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SENATE BILL 25-205

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING A FIREARM SERIAL NUMBER CHECK, AND, IN
102 CONNECTION THEREWITH, CREATING A STANDARDIZED
103 PROCEDURE FOR A FEDERAL FIREARMS LICENSEE TO REQUEST
104 A FIREARM SERIAL NUMBER CHECK AND IMPOSING A PENALTY
105 UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES IF A LICENSEE DOES NOT FILE
106 A REPORT WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT.

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 establishes a procedure allowing a federal firearms

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licensee to request a firearm serial number check prior to purchasing a firearm from an individual and requires a local county sheriff's office to complete the serial number check within 72 hours after the request. The bill imposes a penalty on a licensee if a licensee fails to file a report with law enforcement when the licensee reasonably believes, knows or should know, or becomes aware that a person sold or attempted to sell a firearm that is stolen, lost, or involved in an open criminal investigation.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 29-11.7-105 as
3 follows:

4 **29-11.7-105. Firearm serial number check - procedure -**
5 **processing fee - penalty.** (1) (a) A FEDERAL FIREARMS LICENSEE, AS
6 DESCRIBED IN SECTION 18-12-101, MAY REQUEST A FIREARM SERIAL
7 NUMBER CHECK FROM THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE
8 LICENSEE MAINTAINS THEIR FEDERALLY LICENSED PLACE OF BUSINESS
9 PRIOR TO PURCHASING A FIREARM FROM AN INDIVIDUAL.

10 (b) UPON REQUEST BY A FEDERAL FIREARMS LICENSEE, A SHERIFF'S
11 OFFICE SHALL PERFORM THE FIREARM SERIAL NUMBER CHECK AND
12 RESPOND WITH THE RESULT OF THE CHECK TO THE LICENSEE WITHIN
13 SEVENTY-TWO HOURS AFTER THE REQUEST.

14 (c) THE FIREARM SERIAL NUMBER CHECK MUST INCLUDE, AT A
15 MINIMUM, INFORMATION REGARDING WHETHER THE GUN IS REPORTED
16 STOLEN, LOST, OR IS INVOLVED IN AN OPEN CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION.

17 (d) A SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHALL ESTABLISH A REASONABLE AND
18 UNIFORM SYSTEM TO RECEIVE A FIREARM SERIAL NUMBER CHECK REQUEST
19 AND PROVIDE A RESPONSE TO A REQUESTING LICENSEE.

20 (2) (a) A SHERIFF'S OFFICE MAY CHARGE A FEE TO PERFORM THE
21 FIREARM SERIAL NUMBER CHECK. THE FEE AMOUNT MUST REFLECT THE
22 ACTUAL AND INDIRECT COSTS TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE OF PERFORMING

1 THE FIREARM SERIAL NUMBER CHECK.

2 (b) IF A SHERIFF'S OFFICE DOES NOT PERFORM THE FIREARM SERIAL
3 NUMBER CHECK AND PROVIDE A RESPONSE TO THE LICENSEE WITHIN
4 SEVENTY-TWO HOURS AFTER THE REQUEST, THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHALL
5 REFUND, OR SHALL NOT CHARGE, THE LICENSEE FOR THE FIREARM SERIAL
6 NUMBER CHECK.

7 (3) EACH SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHALL BEGIN PROVIDING FIREARM
8 SERIAL NUMBER CHECKS NO LATER THAN JULY 1, 2026.

9 (4) (a) IF A FIREARMS DEALER WHO HOLDS A STATE PERMIT TO
10 DEAL FIREARMS PURSUANT TO SECTION 18-12-401.5 REASONABLY
11 BELIEVES, KNOWS OR SHOULD KNOW, OR BECOMES AWARE THAT A PERSON
12 SOLD OR ATTEMPTED TO SELL A FIREARM THAT IS STOLEN, LOST, OR
13 INVOLVED IN AN OPEN CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION, THE DEALER SHALL
14 REPORT THAT INFORMATION TO A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY WITH
15 JURISDICTION OVER THE DEALER'S PLACE OF BUSINESS.

16 (b) FAILURE TO MAKE THE REPORT AS REQUIRED BY THIS
17 SUBSECTION (4) WITHIN FORTY-EIGHT HOURS AFTER THE DEALER
18 REASONABLY BELIEVES, KNOWS OR SHOULD KNOW, OR BECOMES AWARE
19 OF THE FIREARM BEING STOLEN, LOST, OR INVOLVED IN AN OPEN CRIMINAL
20 INVESTIGATION IS SUBJECT TO THE PENALTIES DESCRIBED IN SECTION
21 18-12-401.5 (7).

22 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-12-401.5, **amend**
23 (7)(a) introductory portion as follows:

24 **18-12-401.5. Permit required - issuing agency - cash fund -**
25 **inspections - penalty - report - rules - repeal.** (7) (a) Except as
26 provided in subsection (8) of this section, if the department finds that a
27 dealer failed to post the required notice or make a report concerning

1 unlawful purchases in violation of section 18-12-111; failed to make a
2 record required pursuant to section 18-12-402; transferred a firearm
3 without a locking device or failed to post the required notice concerning
4 locking devices, in violation of section 18-12-405; failed to comply with
5 any of the requirements of section 18-12-406; FAILED TO COMPLY WITH
6 ANY OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 29-11.7-105 (4); violated any
7 other provision of this article 12 or any other state or local law concerning
8 the sale of firearms; or violated any federal law or rule concerning the
9 sale of firearms or firearm components for which the penalty includes
10 potential revocation of the person's federal firearms license, the
11 department shall:

12 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
13 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
14 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
15 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
16 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
17 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
18 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
19 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
20 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.