUGH AGE VERIFICATION.

15            (b) A RETAIL AMMUNITION DELIVERER MUST COMPLY WITH 49  
16     CFR 173.63 (b)(1)(i) RELATED TO THE LABELING AND PACKAGING FOR  
17     DELIVERY OF AMMUNITION.

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19            (3) (a) WHEN DELIVERING A PACKAGE CONTAINING AMMUNITION  
20     SOLD AT RETAIL, A RETAIL AMMUNITION DELIVERER SHALL:

21            (I) VERIFY THAT THE PERSON RECEIVING THE AMMUNITION  
22     DELIVERY IS TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER BY REQUIRING THE  
23     PERSON TO PRESENT A VALID GOVERNMENT-ISSUED PHOTOGRAPHIC  
24     IDENTIFICATION TO THE PERSON MAKING THE DELIVERY; AND

25            (II) OBTAIN WRITTEN ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE  
26     AMMUNITION DELIVERY FROM THE RECIPIENT OF THE DELIVERY.

27            (b) (I) NOTWITHSTANDING THE REQUIREMENT TO VERIFY THAT THE

1 PERSON RECEIVING AMMUNITION IS TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER  
2 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (3)(a)(I) OF THIS SECTION, A RETAIL  
3 AMMUNITION DELIVERER SHALL VERIFY THAT THE PERSON RECEIVING  
4 AMMUNITION WAS BORN ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 28, 2007.

5 (II) THIS SUBSECTION (3)(b) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 28,  
6 2028.

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8 (c) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A RETAIL AMMUNITION  
9 DELIVERER THAT DOES NOT KNOW THAT THE PACKAGE CONTAINS  
10 AMMUNITION BECAUSE THE SENDER FAILED TO NOTIFY THE DELIVERER  
11 THAT THE PACKAGE CONTAINS AMMUNITION.

12 (4) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO THE SALE OR OFFER TO SELL  
13 AMMUNITION AT WHOLESALE OR THE DELIVERY OF AMMUNITION SOLD AT  
14 WHOLESALE.

15 (5) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE  
16 REQUIRES:

17 (a) "RETAIL AMMUNITION DELIVERER" MEANS AN ENTITY THAT  
18 DELIVERS, BY MOTOR VEHICLE, AMMUNITION SOLD AT RETAIL TO THE  
19 PURCHASER AT A LOCATION IN THIS STATE. "RETAIL AMMUNITION  
20 DELIVERER" INCLUDES A RETAIL AMMUNITION VENDOR THAT DELIVERS TO  
21 A LOCATION OTHER THAN THE VENDOR'S PLACE OF BUSINESS AMMUNITION  
22 SOLD BY THE VENDOR AT RETAIL TO THE PURCHASER.

23 (b) "RETAIL AMMUNITION VENDOR" MEANS A PERSON WHO SELLS  
24 AMMUNITION AT RETAIL. "RETAIL AMMUNITION VENDOR" INCLUDES A  
25 VENDOR NOT LOCATED IN COLORADO WHEN THE VENDOR SELLS OR OFFERS  
26 TO SELL AMMUNITION AT RETAIL FOR DELIVERY TO A PURCHASER LOCATED  
27 IN COLORADO.

1           **SECTION 3. Effective date - applicability.** This act takes effect  
2           July 1, 2026, and applies to ammunition sold and ammunition delivered  
3           on or after said date.

4           **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,  
5           determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
6           preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for  
7           the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state  
8           institutions.