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## "AN ACT ADDRESSING GUN VIOLENCE."

- Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following in lieu thereof:
- "Section 1. Section 29-35 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):
- 5 (a) (1) No person shall carry any pistol or revolver upon [his or her]
- 6 <u>such person's</u> person, except when such person is within the dwelling
- 7 house or place of business of such person, without a permit to carry the
- 8 same issued as provided in section 29-28, as amended by this act.
- 9 (2) No person shall knowingly carry any firearm with intent to
- display such firearm, except when such person is within such person's
- 11 <u>dwelling house, on land leased or owned by such person or within the</u>
- 12 place of business of such person, or such person is engaged in firearm
- 13 training or bona fide hunting activity. For the purposes of this
- 14 <u>subdivision, a person shall not be deemed to be carrying a firearm with</u>

15 intent to display such firearm if such person has taken reasonable

- measures to conceal the fact that such person is carrying a firearm.
- 17 Neither a fleeting glimpse of a firearm nor an imprint of a firearm
- 18 through such person's clothing shall constitute a violation of this
- 19 <u>subdivision</u>. If a person displays a firearm temporarily while engaged
- 20 in self-defense or other conduct that is otherwise lawful, such display
- 21 shall not constitute a violation of this subdivision.
- 22 (3) The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to the carrying of any [pistol or revolver] <u>firearm</u> by any: [parole]
- 24 (A) (i) Parole officer or peace officer of this state, or [any] (ii) parole
- officer or peace officer of any other state while engaged in the pursuit of
- 26 <u>official duties;</u>
- 27 (B) Department of Motor Vehicles inspector appointed under section
- 28 14-8 and certified pursuant to section 7-294d; [, or parole officer or peace
- 29 officer of any other state while engaged in the pursuit of official duties,
- 30 or federal]
- 31 (C) Federal marshal or federal law enforcement agent; [, or to any
- 32 member]
- 33 (D) Member of the armed forces of the United States, as defined in
- section 27-103, or of the state, as defined in section 27-2, when on duty
- or going to or from duty; [, or to any member]
- 36 (E) Member of any military organization when on parade or when
- 37 going to or from any place of assembly; [, or to the transportation of
- 38 pistols or revolvers]
- 39 <u>(F) Person transporting or inspecting a firearm</u> as merchandise; [, or
- 40 to any person transporting any pistol or revolver while]
- 41 (G) Person transporting a firearm contained in the package in which
- 42 [it] such firearm was originally wrapped at the time of sale and while
- 43 transporting the same from the place of sale to the purchaser's residence
- 44 or place of business; [, or to any person]

(H) Person transporting a firearm as part of the process of removing such person's household goods or effects from one place to another; [, 47 or to any person while]

- (I) Person transporting [any such pistol or revolver] a firearm from such person's place of residence or business to a place or [individual] person where or by whom such [pistol or revolver] firearm is to be repaired or while returning to such person's place of residence or business after the same has been repaired; [, or to any person]
- (I) Person transporting a [pistol or revolver] firearm in or through the state for the purpose of taking part in competitions, taking part in [formal pistol or revolver] firearm training, repairing such [pistol or revolver firearm or attending any meeting or exhibition of an organized collectors' group if such person is a bona fide resident of the United States and is permitted to possess and carry a [pistol or revolver] <u>firearm</u> in the state or subdivision of the United States in which such person resides; [, or to any person]
- 61 (K) Person transporting a [pistol or revolver] firearm to and from a 62 testing range at the request of the issuing authority; [, or to any person] 63 <u>or</u>
  - (L) Person transporting an antique pistol or revolver, as defined in section 29-33, as amended by this act.
- 66 (4) For the purposes of this subsection, ["formal pistol or revolver training"] "firearm training" means [pistol or revolver] firearm training 67 68 at a [locally approved or permitted] firing range, [or] training facility or 69 fish and game club or sporting club, and ["transporting a pistol or revolver"] "transporting a firearm" means transporting a [pistol or 70 71 revolver] firearm that is unloaded and, if such [pistol or revolver] 72 <u>firearm</u> is being transported in a motor vehicle, is not readily accessible 73 or directly accessible from the passenger compartment of the vehicle or, 74 if such [pistol or revolver] firearm is being transported in a motor 75 vehicle that does not have a compartment separate from the passenger 76 compartment, such [pistol or revolver] firearm shall be contained in a

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locked container other than the glove compartment or console. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the carrying of a [pistol or revolver] <u>firearm</u> during [formal pistol or revolver] <u>firearm</u> training or repair.

- (b) The holder of a permit issued pursuant to section 29-28, as amended by this act, shall carry such permit upon one's person while carrying such pistol or revolver. Such holder shall present his or her permit upon the request of a law enforcement officer who has reasonable suspicion of a crime for purposes of verification of the validity of the permit or identification of the holder, provided such holder is carrying a pistol or revolver that is observed by such law enforcement officer.
- 89 (c) Not later than February 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, each law 90 enforcement unit, as defined in section 7-294a, shall prepare and submit 91 a report to the Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy at The 92 University of Connecticut concerning any stops conducted on suspicion 93 of a violation of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section during 94 the preceding calendar year, except that the initial report shall be based on the fifteen months preceding January 1, 2025. Such report shall be 95 96 submitted electronically using a standardized method and form 97 disseminated jointly by the Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy and the Police Officer Standards and Training Council. The 98 99 standardized method and form shall allow compilation of statistics on each incident, including, but not limited to, the race and gender of the 100 101 person stopped, provided the identification of such characteristics shall 102 be based on the observation and perception of the police officer. The Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy and the Police Officer 103 104 Standards and Training Council may revise the standardized method 105 and form and disseminate such revisions to law enforcement units. Each law enforcement unit shall, prior to submission of any such report 106 107 pursuant to this subsection, redact any information from such report 108 that may identify a minor, witness or victim.
  - (d) The Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy at The University

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110 of Connecticut shall, within available appropriations, review the

- incidents reported pursuant to subsection (c) of this section. Not later
- than December 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, the institute shall
- 113 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, the results of
- any such review, including any recommendations, to the Governor and
- 115 the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
- 116 cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary, public safety and
- 117 municipalities.
- 118 Sec. 2. Section 29-37 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):
- 120 (a) Any person violating any provision of section 29-28, as amended
- by this act, or 29-31, as amended by this act, shall be guilty of a class E
- 122 felony, and any pistol or revolver found in the possession of any person
- in violation of any of said provisions shall be forfeited.
- 124 (b) Any person violating any provision of subdivision (1) of
- subsection (a) of section 29-35, as amended by this act, shall be guilty of
- a class D felony, and, in the absence of any mitigating circumstances as
- determined by the court, one year of the sentence imposed may not be
- 128 suspended or reduced by the court. The court shall specifically state the
- 129 mitigating circumstances, or the absence thereof, in writing for the
- record. Any pistol or revolver found in the possession of any person in
- violation of any provision of subsection (a) of section 29-35, as amended
- by this act, shall be forfeited.
- (c) Any person violating any provision of subdivision (2) of
- subsection (a) of section 29-35, as amended by this act, shall be guilty of
- 135 <u>a class B misdemeanor for a first offense and a class A misdemeanor for</u>
- any subsequent offense. The court may order suspension of prosecution
- if the court finds that a violation of said subdivision is not of a serious
- nature and that the person charged with such violation (1) will probably
- not offend in the future, (2) has not previously been convicted of a
- violation of this section, and (3) has not previously had a prosecution
- 141 <u>under this section suspended pursuant to this subsection. The court</u>

shall not order suspension of prosecution unless the accused person has 142 143 acknowledged that he or she understands the consequences of the suspension of prosecution. Any person for whom prosecution is 144 145 suspended shall agree to the tolling of any statute of limitations with 146 respect to such violation and to a waiver of his or her right to a speedy 147 trial. Such person shall appear in court and shall be released to the supervision of the Court Support Services Division for such period, not 148 exceeding two years, and under such conditions as the court shall order. 149 150 If the person refuses to accept, or, having accepted, violates such 151 conditions, the court shall terminate the suspension of prosecution and 152 the case shall be brought to trial. If such person satisfactorily completes 153 such person's period of probation, he or she may apply for dismissal of the charges against such person and the court, on finding such 154 satisfactory completion, shall dismiss such charges. If the person does 155 156 not apply for dismissal of the charges against such person after 157 satisfactorily completing such person's period of probation, the court, upon receipt of a report submitted by the Court Support Services 158 Division that the person satisfactorily completed such person's period 159 of probation, may on its own motion make a finding of such satisfactory 160 completion and dismiss such charges. Upon dismissal, all records of 161 such charges shall be erased pursuant to section 54-142a. An order of the 162 163 court denying a motion to dismiss the charges against a person who has 164 completed such person's period of probation or terminating the 165 participation of a defendant in such program shall be a final judgment for purposes of appeal. 166

- [(c)] (d) Any person violating any provision of subsection (b) of section 29-35, as amended by this act, shall have committed an infraction and shall be fined thirty-five dollars.
- Sec. 3. Section 29-36a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 172 (a) No person shall complete the manufacture of a firearm without 173 subsequently (1) obtaining a unique serial number or other mark of 174 identification from the Department of Emergency Services and Public

Protection pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, and (2) engraving upon or permanently affixing to the firearm such serial number or other mark in a manner that conforms with the requirements imposed on licensed importers and licensed manufacturers of firearms pursuant to 18 USC 923(i), as amended from time to time, and any regulation adopted thereunder.

