



Bill Summary

The bill mandates that gun show promoters prepare and submit a security plan to local law enforcement, implement security measures, obtain liability insurance, and comply with age restrictions, waiting periods, and posting requirements. Violations are classified as misdemeanors, with repeat offenses resulting in harsher penalties, including a ban from promoting gun shows for five years. It also establishes vendor requirements, such as holding a valid federal firearms license, completing gun show certification, and adhering to safety regulations, including securing firearms and ammunition and providing firearm storage information. Vendors must also conduct background checks for firearm transfers. Violating these provisions results in criminal penalties and vendor bans.

Issue

Lack of Security Measures at Gun Shows: Without standardized security plans or regulations, gun shows may lack the necessary measures to prevent theft, illegal activity, or other safety hazards, raising concerns about public safety at these events.

Inconsistent Age Restrictions and Background Checks: The absence of clear age restrictions and standardized background checks at gun shows may allow individuals to access firearms unlawfully, posing risks of illegal sales or transfers to underage or prohibited persons.

Unregulated Gun Show Vendors: Some vendors at gun shows may not be federally licensed or may engage in illegal practices, such as selling firearms without background checks, which can contribute to the illegal gun market and undermine public safety.

Solution

This bill improves gun show safety by requiring promoters to submit a security plan, implement security measures, and obtain liability insurance. It enforces age restrictions, mandates a 3-day waiting period for firearm sales, and sets vendor requirements, including federal licensing, certification, and background checks. These measures enhance safety and accountability at gun shows.

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Gun Show Requirements

House Sponsors: Representatives Joseph and Camacho

Senate Sponsors: Senator Kipp

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