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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING REQUIREMENTS FOR GUN SHOWS.**

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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 a gun show promoter to prepare a security plan and submit the security plan to each local law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over the gun show. The bill places certain requirements on a gun show promoter, including requiring the promoter to:

- Have liability insurance for the gun show;
- Implement security measures at the gun show;
- Prohibit persons under 21 years of age from entering the gun show unless the person is accompanied by a parent,

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- grandparent, or guardian;
- For each customer who leaves with a purchased firearm, verify that each firearm sold at a gun show is delivered in compliance with the required the 3-day waiting period; and
- Post certain notices at the gun show.

Violating any of these provisions is unlawful gun show management, which is a class 2 misdemeanor; except that a second or subsequent offense is a class 1 misdemeanor and, in addition to a criminal penalty, the promoter is prohibited from acting as a gun show promoter for 5 years.

The bill prohibits a person from participating in a gun show as a gun show vendor if the person is not a federal firearms licensee, does not hold a valid state firearms dealer permit, has been convicted of a second offense of unlawful gun show vendor activity as described in the bill, or has not completed a gun show certification for the gun show promoter as required in the bill. Unlawful participation in a gun show as a gun show vendor is a class 2 misdemeanor; except that a second or subsequent offense is a class 1 misdemeanor.

Before participating in a gun show, a gun show vendor is required to certify to the gun show promoter that the vendor satisfies the requirements to be a gun show vendor and will comply with federal, state, and local laws while participating in the gun show.

While participating in a gun show, a gun show vendor shall display copies of the vendor's federal firearms license and state firearms dealer permit, keep firearms unloaded and securely affixed to the vendor's countertop or wall, secure ammunition in an enclosed display case or behind the vendor's counter or other customer access prevention device, and include with each sold firearm written information describing secure storage and lost or stolen firearm reporting requirements in state law. Unlawful gun show vendor activity is a class 2 misdemeanor; except that a second or subsequent offense is a class 1 misdemeanor and the person is prohibited from participating as a vendor at a gun show.

The bill maintains the requirement in existing law that a gun show vendor conduct a background check for each firearm transfer at a gun show.

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

2           **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly  
3 finds and declares that:

4           (a) Gun violence remains a significant threat to public safety in  
5 Colorado, causing harm to individuals, families, and communities across

1 the state. Effectively addressing gun violence requires a comprehensive  
2 strategy that includes both preventing illegal firearm transfers and  
3 ensuring responsible ownership practices.

4 (b) Gun shows serve as important venues for the lawful sale and  
5 transfer of firearms. However, these events present unique challenges for  
6 regulating the movement of firearms and preventing illegal trafficking.  
7 While gun shows are lawful and cater primarily to responsible gun  
8 owners, they can also provide opportunities for firearms to be transferred  
9 without proper oversight, potentially leading to unlawful possession and  
10 misuse.

11 (c) It is essential for Colorado to implement strong regulatory  
12 measures at gun shows to mitigate the risks associated with unregulated  
13 or improper firearm transfers. This includes the requirement for gun show  
14 promoters and vendors to follow security protocols, conduct background  
15 checks, and ensure firearms are stored and handled safely.

16 (d) This legislation requires gun show promoters to develop and  
17 implement security plans, secure liability coverage, and verify that  
18 firearms are sold or transferred in compliance with state and federal laws.  
19 In addition, vendors are required to comply with mandatory background  
20 checks and adhere to federal, state, and local firearm laws and proper  
21 firearm storage practices.

22 (e) By fostering responsible practices at gun shows, Colorado can  
23 reduce the potential for illegal firearm trafficking and decrease the  
24 likelihood that firearms will be misused in criminal acts or violence; and

25 (f) Reducing gun violence and ensuring the safe and lawful  
26 transfer of firearms is a shared responsibility between the state, local  
27 governments, and communities. This act represents a step toward

1 ensuring the safety of all Coloradans, while balancing the rights of  
2 responsible gun owners.

3 (2) Therefore, the general assembly declares that regulating gun  
4 shows to ensure the safety, security, and lawful transfer of firearms is of  
5 both local and statewide concern, aimed at reducing gun violence and  
6 promoting responsible firearm ownership practices throughout Colorado.

7 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal and reenact,**  
8 **with amendments,** part 5 of article 12 of title 18 as follows:

9 PART 5

10 GUN SHOWS

11 **18-12-501. Definitions. [Similar to former 18-12-506**  
12 **introductory portion]** AS USED IN THIS PART 5, UNLESS THE CONTEXT  
13 OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

14 (1) **[Similar to former 18-12-506 (1)]** "COLLECTION" MEANS A  
15 TRADE, BARTER, OR IN-KIND EXCHANGE FOR ONE OR MORE FIREARMS.

16 (2) **[Similar to former 18-12-506 (3)]** "GUN SHOW" MEANS THE  
17 ENTIRE PREMISES PROVIDED FOR AN EVENT OR FUNCTION, INCLUDING, BUT  
18 NOT LIMITED TO, PARKING AREAS FOR THE EVENT OR FUNCTION, EXCEPT  
19 FOR ADJACENT STREET PARKING, THAT IS SPONSORED TO FACILITATE, IN  
20 WHOLE OR IN PART, THE PURCHASE, SALE, OFFER FOR SALE, OR  
21 COLLECTION OF FIREARMS AT WHICH:

22 (a) TWENTY-FIVE OR MORE FIREARMS ARE OFFERED OR EXHIBITED  
23 FOR SALE, TRANSFER, OR EXCHANGE; OR

24 (b) NOT LESS THAN THREE GUN SHOW VENDORS EXHIBIT, SELL,  
25 OFFER FOR SALE, TRANSFER, OR EXCHANGE FIREARMS.

26 (3) "GUN SHOW PARKING AREA" MEANS THE PARKING AREA THAT  
27 IS ON THE SAME PROPERTY AS THE GUN SHOW VENUE OR THAT IS

1 ADJACENT TO THE VENUE AND UNDER CONTROL OF THE COMPANY THAT  
2 OWNS OR OPERATES THE VENUE. "GUN SHOW PARKING AREA" DOES NOT  
3 INCLUDE ADJACENT STREET PARKING.

4 (4) [Similar to former 18-12-506 (4)] "GUN SHOW PROMOTER"  
5 MEANS A PERSON WHO ORGANIZES OR OPERATES A GUN SHOW.

6 (5) [Similar to former 18-12-506 (5)] "GUN SHOW VENDOR"  
7 MEANS ANY PERSON WHO EXHIBITS, SELLS, OFFERS FOR SALE, TRANSFERS,  
8 OR EXCHANGES ANY FIREARM AT A GUN SHOW, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER  
9 THE PERSON ARRANGES WITH A GUN SHOW PROMOTER FOR A FIXED  
10 LOCATION FROM WHICH TO EXHIBIT, SELL, OFFER FOR SALE, TRANSFER, OR  
11 EXCHANGE ANY FIREARM.

12 (6) "LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY WITH JURISDICTION OVER  
13 THE GUN SHOW" MEANS A TOWN MARSHAL'S OFFICE, POLICE DEPARTMENT,  
14 OR SHERIFF'S OFFICE WHOSE JURISDICTION INCLUDES THE AREA IN WHICH  
15 A GUN SHOW OCCURS.

16 (7) "STATE FIREARMS DEALER PERMIT" MEANS A STATE FIREARMS  
17 DEALER PERMIT DESCRIBED IN SECTION 18-12-401.5.

18 **18-12-502. Gun show promoters - requirements - penalties.**

19 (1) (a) FOR EACH GUN SHOW ORGANIZED AND OPERATED BY A GUN SHOW  
20 PROMOTER, THE PROMOTER SHALL PREPARE A SECURITY PLAN. THE  
21 SECURITY PLAN MUST INCLUDE:

22 (I) A LIST OF GUN SHOW VENDORS WHO WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE  
23 GUN SHOW;

24 (II) THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF ATTENDEES;

25 (III) THE NUMBER OF SECURITY PERSONNEL RETAINED BY THE GUN  
26 SHOW PROMOTER TO PROVIDE SECURITY AT THE GUN SHOW, INCLUDING  
27 THE NUMBER OF SECURITY PERSONNEL WHO ARE CERTIFIED BY THE PEACE

1 OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING BOARD CREATED IN SECTION  
2 24-31-302; AND

3 (IV) A FLOOR PLAN OR LAYOUT OF THE EVENT THAT INCLUDES  
4 INFORMATION ABOUT THE LOCATION OF THE ENTRANCES AND EXITS AND  
5 THE LOCATION OF VIDEO CAMERAS THAT PROVIDE VIDEO SURVEILLANCE  
6 OF THE GUN SHOW.

7 (b) PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)(a)(II) OF THIS SECTION, A GUN  
8 SHOW PROMOTER SHALL SUBMIT THE SECURITY PLAN TO EACH LOCAL LAW  
9 ENFORCEMENT AGENCY WITH JURISDICTION OVER THE GUN SHOW.

10 (2) (a) FOR EACH GUN SHOW ORGANIZED AND OPERATED BY A  
11 PROMOTER, THE PROMOTER SHALL:

12 (I) HAVE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT A LIABILITY INSURANCE  
13 POLICY THAT COVERS LOSSES OR DAMAGES OF AT LEAST ONE MILLION  
14 DOLLARS TO ALL PERSONS, ARISING FROM AN INCIDENT THAT RESULTS IN  
15 INJURY TO A PERSON OTHER THAN THE INSURED, WHILE THE PERSON IS IN  
16 ATTENDANCE AT THE GUN SHOW. THE LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICY MUST  
17 BE FROM AN INSURER AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN COLORADO OR A  
18 NONADMITTED INSURER, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 10-5-101.2.

19 (II) NO LATER THAN FOURTEEN DAYS BEFORE THE GUN SHOW,  
20 SUBMIT THE SECURITY PLAN REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS  
21 SECTION TO EACH LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY WITH JURISDICTION  
22 OVER THE GUN SHOW;

23 (III) PROHIBIT A PERSON WHO HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF VIOLATING  
24 ANY PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE 12 OR ANY STATE OR LOCAL LAW  
25 CONCERNING THE SALE OF FIREARMS FROM PARTICIPATING AS A VENDOR  
26 IN THE GUN SHOW; EXCEPT THAT A PROMOTER IS NOT REQUIRED TO  
27 PROHIBIT A VENDOR FROM PARTICIPATING AS A VENDOR IN THE GUN SHOW

1 AFTER A CONVICTION FOR A FIRST OFFENSE OF UNLAWFUL GUN SHOW  
2 VENDOR ACTIVITY PURSUANT TO SECTION 18-12-505 (2);

3 (IV) OBTAIN, AT LEAST THREE DAYS BEFORE THE GUN SHOW, AND  
4 RETAIN FOR SIX MONTHS AFTER THE GUN SHOW A CERTIFICATION FROM  
5 EACH GUN SHOW VENDOR THAT COMPLIES WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF  
6 SECTION 18-12-504;

7 (V) ENSURE THAT ALL ENTRANCES AND EXITS, INCLUDING FIRE  
8 EXITS, ARE EITHER GUARDED BY SECURITY PERSONNEL OR EQUIPPED WITH  
9 AN ALARM SYSTEM;

10 (VI) PROVIDE VIDEO SURVEILLANCE OF THE GUN SHOW PARKING  
11 AREA AND OF THE MAIN ENTRANCE AND MAIN EXIT DURING THE ENTIRE  
12 TIME A GUN SHOW PROMOTER HAS ACCESS TO THE VENUE, INCLUDING  
13 DURING VENDOR SETUP AND TAKEDOWN, AND MAINTAIN RECORDINGS OF  
14 THE SURVEILLANCE FOR SIX MONTHS AFTER THE GUN SHOW. IF THE VENUE  
15 CONDUCTS VIDEO SURVEILLANCE OF THE GUN SHOW PARKING AREA, THE  
16 GUN SHOW PROMOTER IS NOT REQUIRED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL VIDEO  
17 SURVEILLANCE, BUT THE PROMOTER MUST RETAIN THE VIDEO  
18 SURVEILLANCE RECORDINGS FOR SIX MONTHS AFTER THE GUN SHOW AS  
19 REQUIRED IN THIS SUBSECTION (2)(a)(VI).

20 (VII) ENSURE THAT EACH FIREARM BROUGHT INTO THE GUN SHOW  
21 BY A PERSON OTHER THAN A GUN SHOW VENDOR, SECURITY PERSONNEL,  
22 OR THE GUN SHOW PROMOTER IS CHECKED AND TAGGED. THE TAG MUST  
23 STATE THAT ALL FIREARM TRANSFERS BETWEEN PRIVATE PARTIES AT THE  
24 SHOW MUST BE CONDUCTED THROUGH A LICENSED DEALER. IN ORDER TO  
25 BRING A FIREARM INTO A GUN SHOW, A PERSON MUST SIGN THE TAG AND  
26 THE TAG MUST REMAIN ON THE FIREARM FOR THE ENTIRE TIME THE  
27 FIREARM IS AT THE GUN SHOW.

1 (VIII) PROHIBIT A PERSON UNDER THE AGE OF TWENTY-ONE FROM  
2 ENTERING THE GUN SHOW UNLESS THE PERSON IS ACCOMPANIED BY A  
3 PARENT, GRANDPARENT, OR GUARDIAN;

4 (IX) FOR EACH CUSTOMER WHO LEAVES THE GUN SHOW WITH A  
5 PURCHASED FIREARM, CHECK THAT THE FIREARM WAS DELIVERED IN  
6 COMPLIANCE WITH THE WAITING PERIOD REQUIRED IN SECTION 18-12-115  
7 BY REQUIRING A PERSON LEAVING THE GUN SHOW WITH A PURCHASED  
8 FIREARM TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE WAITING PERIOD WAS COMPLIED  
9 WITH OR THAT AN EXCEPTION APPLIES; AND

10 (X) POST THE FOLLOWING NOTICES AT EACH ENTRANCE AND  
11 CONSPICUOUSLY AT LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE GUN SHOW:

12 (A) A NOTICE THAT STATES: "NO ONE MAY TRANSFER A FIREARM  
13 WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING A BACKGROUND CHECK THROUGH A LICENSED  
14 GUN DEALER IF ANY PART OF THE TRANSACTION OCCURS ON THESE  
15 PREMISES, INCLUDING THE PARKING FACILITIES. SECTION 18-12-506,  
16 COLORADO REVISED STATUTES"; AND

17 (B) A NOTICE THAT A FIREARM LEFT IN AN UNATTENDED VEHICLE  
18 IS REQUIRED TO BE SECURED IN THE VEHICLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
19 SECTION 18-12-114.5.

20 (b) A GUN SHOW PROMOTER WHO VIOLATES A REQUIREMENT  
21 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION COMMITS UNLAWFUL  
22 GUN SHOW MANAGEMENT. UNLAWFUL GUN SHOW MANAGEMENT IS A  
23 CLASS 2 MISDEMEANOR; EXCEPT THAT A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE  
24 IS A CLASS 1 MISDEMEANOR AND, IN ADDITION TO A PENALTY IMPOSED IN  
25 ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 18-1.3-501, THE PROMOTER IS ALSO  
26 PROHIBITED FROM ACTING AS A GUN SHOW PROMOTER FOR FIVE YEARS,  
27 BEGINNING ON THE DATE OF THE CONVICTION FOR THE SECOND OR



1 SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE.

2 **18-12-503. Gun show vendors - federal firearms license and**  
3 **state firearms dealer permit required - penalty.** (1) (a) A GUN SHOW  
4 VENDOR MUST BE A FEDERAL FIREARMS LICENSEE AND HOLD A VALID  
5 STATE FIREARMS DEALER PERMIT. A PERSON WHO IS NOT A FEDERAL  
6 FIREARMS LICENSEE AND DOES NOT HOLD A VALID STATE FIREARMS  
7 DEALER PERMIT SHALL NOT PARTICIPATE IN A GUN SHOW AS A GUN SHOW  
8 VENDOR.

9 (b) A PERSON WHO HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF A SECOND OFFENSE  
10 OF UNLAWFUL GUN SHOW VENDOR ACTIVITY DESCRIBED IN SECTION  
11 18-12-505 SHALL NOT PARTICIPATE IN A GUN SHOW AS A GUN SHOW  
12 VENDOR.

13 (c) A PERSON WHO HAS NOT COMPLETED THE CERTIFICATION TO  
14 THE GUN SHOW PROMOTER DESCRIBED IN SECTION 18-12-504, INCLUDING  
15 ATTACHING A COPY OF THE VENDOR'S FEDERAL FIREARMS LICENSE AND  
16 STATE FIREARMS DEALER PERMIT TO THE CERTIFICATION, SHALL NOT  
17 PARTICIPATE IN A GUN SHOW AS A GUN SHOW VENDOR.

18 (2) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION COMMITS UNLAWFUL  
19 PARTICIPATION IN A GUN SHOW AS A GUN SHOW VENDOR. UNLAWFUL  
20 PARTICIPATION IN A GUN SHOW AS A GUN SHOW VENDOR IS A CLASS 2  
21 MISDEMEANOR; EXCEPT THAT A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE IS A  
22 CLASS 1 MISDEMEANOR.

23 **18-12-504. Gun show vendor certification.** (1) A GUN SHOW  
24 VENDOR SHALL CERTIFY THE FOLLOWING TO A GUN SHOW PROMOTER, IN  
25 A FORM DETERMINED BY THE GUN SHOW PROMOTER:

26 **GUN SHOW VENDOR**  
27 **CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE**

1 AS A VENDOR OF FIREARMS OR FIREARM  
2 COMPONENTS AT THE GUN SHOW OPERATED BY  
3 [PROMOTER'S NAME] TO BE HELD [DATE OR DATES OF GUN  
4 SHOW] IN [CITY OR TOWN, IF APPLICABLE], \_\_\_\_\_  
5 COUNTY, COLORADO, I CERTIFY TO THE PROMOTER OF THE  
6 GUN SHOW THAT:

7 I AM A FEDERAL FIREARMS LICENSEE AND I AM  
8 PERMITTED BY THE STATE OF COLORADO TO SELL FIREARMS  
9 AT RETAIL.

10 I WILL DISPLAY A COPY OF THE FEDERAL LICENSE  
11 AND STATE PERMIT AT MY BOOTH AT THE GUN SHOW.

12 I HAVE NEVER BEEN CONVICTED OF ILLEGAL  
13 ACTIVITY INVOLVING FIREARMS.

14 I WILL ENSURE THAT ALL FIREARMS AND FRAMES OR  
15 RECEIVERS OF FIREARMS SOLD BY ME AT THE GUN SHOW  
16 WILL BE PRECEDED BY A BACKGROUND CHECK OF THE  
17 PURCHASER AND COMPLY WITH THE THREE-DAY WAITING  
18 PERIOD REQUIRED IN STATE LAW.

19 I WILL NOT SELL OR TRANSFER ANY WEAPONS OR  
20 AMMUNITION THAT I AM PROHIBITED FROM SELLING  
21 PURSUANT TO FEDERAL OR STATE LAW, INCLUDING, BUT  
22 NOT LIMITED TO:

23 AMMUNITION MAGAZINES THAT ALLOW FOR MORE  
24 THAN 15 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION;

25 FIREARMS THAT HAVE FIXED MAGAZINES THAT  
26 ALLOW FOR MORE THAN 15 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION;

27 AMMUNITION THAT IS NOT IN AN ENCLOSED DISPLAY

1 CASE OR BEHIND A COUNTER OR OTHER CUSTOMER ACCESS  
2 PREVENTION DEVICE;

3 FIREARMS OR FRAMES OR RECEIVERS OF A FIREARM,  
4 INCLUDING UNFINISHED FRAMES OR RECEIVERS, THAT ARE  
5 UNSERIALIZED; AND

6 DANGEROUS WEAPONS, AS DEFINED IN SECTION  
7 18-12-102, C.R.S., AND ILLEGAL WEAPONS, AS DEFINED IN  
8 SECTION 18-12-102, C.R.S., UNLESS THE TRANSFEREE  
9 PRESENTS A VALID PERMIT FOR POSSESSION OF THE WEAPON.

10 FURTHERMORE, I AM AWARE OF ADDITIONAL  
11 PROHIBITED ITEMS IN THE CITY OR TOWN AND COUNTY IN  
12 WHICH THE GUN SHOW WILL BE HELD, AND I WILL NOT  
13 ENGAGE IN THE SALE OF THOSE ITEMS.

14 I UNDERSTAND THAT IF I SELL PROHIBITED ITEMS OR  
15 CONDUCT SALES IN DANGEROUS OR ILLEGAL WEAPONS  
16 WITHOUT THE TRANSFEREE PRESENTING A VALID PERMIT, I  
17 MAY BE SUBJECT TO CRIMINAL PENALTIES UNDER FEDERAL,  
18 STATE, OR LOCAL LAWS AND MAY BE PROHIBITED FROM  
19 PARTICIPATING IN FUTURE GUN SHOWS IN THE STATE OF  
20 COLORADO.

21 VENDOR PRINTED NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

22 VENDOR SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

23 DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

24 (2) A GUN SHOW VENDOR SHALL ATTACH A COPY OF THE VENDOR'S  
25 FEDERAL FIREARMS LICENSE AND STATE FIREARMS DEALER PERMIT TO THE  
26 CERTIFICATION.

27 **18-12-505. Gun show vendors - requirements - penalties.**

1 (1) WHILE PARTICIPATING IN A GUN SHOW, A GUN SHOW VENDOR SHALL:

2 (a) PROMINENTLY DISPLAY A COPY OF THE VENDOR'S FEDERAL  
3 FIREARMS LICENSE AND A COPY OF THE VENDOR'S STATE FIREARMS  
4 DEALER PERMIT AT THE VENDOR'S PRIMARY PLACE OF BUSINESS AT THE  
5 GUN SHOW;

6 (b) KEEP ALL FIREARMS IN THE VENDOR'S POSSESSION UNLOADED  
7 AND SECURELY AFFIXED TO THE VENDOR'S COUNTERTOP OR WALL BY USE  
8 OF A PLASTIC TIE OR ELECTRONICALLY MONITORED WIRE;

9 (c) SECURE AMMUNITION IN AN ENCLOSED DISPLAY CASE OR  
10 BEHIND THE VENDOR'S COUNTER OR OTHER CUSTOMER ACCESS  
11 PREVENTION DEVICE; AND

12 (d) INCLUDE WITH EACH SOLD FIREARM THE FOLLOWING  
13 INFORMATION, IN WRITING:

14 FIREARMS STORAGE AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

15 FIREARMS MUST BE RESPONSIBLY AND SECURELY STORED  
16 WHEN THEY ARE NOT IN USE TO PREVENT ACCESS BY  
17 UNSUPERVISED JUVENILES AND OTHER UNAUTHORIZED  
18 USERS. SECTION 18-12-114, C.R.S.

19 FIREARMS LEFT IN AN UNATTENDED VEHICLE MUST BE  
20 STORED IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW. SECTION  
21 18-12-114.5, C.R.S.

22 IF A FIREARM IS LOST OR STOLEN, THE OWNER OF THE  
23 FIREARM MUST REPORT THE LOSS OR THEFT TO A LAW  
24 ENFORCEMENT AGENCY NOT MORE THAN FIVE DAYS AFTER  
25 DISCOVERING THAT THE FIREARM HAS BEEN LOST OR  
26 STOLEN. SECTION 18-12-113. C.R.S.

27 (2) A GUN SHOW VENDOR WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION COMMITS

1 UNLAWFUL GUN SHOW VENDOR ACTIVITY. UNLAWFUL GUN SHOW VENDOR  
2 ACTIVITY IS A CLASS 2 MISDEMEANOR; EXCEPT THAT A SECOND OR  
3 SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE IS A CLASS 1 MISDEMEANOR AND, PURSUANT TO  
4 SECTION 18-12-503 (1)(b), THE PERSON WHO HAS COMMITTED A SECOND  
5 OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE OF UNLAWFUL GUN SHOW VENDOR ACTIVITY IS  
6 PROHIBITED FROM PARTICIPATING AS A VENDOR AT A GUN SHOW.

7 **18-12-506. Background checks at gun shows - records - fees -**  
8 **notice posted by promoter - penalties - definition.** (1) (a) [Similar to  
9 **former 18-12-501 (1)]** BEFORE A GUN SHOW VENDOR TRANSFERS OR  
10 ATTEMPTS TO TRANSFER A FIREARM AT A GUN SHOW, THE VENDOR SHALL:

11 (I) REQUIRE THAT A BACKGROUND CHECK, IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
12 SECTION 24-33.5-424, BE CONDUCTED OF THE PROSPECTIVE TRANSFEREE;  
13 AND

14 (II) OBTAIN APPROVAL OF A TRANSFER FROM THE COLORADO  
15 BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AFTER A BACKGROUND CHECK HAS BEEN  
16 REQUESTED BY A LICENSED GUN DEALER, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION  
17 24-33.5-424.

18 (b) [Similar to former 18-12-501 (2)] A GUN SHOW PROMOTER  
19 SHALL ARRANGE FOR THE SERVICES OF ONE OR MORE LICENSED GUN  
20 DEALERS ON THE PREMISES OF THE GUN SHOW TO OBTAIN THE  
21 BACKGROUND CHECKS REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION.

22 (c) [Similar to former 18-12-501 (3)] IF ANY PART OF A FIREARM  
23 TRANSACTION TAKES PLACE AT A GUN SHOW, THE TRANSFEROR SHALL NOT  
24 TRANSFER THE FIREARM UNLESS A BACKGROUND CHECK HAS BEEN  
25 OBTAINED BY A LICENSED GUN DEALER.

26 (d) [Similar to former 18-12-501 (4)] A PERSON WHO VIOLATES  
27 THIS SUBSECTION (1) COMMITS A CLASS 1 MISDEMEANOR.

1           (2) **[Similar to former 18-12-502]** (a) A LICENSED GUN DEALER  
2 WHO OBTAINS A BACKGROUND CHECK ON A PROSPECTIVE TRANSFEREE  
3 SHALL RECORD THE TRANSFER, AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 18-12-402, AND  
4 RETAIN THE RECORDS, AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 18-12-403, IN THE SAME  
5 MANNER AS WHEN CONDUCTING A SALE, RENTAL, OR EXCHANGE AT  
6 RETAIL.

7           (b) ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO KNOWINGLY GIVES FALSE INFORMATION  
8 IN CONNECTION WITH THE MAKING OF THE RECORDS DESCRIBED IN THIS  
9 SUBSECTION (2) COMMITS A CLASS 1 MISDEMEANOR.

10          (3) **[Similar to former 18-12-503]** FOR EACH BACKGROUND  
11 CHECK CONDUCTED AT A GUN SHOW, A LICENSED GUN DEALER MAY  
12 CHARGE A FEE NOT TO EXCEED TEN DOLLARS.

13          (4) **[Similar to former 18-12-504]** (a) A GUN SHOW PROMOTER  
14 SHALL PROMINENTLY POST A NOTICE, IN A FORM TO BE PRESCRIBED BY THE  
15 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY OR THE  
16 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE, SETTING FORTH THE REQUIREMENT FOR  
17 A BACKGROUND CHECK REQUIRED IN THIS SECTION.

18          (b) A GUN SHOW PROMOTER WHO VIOLATES THIS SUBSECTION (4)  
19 COMMITS A CLASS 2 MISDEMEANOR.

20          (5) **[Similar to former 18-12-505]** THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY  
21 TO THE TRANSFER OF AN ANTIQUE FIREARM, AS DEFINED IN 18 U.S.C. SEC.  
22 921(a)(16), OR A CURIO OR RELIC, AS DEFINED IN 27 CFR SEC. 178.11.

23          (6) **[Similar to former 18-12-506 (6)]** AS USED IN THIS SECTION,  
24 UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES, "LICENSED GUN DEALER"  
25 MEANS ANY PERSON WHO IS A LICENSED IMPORTER, LICENSED  
26 MANUFACTURER, OR DEALER LICENSED PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SEC. 923,  
27 AS A FEDERALLY LICENSED FIREARMS DEALER.

1           (7) [**Similar to former 18-12-507**] THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
2 SHALL APPROPRIATE MONEY AS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.

3           **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-12-406, **amend**  
4 **as it will become effective July 1, 2025,** (3)(a) as follows:

5           **18-12-406. Requirements for firearms dealers - training -**  
6 **securing firearms - sale outside of business hours prohibited - rules**  
7 **- penalty.** (3) A dealer shall not sell or transfer a firearm:

8           (a) Outside of the dealer's posted business hours; except that a  
9 dealer may sell or transfer a firearm at a gun show, as defined in ~~section~~  
10 ~~18-12-506~~ SECTION 18-12-501, outside of the dealer's posted business  
11 hours; or

12           **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 39-37-103, **amend**  
13 (6) as follows:

14           **39-37-103. Definitions.** As used in this article 37, unless the  
15 context otherwise requires:

16           (6) "Firearm" or "gun" means a firearm as defined in section  
17 18-12-101 (1)(b.7) and any instrument or device described in section  
18 18-1-901 (3)(h) OR 18-12-401 (1)(a). ~~or 18-12-506 (2).~~

19           **SECTION 5. Applicability.** This act applies to gun shows held  
20 on or after the effective date of this act.

21           **SECTION 6. 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.