(b) Not later than thirty days after a person completes the manufacture of a firearm, [or ninety days after the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection provides notice in accordance with section 29-36b that the system to distribute a unique serial number or other mark of identification pursuant to this section is operational, whichever date is later, such person shall notify the department of such manufacture and provide any identifying information to the department concerning the firearm and the owner of such firearm, in a manner prescribed by the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection. Upon receiving a properly submitted request for a unique serial number or other mark of identification from a person who completes manufacture of a firearm, the department shall determine if such person is prohibited from purchasing a firearm and if not, shall issue to such person a unique serial number or other mark of identification immediately and in no instance more than three business days after the department receives such request. Issuance of a unique serial number or other mark of identification pursuant to this subsection shall not be evidence that the firearm is otherwise lawfully possessed.

(c) (1) On and after January 1, 2024, no person shall possess a firearm without a serial number or other mark of identification unless such person has (A) declared possession of such firearm pursuant to subdivision (2) or (3) of this subsection, or (B) applied to obtain a unique serial number or other mark of identification from the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) of this section and such person has not yet received such serial number or other mark of identification.

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(2) Any person who, prior to January 1, 2024, lawfully possesses a firearm without a serial number or other mark of identification manufactured prior to October 1, 2019, shall apply by January 1, 2024, or, if such person is a member of the military or naval forces of this state or of the United States and is unable to apply by January 1, 2024, because such member is or was on official duty outside of this state, shall apply within ninety days of returning to the state to the department to declare possession of such firearm. Such application shall be made on such form and in such manner as the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection prescribes.

(3) Any person who moves into the state in lawful possession of a firearm without a serial number or other mark of identification shall, within ninety days, either (A) obtain a unique serial number or other mark of identification from the department and engrave upon or permanently affix to the firearm such serial number or other mark pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, (B) render such firearm permanently inoperable, (C) sell such firearm to a federally licensed firearm dealer, or (D) remove such firearm from the state, except that any person who is a member of the military or naval forces of this state or of the United States, is in lawful possession of a firearm without a serial number or other mark of identification and has been transferred into the state after January 1, 2024, may, within ninety days of arriving in the state, apply to the department to declare possession of such firearm.

(4) For purposes of this subsection, "lawfully possesses", with respect to a firearm without a serial number or other mark of identification, means that a person has (A) actual and lawful possession of such firearm, (B) constructive possession of such firearm pursuant to a lawful purchase that was transacted prior to or on the date preceding the effective date of this section, regardless of whether the firearm was delivered to the purchaser prior to or on the date preceding the effective date of this section, which lawful purchase is evidenced by a writing sufficient to indicate that (i) a contract for sale was made between the parties prior to or on the date preceding the effective date of this section,

for the purchase of the firearm, or (ii) full or partial payment for the firearm was made by the purchaser to the seller of the firearm prior to or on the date preceding the effective date of this section, or (C) actual possession under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, or constructive possession under subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, as evidenced by a written statement made under penalty of false statement on such form as the commissioner prescribes.

- (5) The department may adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to establish procedures with respect to applications under this subsection. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 1-210 and 1-211, the name and address of a person who has declared possession of a firearm without a serial number or other mark of identification shall be confidential and shall not be disclosed, except such records may be disclosed to (A) law enforcement agencies and employees of the United States Probation Office acting in the performance of their duties and parole officers within the Department of Correction acting in the performance of their duties, and (B) the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services to carry out the provisions of subsection (c) of section 17a-500.
- (6) (A) Except as provided in this subsection, no person within this
  state shall distribute, import into this state, keep for sale, offer or expose
  for sale or purchase a firearm without a serial number or other mark of
  identification.
  - (B) The provisions of subparagraph (A) of this subdivision shall not apply to the transfer of a firearm without a serial number or other mark of identification (i) the possession of which has been declared to the department pursuant to this section, by bequest or intestate succession, or, upon the death of a testator or settlor: (I) To a trust, or (II) from a trust to a beneficiary; or (ii) to a police department or the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection.
- [(c)] (d) The provisions of subsections (a), [and] (b) and (c) of this section shall not apply to the manufacture of a firearm manufactured

274 using an unfinished frame or lower receiver on which a serial number or other mark has been engraved or permanently affixed pursuant to 276 subsection (c) of section 53-206j.

- 277 [(d)] (e) No person shall transfer to another person any firearm 278 manufactured in violation of this section.
- 279 [(e)] (f) The provisions of this section shall not apply to (1) the 280 manufacture of firearms by a federally licensed firearm manufacturer, 281 (2) (A) any antique firearm, as defined in 18 USC 921, as amended from 282 time to time, or (B) any firearm manufactured prior to [the effective date 283 of this section] December 16, 1968, provided such firearm is otherwise 284 lawfully possessed, or (3) delivery or transfer of a firearm to a law 285 enforcement agency.
  - [(f)] (g) No person shall knowingly, recklessly or with criminal negligence facilitate, aid or abet the manufacture of a firearm (1) by a person or for a person who is otherwise prohibited by law from purchasing or possessing a firearm, or (2) that a person is otherwise prohibited by law from purchasing or possessing.
    - [(g)] (h) If the court finds that a violation of this section is not of a serious nature and that the person charged with such violation (1) will probably not offend in the future, (2) has not previously been convicted of a violation of this section, and (3) has not previously had a prosecution under this section suspended pursuant to this subsection, the court may order suspension of prosecution. The court shall not order suspension of prosecution unless the accused person has acknowledged that he or she understands the consequences of the suspension of prosecution. Any person for whom prosecution is suspended shall agree to the tolling of any statute of limitations with respect to such violation and to a waiver of his or her right to a speedy trial. Such person shall appear in court and shall be released to the supervision of the Court Support Services Division for such period, not exceeding two years, and under such conditions as the court shall order. If the person refuses to accept, or, having accepted, violates such conditions, the court shall

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terminate the suspension of prosecution and the case shall be brought to trial. If such person satisfactorily completes such person's period of probation, [he or she] such person may apply for dismissal of the charges against such person and the court, on finding such satisfactory completion, shall dismiss such charges. If the person does not apply for dismissal of the charges against such person after satisfactorily completing such person's period of probation, the court, upon receipt of a report submitted by the Court Support Services Division that the person satisfactorily completed such person's period of probation, may on its own motion make a finding of such satisfactory completion and dismiss such charges. Upon dismissal, all records of such charges shall be erased pursuant to section 54-142a. An order of the court denying a motion to dismiss the charges against a person who has completed such person's period of probation or terminating the participation of a defendant in such program shall be a final judgment for purposes of appeal.

- [(h)] (i) (1) Any person who is ineligible to possess a firearm under state or federal law and violates any provision of this section shall be guilty of a class C felony for which two years of the sentence imposed may not be suspended or reduced by the court, and five thousand dollars of the fine imposed may not be remitted or reduced by the court unless the court states on the record its reasons for remitting or reducing such fine, and any firearm found in the possession of any person in violation of any provision of this section shall be forfeited.
- (2) Any person who is not ineligible to possess a firearm under state
  or federal law and violates any provision of this section shall be guilty
  of a class C misdemeanor.
  - [(i)] (j) For purposes of this section, "manufacture" means to fabricate or construct a firearm including the initial assembly, "firearm" means firearm, as defined in section 53a-3, as amended by this act, and "law enforcement agency" means law enforcement agency, as defined in section 29-1i.

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Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of section 29-28 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October* 1, 2023):

- (a) (1) No person who sells ten or more [pistols or revolvers] firearms in a calendar year or is a federally licensed firearm dealer shall advertise, sell, deliver, or offer or expose for sale or delivery, or have in such person's possession with intent to sell or deliver, any pistol or revolver at retail without having a permit therefor issued as provided in this subsection.
- (2) The chief of police or, where there is no chief of police, the chief executive officer of the municipality, as defined in section 7-148, or, if designated by such chief executive officer, the resident state trooper serving such municipality or a state police officer of the state police troop having jurisdiction over such municipality, may, upon the application of any person, issue a permit in such form as may be prescribed by the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection for the sale at retail of [pistols and revolvers] firearms within the jurisdiction of the authority issuing such permit. No permit for the sale at retail of [any pistol or revolver] firearms shall be issued unless the applicant holds a valid eligibility certificate for a pistol or revolver issued pursuant to section 29-36f, as amended by this act, or a valid state permit to carry a pistol or revolver issued pursuant to subsection (b) of this section; and the applicant submits documentation sufficient to establish that local zoning requirements have been met for the location where the sale is to take place, except that any person selling or exchanging a pistol or revolver for the enhancement of a personal collection or for a hobby or who sells all or part of such person's personal collection of pistols or revolvers shall not be required to submit such documentation for the location where the sale or exchange is to take place.
- (3) Any person holding a valid permit for the sale at retail of pistols or revolvers issued on or before September 30, 2023, shall be deemed to be a holder of a valid permit for the sale at retail of firearms until such

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371 permit for the sale at retail of pistols or revolvers expires or is revoked,

- 372 <u>suspended, confiscated or surrendered. The holder of such permit may</u>
- 373 renew such permit as a permit for the sale at retail of firearms pursuant
- 374 to section 29-30, as amended by this act.
- Sec. 5. Subsection (d) of section 29-28 of the general statutes is
- 376 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
- 377 1, 2023):
- 378 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 1-210 and 1-211, the
- 379 name and address of a person issued a permit to sell firearms at retail
- [pistols and revolvers] pursuant to subsection (a) of this section or a state
- 381 or a temporary state permit to carry a pistol or revolver pursuant to
- 382 subsection (b) of this section, or a local permit to carry pistols and
- 383 revolvers issued by local authorities prior to October 1, 2001, shall be
- 384 confidential and shall not be disclosed, except (1) such information may
- be disclosed to law enforcement officials acting in the performance of
- their duties, including, but not limited to, employees of the United
- 387 States Probation Office acting in the performance of their duties and
- 388 parole officers within the Department of Correction acting in the
- 389 performance of their duties, (2) the issuing authority may disclose such
- 390 information to the extent necessary to comply with a request made
- pursuant to section 29-33, as amended by this act, 29-37a, as amended
- by this act, or 29-38m, as amended by this act, for verification that such
  state or temporary state permit is still valid and has not been suspended
- or revoked, and the local authority may disclose such information to the
- extent necessary to comply with a request made pursuant to section 29-
- 396 33, as amended by this act, 29-37a, as amended by this act, or 29-38m, as
- 397 <u>amended by this act,</u> for verification that a local permit is still valid and
- 398 has not been suspended or revoked, and (3) such information may be
- 399 disclosed to the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services
- 400 to carry out the provisions of subsection (c) of section 17a-500.
- Sec. 6. Subsection (a) of section 29-30 of the general statutes is
- 402 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October
- 403 1, 2023):

(a) The fee for each permit originally issued under the provisions of subsection (a) of section 29-28, as amended by this act, for the sale at retail of [pistols and revolvers] firearms shall be two hundred dollars and for each renewal of such permit two hundred dollars. The fee for each state permit originally issued under the provisions of subsection (b) of section 29-28, as amended by this act, for the carrying of pistols and revolvers shall be one hundred forty dollars plus sufficient funds as required to be transmitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation to cover the cost of a national criminal history records check. The local authority shall forward sufficient funds for the national criminal history records check to the commissioner no later than five business days after receipt by the local authority of the application for the temporary state permit. Seventy dollars shall be retained by the local authority. Upon approval by the local authority of the application for a temporary state permit, seventy dollars shall be sent to the commissioner. The fee to renew each state permit originally issued under the provisions of subsection (b) of section 29-28, as amended by this act, shall be seventy dollars. Upon deposit of such fees in the General Fund, ten dollars of each fee shall be credited within thirty days to the appropriation for the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection to a separate nonlapsing account for the purposes of the issuance of permits under subsections (a) and (b) of section 29-28, as amended by this act.

Sec. 7. Section 29-31 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

No sale of any [pistol or revolver] <u>firearm</u> shall be made except in the room, store or place described in the permit for the sale of [pistols and revolvers] <u>firearms</u>, and such permit or a copy [thereof] <u>of such permit</u> certified by the authority issuing the same shall be exposed to view within the room, store or place where [pistols or revolvers] <u>firearms</u> are sold or offered or exposed for sale. No sale or delivery of any [pistol or revolver] <u>firearm</u> shall be made unless the purchaser or person to whom the same is to be delivered is personally known to the vendor of such [pistol or revolver] <u>firearm</u> or the person making delivery thereof or unless the person making such purchase or to whom delivery thereof is

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438 to be made provides evidence of his or her identity. The vendor of any 439 [pistol or revolver] firearm shall keep a record of each [pistol or 440 revolver] firearm sold in a book kept for that purpose, which record 441 shall be in such form as is prescribed by 27 CFR 478.125. The vendor of 442 any [pistol or revolver] firearm shall make such record available for 443 inspection upon the request of any sworn member of an organized local 444 police department or the Division of State Police within the Department 445 of Emergency Services and Public Protection or any investigator 446 assigned to the state-wide firearms trafficking task force established 447 under section 29-38e or any investigator employed by a federal law 448 enforcement agency for official purposes related to such member's, 449 investigator's employment.

- Sec. 8. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2023*) (a) In addition to any other duty required by chapter 529 of the general statutes, a person who possesses a permit to sell firearms at retail issued pursuant to subsection (a) of section 29-28 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, shall not:
- (1) Furnish false or fraudulent information in any application to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection or fail to comply with representations made in any application;
- (2) Fail to maintain a permit to carry a pistol or revolver issued pursuant to subsection (b) of section 29-28 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or a valid eligibility certificate for a pistol or revolver issued pursuant to section 29-36f of the general statutes, as amended by this act;
- (3) Fail to maintain a permit to sell firearms at retail issued pursuant to subsection (a) of section 29-28 of the general statutes, as amended by this act;
- 466 (4) Fail to maintain effective controls against theft of firearms, 467 including, but not limited to, installation or maintenance of the burglar 468 alarm system required under section 29-37d of the general statutes;

469 (5) Fail to acquire an authorization number for a firearm transfer 470 pursuant to sections 29-36l and 29-37a of the general statutes, as 471 amended by this act;

- 472 (6) Transfer a firearm to a person ineligible to receive such firearm, 473 unless the permittee relied in good faith on information provided to 474 such permittee by the department in verifying the eligibility of such ineligible person;
- 476 (7) Sell, deliver or otherwise transfer an assault weapon in violation 477 of sections 53-202a to 53-202k, inclusive, of the general statutes, as 478 amended by this act, or fail to maintain accurate records of any such 479 sale, delivery or transfer;
- 480 (8) Sell, deliver or otherwise transfer a large capacity magazine in 481 violation of sections 53-202w of the general statutes, as amended by this 482 act, and 53-202x of the general statutes or fail to maintain accurate 483 records of any such sale, delivery or transfer;
- 484 (9) Fail to maintain current and proper acquisition and disposition 485 records required by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and 486 Explosives;
- 487 (10) Fail to post placards or furnish written warnings pursuant to 488 section 29-37b of the general statutes, as amended by this act;
- 489 (11) Fail to provide a trigger lock, gun lock or gun locking device with 490 each purchase pursuant to section 29-37b of the general statutes, as 491 amended by this act;
- 492 (12) Fail to verify the age and criminal background of employees 493 pursuant to section 29-37f of the general statutes;
- 494 (13) Fail to report any firearm stolen in compliance with section 53-495 202g, as amended by this act, and 18 USC 923(g)(6), as amended from 496 time to time; or
- 497 (14) Fail to conduct an annual physical inventory reconciliation as

required by subsection (b) of this section.

(b) Any person who possesses a permit to sell firearms at retail shall, not later than the fifth business day of October of each year, cause a physical inventory reconciliation to be performed that includes comparing the physical inventory of firearms with acquisition and disposition records required to be maintained pursuant to this chapter and 27 CFR 478.125 (e), as amended from time to time. A permittee shall, within five business days of performing this inventory reconciliation, attest to the commissioner, in a form and manner specified by the commissioner, that the required inventory reconciliation was performed and any firearms determined to be missing from the inventory were reported to the Attorney General and appropriate local authorities as required by section 53-202g of the general statutes, as amended by this act, and 18 USC 923 (g)(6), as amended from time to time.

(c) (1) If there is probable cause to believe that a person has failed to comply with the duties specified in subsection (a) of this section, the commissioner or the chief of police or, where there is no chief of police, the chief executive officer of the municipality or if designated by such chief executive officer, the resident state trooper serving such municipality or a state police officer of the state police troop having jurisdiction over such municipality in which such person resides may issue notice of a violation. Such notice shall detail the reasons for issuing such notice and provide a date, not earlier than thirty days following the date of service of the notice, by which such person must cure the violation.

(2) If the period for cure described in subdivision (1) of this subsection has expired and the commissioner or chief determines that the violation is not cured, the commissioner or chief or, where there is no chief of police, the chief executive officer of the municipality or if designated by such chief executive officer, the resident state trooper may temporarily prohibit further sale of firearms at the permitted premises by issuing a stop sales order. Such order shall be effective when served upon the person in violation or posted by the commissioner or chief or, where

 there is no chief of police, the chief executive officer of the municipality or if designated by such chief executive officer, the resident state trooper at the permitted premises. The commissioner or chief or, where there is no chief of police, the chief executive officer of the municipality or if designated by such chief executive officer, the resident state trooper may assess a civil penalty against of not more than one hundred dollars per day during which the violation continues. Any person who sells, delivers or otherwise transfers a firearm in violation of a stop sales order shall be guilty of a class C felony for which two years of the sentence imposed may not be suspended or reduced by the court, and five thousand dollars of the fine imposed may not be remitted or reduced by the court unless the court states on the record its reasons for remitting or reducing such fine.

- (3) Any person against which a stop sales order is issued pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection may request a hearing before the commissioner to challenge the grounds for issuance of such stop sales order and any associated civil penalties. Such hearing shall be conducted not later than seven days after receipt of such request in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes.
- (4) Stop sales orders shall be effective against any successor entity that has one or more of the same principals or officers as the corporation, partnership or sole proprietorship against which the stop sales order was issued and are engaged in the same or equivalent trade or activity.
- (5) The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to specify any hearing provisions necessary to carry out the provisions of this subsection.
- Sec. 9. Section 29-33 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):
  - (a) No person, firm or corporation shall sell, deliver or otherwise transfer any pistol or revolver to any person who is prohibited from possessing a pistol or revolver as provided in section 53a-217c, as amended by this act.

(b) [On and after October 1, 1995, no] <u>No</u> person may purchase or receive any pistol or revolver unless such person holds a valid permit to carry a pistol or revolver issued pursuant to subsection (b) of section 29-28, <u>as amended by this act</u>, a valid permit to sell <u>firearms</u> at retail [a pistol or revolver] issued pursuant to subsection (a) of section 29-28, <u>as amended by this act</u>, or a valid eligibility certificate for a pistol or revolver issued pursuant to section 29-36f, <u>as amended by this act</u>, or is a federal marshal, parole officer or peace officer.

(c) No person, firm or corporation shall sell, deliver or otherwise transfer any pistol or revolver except upon written application on a form prescribed and furnished by the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection. Such person, firm or corporation shall ensure that all questions on the application are answered properly prior to releasing the pistol or revolver and shall retain the application, which shall be attached to the federal sale or transfer document, for at least twenty years or until such vendor goes out of business. Such application shall be available for inspection during normal business hours by law enforcement officials. No sale, delivery or other transfer of any pistol or revolver shall be made unless the person making the purchase or to whom the same is delivered or transferred is personally known to the person selling such pistol or revolver or making delivery or transfer thereof or provides evidence of his identity in the form of a motor vehicle operator's license, identity card issued pursuant to section 1-1h or valid passport. No sale, delivery or other transfer of any pistol or revolver shall be made until the person, firm or corporation making such transfer obtains an authorization number from the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection. Said commissioner shall perform the national instant criminal background check and make a reasonable effort to determine whether there is any reason that would prohibit such applicant from possessing a pistol or revolver as provided in section 53a-217c, as amended by this act. If the commissioner determines the existence of such a reason, the commissioner shall (1) deny the sale and no pistol or revolver shall be sold, delivered or otherwise transferred by such person, firm or corporation to such

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applicant, and (2) inform the chief of police of the town in which the applicant resides, or, where there is no chief of police, the warden of the borough or the first selectman of the town, as the case may be, that there exists a reason that would prohibit such applicant from possessing a pistol or revolver.

- (d) No person, firm or corporation shall sell, deliver or otherwise transfer any pistol or revolver, other than at wholesale, unless such pistol or revolver is equipped with a reusable trigger lock, gun lock or gun locking device appropriate for such pistol or revolver, which lock or device shall be constructed of material sufficiently strong to prevent it from being easily disabled and have a locking mechanism accessible by key or by electronic or other mechanical accessory specific to such lock or device to prevent unauthorized removal. No pistol or revolver shall be loaded or contain therein any gunpowder or other explosive or any bullet, ball or shell when such pistol or revolver is sold, delivered or otherwise transferred.
- (e) Upon the sale, delivery or other transfer of any pistol or revolver, the person making the purchase or to whom the same is delivered or transferred shall sign a receipt for such pistol or revolver, which shall contain the name and address of such person, the date of sale, the caliber, make, model and manufacturer's number and a general description of such pistol or revolver, the identification number of such person's permit to carry pistols or revolvers, issued pursuant to subsection (b) of section 29-28, as amended by this act, permit to sell firearms at retail, [pistols or revolvers,] issued pursuant to subsection (a) of said section, or eligibility certificate for a pistol or revolver, issued pursuant to section 29-36f, as amended by this act, if any, and the authorization number designated for the transfer by the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection. The person, firm or corporation selling such pistol or revolver or making delivery or transfer thereof shall (1) give one copy of the receipt to the person making the purchase of such pistol or revolver or to whom the same is delivered or transferred, (2) retain one copy of the receipt for at least five years, and (3) send, by first class mail, or electronically transmit, within forty-eight

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hours of such sale, delivery or other transfer, (A) one copy of the receipt 631 632 to the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection, and 633 (B) one copy of the receipt to the chief of police of the municipality in 634 which the transferee resides or, where there is no chief of police, the 635 chief executive officer of the municipality, as defined in section 7-148, in 636 which the transferee resides or, if designated by such chief executive 637 officer, the resident state trooper serving such municipality or a state 638 police officer of the state police troop having jurisdiction over such 639 municipality.

- (f) (1) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall not issue more than three authorization numbers for sale at retail of a pistol or revolver to any transferee within a thirty-day period, except that if such transferee is certified as a firearms instructor by the state pursuant to section 29-28, as amended by this act, or the National Rifle Association, said commissioner shall not issue more than six authorization numbers within a thirty-day period.
- 647 (2) No authorization number issued for any of the following purposes shall count toward the limits in subdivision (1) of this subsection: (A) 648 Any firearm transferred to a federal, state or municipal law enforcement 649 650 agency, or any firearm legally transferred under the provisions of section 29-36k, (B) the exchange of a pistol or revolver purchased by an 652 individual from a federally licensed firearm dealer for another pistol or 653 revolver from the same federally licensed firearm dealer not later than 654 thirty days after the original transaction, provided the federally licensed firearm dealer reports the transaction to the Commissioner of 656 Emergency Services and Public Protection, (C) as otherwise provided in 657 subsection (h) or (i) of this section, or (D) a transfer to a museum at a 658 fixed location that is open to the public and displays firearms as part of 659 an educational mission.
  - [(f)] (g) The provisions of this section shall not apply to antique pistols or revolvers. An antique pistol or revolver, for the purposes of this section, means any pistol or revolver which was manufactured in or before 1898 and any replica of such pistol or revolver provided such

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replica is not designed or redesigned for using rimfire or conventional centerfire fixed ammunition except rimfire or conventional centerfire fixed ammunition which is no longer manufactured in the United States and not readily available in the ordinary channel of commercial trade.

[(g)] (h) The provisions of this section shall not apply to the sale, delivery or transfer of pistols or revolvers between (1) a federally-licensed firearm manufacturer and a federally-licensed firearm dealer, (2) a federally-licensed firearm importer and a federally-licensed firearm dealer, [or] (3) federally-licensed firearm dealers, or (4) federally-licensed firearm manufacturers.

[(h)] (i) If the court finds that a violation of this section is not of a serious nature and that the person charged with such violation (1) will probably not offend in the future, (2) has not previously been convicted of a violation of this section, and (3) has not previously had a prosecution under this section suspended pursuant to this subsection, the court may order suspension of prosecution. The court shall not order suspension of prosecution unless the accused person has acknowledged that he understands the consequences of the suspension of prosecution. Any person for whom prosecution is suspended shall agree to the tolling of any statute of limitations with respect to such violation and to a waiver of his right to a speedy trial. Such person shall appear in court and shall be released to the supervision of the Court Support Services Division for such period, not exceeding two years, and under such conditions as the court shall order. If the person refuses to accept, or, having accepted, violates such conditions, the court shall terminate the suspension of prosecution and the case shall be brought to trial. If such person satisfactorily completes his period of probation, he may apply for dismissal of the charges against him and the court, on finding such satisfactory completion, shall dismiss such charges. If the person does not apply for dismissal of the charges against him after satisfactorily completing his period of probation, the court, upon receipt of a report submitted by the Court Support Services Division that the person satisfactorily completed his period of probation, may on its own motion make a finding of such satisfactory completion and dismiss such

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charges. Upon dismissal, all records of such charges shall be erased pursuant to section 54-142a. An order of the court denying a motion to dismiss the charges against a person who has completed his period of probation or terminating the participation of a defendant in such program shall be a final judgment for purposes of appeal.

[(i)] (j) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be guilty of a class C felony for which two years of the sentence imposed may not be suspended or reduced by the court, and five thousand dollars of the fine imposed may not be remitted or reduced by the court unless the court states on the record its reasons for remitting or reducing such fine, except that any person who sells, delivers or otherwise transfers a pistol or revolver in violation of the provisions of this section knowing that such pistol or revolver is stolen or that the manufacturer's number or other mark of identification on such pistol or revolver has been altered, removed or obliterated, shall be guilty of a class B felony for which three years of the sentence imposed may not be suspended or reduced by the court, and ten thousand dollars of the fine imposed may not be remitted or reduced by the court unless the court states on the record its reasons for remitting or reducing such fine, and any pistol or revolver found in the possession of any person in violation of any provision of this section shall be forfeited.

Sec. 10. Section 29-36*l* of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

(a) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall establish a state database that any person, firm or corporation who sells or otherwise transfers firearms may access, by telephone or other electronic means in addition to the telephone, for information to be supplied immediately, on whether a permit to carry a pistol or revolver, issued pursuant to subsection (b) of section 29-28, as amended by this act, a permit to sell <u>firearms</u> at retail, [a pistol or revolver,] issued pursuant to subsection (a) of section 29-28, as amended by this act, an eligibility certificate for a pistol or revolver, issued pursuant to section 29-36f, as amended by this act, or a long gun eligibility certificate, issued

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pursuant to section 29-37p, as amended by this act, is valid and has not been revoked or suspended.

- (b) Upon establishment of the database, the commissioner shall notify each person, firm or corporation holding a permit to sell <u>firearms</u> at retail [pistols or revolvers] issued pursuant to subsection (a) of section 29-28, as amended by this act, of the existence and purpose of the system and the means to be used to access the database.
  - (c) The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall establish days and hours during which the telephone number or other electronic means shall be operational for purposes of responding to inquiries, taking into consideration the normal business hours of retail firearm businesses.
- (d) (1) The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall be the point of contact for initiating a background check through the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS), established under section 103 of the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act, on individuals purchasing firearms.
- 748 (2) The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, 749 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and Judicial 750 Department shall, in accordance with state and federal law regarding 751 confidentiality, enter into a memorandum of understanding with the 752 Federal Bureau of Investigation for the purpose of implementing the 753 National Instant Criminal Background Check System in the state. The 754 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall report 755 the name, date of birth and physical description of any person 756 prohibited from possessing a firearm pursuant to 18 USC 922(g) or (n) 757 to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System Index, 758 Denied Persons Files.
  - (e) Any person, firm or corporation that contacts the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection to access the database established under this section and determine if a person is eligible to receive or possess a firearm shall not be held civilly liable for the sale or

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transfer of a firearm to a person whose receipt or possession of such firearm is unlawful or for refusing to sell or transfer a firearm to a person who may lawfully receive or possess such firearm if such person, firm or corporation relied, in good faith, on the information provided to such person, firm or corporation by said department, unless the conduct of such person, firm or corporation was unreasonable or reckless.

- (f) Any person, firm or corporation that sells, delivers or otherwise transfers any firearm pursuant to section 29-33, as amended by this act, or 29-37a, as amended by this act, shall contact the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection to access the database established under this section and receive an authorization number for such sale, delivery or transfer. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to: (1) Any sale, delivery or transfer of an antique firearm manufactured in or before 1898, including any firearm with a matchlock, flintlock, percussion cap or similar type of ignition system manufactured in or before 1898; (2) any sale, delivery or transfer of any replica of any firearm described in subdivision (1) of this subsection if such replica uses rimfire or conventional centerfire fixed ammunition which is no longer manufactured in the United States and which is not readily available in the ordinary channels of commercial trade; (3) transactions between persons who are licensed as firearms importers or collectors, manufacturers or dealers pursuant to 18 USC 921 et seq.; (4) the transfer of firearms to and from gunsmiths for purposes of repair only; and (5) any sale, delivery or transfer of any firearm to any agency of the United States, the state of Connecticut or any local government.
- Sec. 11. Section 29-37a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):
- (a) For the purposes of this section, "long gun" means a firearm, as defined in section 53a-3, as amended by this act, other than a pistol or revolver.
- (b) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, no person, firm or corporation may sell, deliver or otherwise transfer, at

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retail, any long gun to any person under eighteen years of age.

(2) No person, firm or corporation may sell, deliver or otherwise transfer [, at retail,] any semi-automatic centerfire rifle that has or accepts a magazine with a capacity exceeding five rounds to any person under twenty-one years of age. The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to the sale, delivery or transfer of such a rifle to any person who is a member or employee of an organized local police department, the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection or the Department of Correction or a member of the military or naval forces of this state or of the United States for use in the discharge of their duties.

- (c) [On and after April 1, 2014, no] No person may purchase or receive any long gun unless such person holds a valid long gun eligibility certificate issued pursuant to section 29-37p, as amended by this act, a valid permit to carry a pistol or revolver issued pursuant to subsection (b) of section 29-28, as amended by this act, a valid permit to sell firearms at retail [a pistol or revolver] issued pursuant to subsection (a) of section 29-28, as amended by this act, or a valid eligibility certificate for a pistol or revolver issued pursuant to section 29-36f, as amended by this act.
- (d) No person, firm or corporation may sell, deliver or otherwise transfer, at retail, any long gun to any person unless such person makes application on a form prescribed and furnished by the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection, which shall be attached by the transferor to the federal sale or transfer document and filed and retained by the transferor for at least twenty years or until such transferor goes out of business. Such application shall be available for inspection during normal business hours by law enforcement officials. No such sale, delivery or other transfer of any long gun shall be made until the person, firm or corporation making such sale, delivery or transfer has ensured that such application has been completed properly and has obtained an authorization number from the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection for such sale, delivery or transfer. The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection

shall make every effort, including performing the national instant criminal background check, to determine if the applicant is eligible to receive such long gun. If it is determined that the applicant is ineligible to receive such long gun, the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall immediately notify the (1) person, firm or corporation to whom such application was made and no such long gun shall be sold, delivered or otherwise transferred to such applicant by such person, firm or corporation, and (2) chief of police of the town in which the applicant resides, or, where there is no chief of police, the warden of the borough or the first selectman of the town, as the case may be, that the applicant is not eligible to receive a long gun. When any long gun is delivered in connection with any sale or purchase, such long gun shall be enclosed in a package, the paper or wrapping of which shall be securely fastened, and no such long gun when delivered on any sale or purchase shall be loaded or contain any gunpowder or other explosive or any bullet, ball or shell. Upon the sale, delivery or other transfer of the long gun, the transferee shall sign in triplicate a receipt for such long gun, which shall contain the name, address and date and place of birth of such transferee, the date of such sale, delivery or transfer and the caliber, make, model and manufacturer's number and a general description thereof. Not later than twenty-four hours after such sale, delivery or transfer, the transferor shall send by first class mail or electronically transfer one receipt to the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection and one receipt to the chief of police of the municipality in which the transferee resides or, where there is no chief of police, the chief executive officer of the municipality, as defined in section 7-148, in which the transferee resides or, if designated by such chief executive officer, the resident state trooper serving such municipality or a state police officer of the state police troop having jurisdiction over such municipality, and shall retain one receipt, together with the original application, for at least five years.

(e) No sale, delivery or other transfer of any long gun shall be made by a person who is not a federally licensed firearm manufacturer, importer or dealer to a person who is not a federally licensed firearm

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(1) The prospective transferor and prospective transferee comply with the provisions of subsection (d) of this section and the prospective transferor has obtained an authorization number from the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection for such sale, delivery or transfer; or

- (2) The prospective transferor or prospective transferee requests a federally licensed firearm dealer to contact the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection on behalf of such prospective transferor or prospective transferee and the federally licensed firearm dealer has obtained an authorization number from the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection for such sale, delivery or transfer.
- (f) (1) [On and after January 1, 2014, for] For purposes of a transfer pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of this section, a prospective transferor or prospective transferee may request a federally licensed firearm dealer to contact the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection to obtain an authorization number for such sale, delivery or transfer. If a federally licensed firearm dealer consents to contact the department on behalf of the prospective transferor or prospective transferee, the prospective transferor or prospective transferee shall provide to such dealer the name, sex, race, date of birth and state of residence of the prospective transferee and, if necessary to verify the identity of the prospective transferee, may provide a unique numeric identifier including, but not limited to, a Social Security number, and additional identifiers including, but not limited to, height, weight, eye and hair color, and place of birth. The prospective transferee shall present to the dealer such prospective transferee's valid long gun eligibility certificate issued pursuant to section 29-37p, as amended by this act, valid permit to carry a pistol or revolver issued pursuant to subsection (b) of section 29-28, as amended by this act, valid permit to sell firearms at retail [a pistol or revolver] issued pursuant to subsection (a) of section 29-28, as amended by this

act, or valid eligibility certificate for a pistol or revolver issued pursuant to section 29-36f, as amended by this act. The dealer may charge a fee for contacting the department on behalf of the prospective transferor or prospective transferee.

- (2) The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall make every effort, including performing the national instant criminal background check, to determine if the prospective transferee is eligible to receive such long gun. The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall immediately notify the dealer of the department's determination and the dealer shall immediately notify the prospective transferor or prospective transferee of such determination. If the department determines the prospective transferee is ineligible to receive such long gun, no long gun shall be sold, delivered or otherwise transferred by the prospective transferor to the prospective transferee. If the department determines the prospective transferee is eligible to receive such long gun and provides an authorization number for such sale, delivery or transfer, the prospective transferor may proceed to sell, deliver or otherwise transfer the long gun to the prospective transferee.
- (3) Upon the sale, delivery or other transfer of the long gun, the transferor or transferee shall complete a form, prescribed by the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection, that contains the name and address of the transferor, the name and address of the transferee, the date and place of birth of such transferee, the firearm permit or certificate number of the transferee, the firearm permit or certificate number of the transferor, if any, the date of such sale, delivery or transfer, the caliber, make, model and manufacturer's number and a general description of such long gun and the authorization number provided by the department. Not later than twenty-four hours after such sale, delivery or transfer, the transferor shall send by first class mail or electronically transfer one copy of such form to the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection and one copy to the chief of police of the municipality in which the transferee resides or, where there is no chief of police, the chief executive officer of the municipality, as defined in section 7-148, in which the

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transferee resides or, if designated by such chief executive officer, the resident state trooper serving such municipality or a state police officer of the state police troop having jurisdiction over such municipality, and shall retain one copy, for at least five years.

(g) [Prior to April 1, 2014, no] No sale, delivery or other transfer of any long gun shall be made until the expiration of two weeks from the date of the application, except that such waiting period shall not apply to any federal marshal, parole officer or peace officer, or to the sale, delivery or other transfer of (1) any long gun to a holder of a valid state permit to carry a pistol or revolver issued under the provisions of section 29-28, as amended by this act, a valid eligibility certificate issued under the provisions of section 29-36f, as amended by this act, or a valid long gun eligibility certificate issued under the provisions of section 29-37p, as amended by this act, (2) any long gun to an active member of the armed forces of the United States or of any reserve component thereof, (3) any long gun to a holder of a valid hunting license issued pursuant to chapter 490, or (4) antique firearms. For the purposes of this subsection, "antique firearm" means any firearm which was manufactured in or before 1898 and any replica of such firearm, provided such replica is not designed or redesigned for using rimfire or conventional centerfire fixed ammunition except rimfire conventional centerfire fixed ammunition which is no longer manufactured in the United States and not readily available in the ordinary channel of commercial trade.

(h) The provisions of subsections (c) to (g), inclusive, of this section shall not apply to the sale, delivery or transfer of (1) long guns to (A) the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, police departments, the Department of Correction, the Division of Criminal Justice, the Department of Motor Vehicles, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection or the military or naval forces of this state or of the United States, (B) a sworn and duly certified member of an organized police department, the Division of State Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection or the Department of Correction, a chief inspector or inspector in the Division

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of Criminal Justice, a salaried inspector of motor vehicles designated by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, a conservation officer or special conservation officer appointed by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection pursuant to section 26-5, or a constable who is certified by the Police Officer Standards and Training Council and appointed by the chief executive authority of a town, city or borough to perform criminal law enforcement duties, pursuant to a letter on the letterhead of such department, division, commissioner or authority authorizing the purchase and stating that the sworn member, inspector, officer or constable will use the long gun in the discharge of official duties, and that a records check indicates that the sworn member, inspector, officer or constable has not been convicted of a crime of family violence, for use by such sworn member, inspector, officer or constable in the discharge of such sworn member's, inspector's, officer's or constable's official duties or when off duty, (C) a member of the military or naval forces of this state or of the United States, or (D) a nuclear facility licensed by the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the purpose of providing security services at such facility, or any contractor or subcontractor of such facility for the purpose of providing security services at such facility; (2) long guns to or between federally licensed firearm manufacturers, importers or dealers; (3) curios or relics, as defined in 27 CFR 478.11, to or between federally licensed firearm collectors; or (4) antique firearms, as defined in subsection (g) of this section.

(i) If the court finds that a violation of this section is not of a serious nature and that the person charged with such violation (1) will probably not offend in the future, (2) has not previously been convicted of a violation of this section, and (3) has not previously had a prosecution under this section suspended pursuant to this subsection, it may order suspension of prosecution. The court shall not order suspension of prosecution unless the accused person has acknowledged that he understands the consequences of the suspension of prosecution. Any person for whom prosecution is suspended shall agree to the tolling of any statute of limitations with respect to such violation and to a waiver

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of his right to a speedy trial. Such person shall appear in court and shall be released to the supervision of the Court Support Services Division for such period, not exceeding two years, and under such conditions as the court shall order. If the person refuses to accept, or, having accepted, violates such conditions, the court shall terminate the suspension of prosecution and the case shall be brought to trial. If such person satisfactorily completes his period of probation, he may apply for dismissal of the charges against him and the court, on finding such satisfactory completion, shall dismiss such charges. If the person does not apply for dismissal of the charges against him after satisfactorily completing his period of probation, the court, upon receipt of a report submitted by the Court Support Services Division that the person satisfactorily completed his period of probation, may on its own motion make a finding of such satisfactory completion and dismiss such charges. Upon dismissal, all records of such charges shall be erased pursuant to section 54-142a. An order of the court denying a motion to dismiss the charges against a person who has completed his period of probation or terminating the participation of a defendant in such program shall be a final judgment for purposes of appeal.

(j) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be guilty of a class D felony, except that any person who sells, delivers or otherwise transfers a long gun in violation of the provisions of this section, knowing that such long gun is stolen or that the manufacturer's number or other mark of identification on such long gun has been altered, removed or obliterated, shall be guilty of a class B felony, and any long gun found in the possession of any person in violation of any provision of this section shall be forfeited.

Sec. 12. Section 29-37i of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

No person shall store or keep any firearm, as defined in section 53a-3, as amended by this act, on any premises under such person's control [if such person knows or reasonably should know that (1) a minor is likely to gain access to the firearm without the permission of the parent

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or guardian of the minor, (2) a resident of the premises is ineligible to possess a firearm under state or federal law, (3) a resident of the premises is subject to a risk protection order issued pursuant to section 29-38c, or (4) a resident of the premises poses a risk of imminent personal injury to himself or herself or to another person,] unless such person [(A)] (1) keeps the firearm in a securely locked box or other container or in a manner which a reasonable person would believe to be secure, or [(B)] (2) carries the firearm on his or her person or within such close proximity thereto that such person can readily retrieve and use the firearm as if such person carried the firearm on his or her person. [For the purposes of this section, "minor" means any person under the age of eighteen years.]

Sec. 13. Section 29-38b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

(a) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection, in fulfilling [his] the commissioner's obligations under sections 29-28 to 29-38, inclusive, as amended by this act, and section 53-202d, as amended by this act, shall verify that any person who [, on or after October 1, 1998, applies for or seeks renewal of a permit to sell firearms at retail, [a pistol or revolver,] a permit to carry a pistol or revolver, an eligibility certificate for a pistol or revolver or a certificate of possession for an assault weapon, or who [, on or after July 1, 2013,] applies for or seeks renewal of a long gun eligibility certificate, has not been confined in a hospital for persons with psychiatric disabilities, as defined in section 17a-495, within the preceding sixty months by order of a probate court or has not been voluntarily admitted to a hospital for persons with psychiatric disabilities, as defined in section 17a-495, within the preceding six months for care and treatment of a psychiatric disability and not solely for being an alcohol-dependent person or a drugdependent person as those terms are defined in section 17a-680, by making an inquiry to the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services in such a manner so as to only receive a report on the commitment or admission status of the person with respect to whom the inquiry is made including identifying information in accordance with

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- (b) If the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection determines pursuant to subsection (a) of this section that a person has been confined in a hospital for persons with psychiatric disabilities, as defined in section 17a-495, within the preceding sixty months by order of a probate court or has been voluntarily admitted to a hospital for persons with psychiatric disabilities, as defined in section 17a-495, within the preceding six months for care and treatment of a psychiatric disability and not solely for being an alcohol-dependent person or a drug-dependent person as those terms are defined in section 17a-680, said commissioner shall report the status of such person's application for or renewal of a permit to sell firearms at retail, [a pistol or revolver,] a permit to carry a pistol or revolver, an eligibility certificate for a pistol or revolver, a certificate of possession for an assault weapon or a long gun eligibility certificate to the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services for the purpose of fulfilling his responsibilities under subsection (c) of section 17a-500.
- Sec. 14. Section 29-38m of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):
  - (a) For the purposes of this section and sections 29-38n to 29-38p, inclusive, "ammunition" means a loaded cartridge, consisting of a primed case, propellant or projectile, designed for use in any firearm, "firearm" has the meaning provided in section 53a-3, as amended by this act, and "magazine" means any firearm magazine, belt, drum, feed strip or similar device that accepts ammunition.
  - (b) No person, firm or corporation shall sell ammunition or an ammunition magazine to any person under eighteen years of age.
    - (c) [On and after October 1, 2013, no] <u>No</u> person, firm or corporation shall sell ammunition or an ammunition magazine to any person unless such person holds a valid permit to carry a pistol or revolver issued pursuant to subsection (b) of section 29-28, as amended by this act, a valid permit to sell <u>firearms</u> at retail [a pistol or revolver] issued

pursuant to subsection (a) of section 29-28, as amended by this act, a valid eligibility certificate for a pistol or revolver issued pursuant to section 29-36f, as amended by this act, or a valid long gun eligibility certificate issued pursuant to section 29-37p, as amended by this act, and presents to the transferor such permit or certificate, or unless such person holds a valid ammunition certificate issued pursuant to section 29-38n and presents to the transferor such certificate and such person's motor vehicle operator's license, passport or other valid form of identification issued by the federal government or a state or municipal government that contains such person's date of birth and photograph.

(d) The provisions of [subsection] subsections (b) and (c) of this section shall not apply to the sale of ammunition to (1) the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, police departments, the Department of Correction, the Division of Criminal Justice, the Department of Motor Vehicles, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection or the military or naval forces of this state or of the United States; (2) a sworn and duly certified member of an organized police department, the Division of State Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection or the Department of Correction, a chief inspector or inspector in the Division of Criminal Justice, a salaried inspector of motor vehicles designated by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, a conservation officer or special conservation officer appointed by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection pursuant to section 26-5, or a constable who is certified by the Police Officer Standards and Training Council and appointed by the chief executive authority of a town, city or borough to perform criminal law enforcement duties, for use by such sworn member, inspector, officer or constable in the discharge of such sworn member's, inspector's, officer's or constable's official duties or when off duty; (3) a member of the military or naval forces of this state or of the United States; (4) a nuclear facility licensed by the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the purpose of providing security services at such facility, or any contractor or subcontractor of such facility for the purpose of providing security services at such facility; or (5) a federally

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- licensed firearm manufacturer, importer, dealer or collector.
- 1131 (e) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be guilty of a class D felony.
- Sec. 15. Subsections (d) to (f), inclusive, of section 53-202f of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
- 1135 thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 1136 (d) (1) Not later than December 31, 2013, any person who lawfully 1137 possessed an assault weapon described in any provision of 1138 subparagraphs (B) to (F), inclusive, of subdivision (1) of section 53-202a, 1139 as amended by this act, on April 4, 2013, which was lawful under the 1140 provisions of sections 53-202a to 53-202k, inclusive, as amended by this 1141 act, in effect on January 1, 2013, may transfer possession of the assault 1142 weapon to a licensed gun dealer within or outside of this state for sale 1143 outside of this state, and may transport the assault weapon to such 1144 dealer for the purpose of making such transfer, without obtaining a certificate of possession under section 53-202d, as amended by this act. 1145
  - (2) Not later than April 30, 2024, any person who lawfully possessed a 2023 assault weapon on the date immediately preceding the effective date of this section, which was lawful under the provisions of sections 53-202a to 53-202k, inclusive, as amended by this act, in effect on January 1, 2023, may transfer possession of the 2023 assault weapon to a licensed gun dealer within or outside of this state for sale outside of this state, and may transport the 2023 assault weapon to such dealer for the purpose of making such transfer, without obtaining a certificate of possession under section 53-202d, as amended by this act.
  - (e) (1) Not later than October 1, 2013, any licensed gun dealer, pawnbroker licensed under section 21-40, or consignment shop operator, as defined in section 21-39a, may transfer possession of an assault weapon to any person who [(1)] (A) legally possessed the assault weapon prior to or on April 4, 2013, [(2)] (B) placed the assault weapon in the possession of such dealer, pawnbroker or operator prior to or on April 4, 2013, pursuant to an agreement between such person and such

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dealer, pawnbroker or operator for the sale of the assault weapon to a third person, and [(3)] (C) is eligible to possess a firearm on the date of such transfer.

- 1165 (2) Any licensed gun dealer, pawnbroker licensed under section 21-1166 40, or consignment shop operator, as defined in section 21-39a, may 1167 transfer possession of a 2023 assault weapon to any person who (A) 1168 legally possessed the 2023 assault weapon prior to the effective date of 1169 this section, (B) placed the 2023 assault weapon in the possession of such 1170 dealer, pawnbroker or operator pursuant to an agreement between such person and such dealer, pawnbroker or operator for the sale of the 1171 1172 assault weapon to a third person, and (C) is eligible to possess a firearm 1173 on the date of such transfer.
- (f) The term "licensed gun dealer", as used in sections 53-202a to 53-202k, inclusive, as amended by this act, means a person who has a federal firearms license and a permit to sell firearms pursuant to section 29-28, as amended by this act.
- Sec. 16. Subsection (b) of section 54-36e of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October* 1180 1, 2023):
  - (b) Firearms and ammunition turned over to the state police pursuant to subsection (a) of this section which are not destroyed or retained for appropriate use shall be sold at public auctions, conducted by the Commissioner of Administrative Services or said commissioner's designee. Pistols and revolvers, as defined in section 53a-3, as amended by this act, which are antiques, as defined in section 29-33, as amended by this act, or curios or relics, as defined in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 27, Chapter 1, Part 178, or modern pistols and revolvers which have a current retail value of one hundred dollars or more may be sold at such public auctions, provided such pistols and revolvers shall be sold only to persons who have a valid permit to sell [a pistol or revolver] firearms at retail, or a valid permit to carry a pistol or revolver, issued pursuant to section 29-28, as amended by this act.

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Rifles and shotguns, as defined in section 53a-3, as amended by this act,

- shall be sold only to persons qualified under federal law to purchase
- such rifles and shotguns and who have a valid long gun eligibility
- certificate issued pursuant to section 29-37p, as amended by this act. The
- 1198 proceeds of any such sale shall be paid to the State Treasurer and
- deposited by the State Treasurer in the forfeit firearms account within
- 1200 the General Fund.
- 1201 Sec. 17. Subsection (e) of section 53-202l of the general statutes is
- repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
- 1203 1, 2023):
- (e) If the court finds that a violation of this section is not of a serious
- nature and that the person charged with such violation (1) will probably
- 1206 not offend in the future, (2) has not previously been convicted of a
- violation of this section, and (3) has not previously had a prosecution
- 1208 under this section suspended pursuant to this subsection, it may order
- 1209 suspension of prosecution in accordance with the provisions of
- subsection [(h)] (i) of section 29-33, as amended by this act.
- 1211 Sec. 18. Subsection (g) of section 53-202w of the general statutes is
- repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
- 1213 1, 2023):
- 1214 (g) If the court finds that a violation of this section is not of a serious
- nature and that the person charged with such violation (1) will probably
- 1216 not offend in the future, (2) has not previously been convicted of a
- 1217 violation of this section, and (3) has not previously had a prosecution
- 1218 under this section suspended pursuant to this subsection, it may order
- 1219 suspension of prosecution in accordance with the provisions of
- subsection [(h)] (i) of section 29-33, as amended by this act.
- Sec. 19. Subsection (f) of section 53-206g of the general statutes is
- repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
- 1223 1, 2023):
- 1224 (f) If the court finds that a violation of this section is not of a serious

nature and that the person charged with such violation (1) will probably not offend in the future, (2) has not previously been convicted of a violation of this section, and (3) has not previously had a prosecution under this section suspended pursuant to this subsection, it may order suspension of prosecution in accordance with the provisions of subsection [(h)] (i) of section 29-33, as amended by this act.

- Sec. 20. Section 53a-217a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):
  - (a) [A] Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, a person is guilty of criminally negligent storage of a firearm when such person violates the provisions of section 29-37i, as amended by this act, and [a minor or, a resident of the premises who is ineligible to possess a firearm under state or federal law or who poses a risk of imminent personal injury to himself or herself or to other individuals,] another person obtains the firearm and causes the injury or death of such [minor, resident] person or any other person. [For the purposes of this section, "minor" means any person under the age of eighteen years.]
    - (b) The provisions of this section shall not apply if the [minor] <u>person</u> obtains the firearm as a result of an unlawful entry to any premises by any person <u>and</u>, if such firearm is stolen, such firearm is reported stolen <u>pursuant</u> to the provisions of section 53-202g, as amended by this act.
- 1246 (c) Criminally negligent storage of a firearm is a class D felony.
- Sec. 21. Section 54-66a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):
  - Any bail bond posted in any criminal proceeding in this state shall be automatically terminated and released whenever the defendant: (1) Is granted accelerated rehabilitation pursuant to section 54-56e; (2) is granted admission to the pretrial alcohol education program pursuant to section 54-56g; (3) is granted admission to the pretrial family violence education program pursuant to section 46b-38c; (4) is granted admission to the pretrial drug education and community service program

1256 pursuant to section 54-56i; (5) has the complaint or information filed 1257 against such defendant dismissed; (6) has the prosecution of the 1258 complaint or information filed against such defendant terminated by 1259 entry of a nolle prosegui; (7) is acquitted; (8) is sentenced by the court 1260 and a stay of such sentence, if any, is lifted; (9) is granted admission to 1261 the pretrial school violence prevention program pursuant to section 54-1262 56j; (10) is charged with a violation of section 29-33, as amended by this 1263 act, 53-202l or 53-202w, as amended by this act, and prosecution has 1264 been suspended pursuant to subsection [(h)] (i) of section 29-33, as 1265 amended by this act; (11) is charged with a violation of section 29-37a, 1266 as amended by this act, and prosecution has been suspended pursuant 1267 to subsection (i) of section 29-37a, as amended by this act; (12) is granted 1268 admission to the supervised diversionary program for persons with 1269 psychiatric disabilities, or persons who are veterans, pursuant to section 1270 54-56l; (13) is granted admission to a diversionary program for young 1271 persons charged with a motor vehicle violation or an alcohol-related 1272 offense pursuant to section 54-56p; (14) is granted admission to the 1273 pretrial drug intervention and community service program pursuant to 1274 section 54-56q; or (15) is granted admission to the pretrial impaired 1275 driving intervention program pursuant to section 54-56r.

- Sec. 22. Subdivision (8) of section 54-280 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October* 1, 2023):
- 1279 (8) "Offense committed with a deadly weapon" or "offense" means: 1280 (A) A violation of subsection (c) of section 2-1e, subsection (e) of section 1281 29-28, subsections (a) to (e), inclusive, or [(i)] (j) of section 29-33, as 1282 amended by this act, section 29-34, subsection (a) of section 29-35, as 1283 amended by this act, section 29-36, 29-36k, 29-37a, as amended by this 1284 act, or 29-37e, subsection (c) of section 29-37g, section 29-37j, subsection 1285 (b), (c) or (g) of section 53-202, section 53-202b, 53-202c, as amended by 1286 this act, 53-202j, 53-202k, 53-202l, as amended by this act, 53-202aa or 53-1287 206b, subsection (b) of section 53a-8, section 53a-55a, 53a-56a, 53a-60a, 1288 53a-60c, 53a-72b, 53a-92a, 53a-94a, 53a-102a, 53a-103a, 53a-211, 53a-212, 1289 53a-216, 53a-217, 53a-217a, as amended by this act, 53a-217b or 53a-217c,

as amended by this act, or a second or subsequent violation of section

- 53-202g, as amended by this act; or (B) a violation of any section of the
- 1292 general statutes which constitutes a felony, as defined in section 53a-25,
- 1293 provided the court makes a finding that, at the time of the offense, the
- 1294 offender used a deadly weapon, or was armed with and threatened the
- use of or displayed or represented by words or conduct that the offender
- 1296 possessed a deadly weapon;
- Sec. 23. Section 53-202a of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 1298 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 1299 As used in this section and sections 53-202b to 53-202k, inclusive:
- 1300 (1) "Assault weapon" means:
- 1301 (A) (i) Any selective-fire firearm capable of fully automatic,
- 1302 semiautomatic or burst fire at the option of the user or any of the
- 1303 following specified semiautomatic firearms: Algimec Agmi; Armalite
- 1304 AR-180; Australian Automatic Arms SAP Pistol; Auto-Ordnance
- 1305 Thompson type; Avtomat Kalashnikov AK-47 type; Barrett Light-Fifty
- 1306 model 82A1; Beretta AR-70; Bushmaster Auto Rifle and Auto Pistol;
- 1307 Calico models M-900, M-950 and 100-P; Chartered Industries of
- 1308 Singapore SR-88; Colt AR-15 and Sporter; Daewoo K-1, K-2, Max-1 and
- 1309 Max-2; Encom MK-IV, MP-9 and MP-45; Fabrique Nationale FN/FAL,
- 1310 FN/LAR, or FN/FNC; FAMAS MAS 223; Feather AT-9 and Mini-AT; 1311 Federal XC-900 and XC-450; Franchi SPAS-12 and LAW-12; Galil AR
- 1312 and ARM; Goncz High-Tech Carbine and High-Tech Long Pistol;
- 1313 Heckler & Koch HK-91, HK-93, HK-94 and SP-89; Holmes MP-83; MAC-
- 1314 10, MAC-11 and MAC-11 Carbine type; Intratec TEC-9 and Scorpion;
- 1315 Iver Johnson Enforcer model 3000; Ruger Mini-14/5F folding stock
- 1316 model only; Scarab Skorpion; SIG 57 AMT and 500 series; Spectre Auto
- 1317 Carbine and Auto Pistol; Springfield Armory BM59, SAR-48 and G-3;
- 1318 Sterling MK-6 and MK-7; Steyr AUG; Street Sweeper and Striker 12
- 1319 revolving cylinder shotguns; USAS-12; UZI Carbine, Mini-Carbine and
- 1320 Pistol; Weaver Arms Nighthawk; Wilkinson "Linda" Pistol;
- 1321 (ii) A part or combination of parts designed or intended to convert a

firearm into an assault weapon, as defined in subparagraph (A)(i) of this subdivision, or any combination of parts from which an assault weapon, as defined in subparagraph (A)(i) of this subdivision, may be rapidly assembled if those parts are in the possession or under the control of the same person;

- (B) Any of the following specified semiautomatic centerfire rifles, or copies or duplicates thereof with the capability of any such rifles, that were in production prior to or on April 4, 2013: (i) AK-47; (ii) AK-74; (iii) AKM; (iv) AKS-74U; (v) ARM; (vi) MAADI AK47; (vii) MAK90; (viii) MISR; (ix) NHM90 and NHM91; (x) Norinco 56, 56S, 84S and 86S; (xi) Poly Technologies AKS and AK47; (xii) SA 85; (xiii) SA 93; (xiv) VEPR; (xv) WASR-10; (xvi) WUM; (xvii) Rock River Arms LAR-47; (xviii) Vector Arms AK-47; (xix) AR-10; (xx) AR-15; (xxi) Bushmaster Carbon 15, Bushmaster XM15, Bushmaster ACR Rifles, Bushmaster MOE Rifles; (xxii) Colt Match Target Rifles; (xxiii) Armalite M15; (xxiv) Olympic Arms AR-15, A1, CAR, PCR, K3B, K30R, K16, K48, K8 and K9 Rifles; (xxv) DPMS Tactical Rifles; (xxvi) Smith and Wesson M&P15 Rifles; (xxvii) Rock River Arms LAR-15; (xxviii) Doublestar AR Rifles; (xxix) Barrett REC7; (xxx) Beretta Storm; (xxxi) Calico Liberty 50, 50 Tactical, 100, 100 Tactical, I, I Tactical, II and II Tactical Rifles; (xxxii) Hi-Point Carbine Rifles; (xxxiii) HK-PSG-1; (xxxiv) Kel-Tec Sub-2000, SU Rifles, and RFB; (xxxv) Remington Tactical Rifle Model 7615; (xxxvi) SAR-8, SAR-4800 and SR9; (xxxviii) SLG 95; (xxxviii) SLR 95 or 96; (xxxix) TNW M230 and M2HB; (xl) Vector Arms UZI; (xli) Galil and Galil Sporter; (xlii) Daewoo AR 100 and AR 110C; (xliii) Fabrique Nationale/FN 308 Match and L1A1 Sporter; (xliv) HK USC; (xlv) IZHMASH Saiga AK; (xlvi) SIG Sauer 551-A1, 556, 516, 716 and M400 Rifles; (xlvii) Valmet M62S, M71S and M78S; (xlviii) Wilkinson Arms Linda Carbine; and (xlix) Barrett M107A1;
  - (C) Any of the following specified semiautomatic pistols, or copies or duplicates thereof with the capability of any such pistols, that were in production prior to or on April 4, 2013: (i) