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SYNOPSIS:

This bill would provide for the recognition of firearm hold agreements between a federal firearm licensee and an individual firearm owner where the licensee agrees to hold a lawfully possessed firearm for a specified period of time.

This bill would also provide civil immunity for a federal firearm licensee who enters into a lawful firearm hold agreement.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to firearms; to define firearm hold agreements; and to provide civil immunity for federal firearm licensees who enter into firearm hold agreements under certain conditions.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) This section shall be known as and may be cited as the Houston/Hunter Act.

(b) For the purposes of this act, the following terms have the following meanings:

(1) FEDERAL FIREARMS LICENSEE. Any person who is



29 licensed pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Chapter 44.

30 (2) FIREARM. Has the same meaning as provided in 18
31 U.S.C. § 921.

32 (3) FIREARM HOLD AGREEMENT. A private transaction
33 between a federal firearm licensee and an individual firearm
34 owner where the licensee agrees to: (i) take physical
35 possession of the owner's lawfully possessed firearm at the
36 owner's request; (ii) hold the firearm for an agreed period of
37 time; and (iii) return the firearm to the owner.

38 (c) No individual shall have a private cause of action
39 against a federal firearm licensee operating lawfully in this
40 state for returning a firearm to the firearm owner at the
41 termination of a firearm hold agreement.

42 (d) The immunity from civil liability provided in
43 subsection (c) shall not apply to any action arising from a
44 firearm hold agreement if that action is the result of
45 unlawful conduct on the part of the federal firearm licensee.

46 (e) This section shall not apply to firearm transfers
47 made in violation of Title 13A or Chapter 27 of Title 41, Code
48 of Alabama 1975.

49 Section 2. This act shall become effective on June 1,
50 2025.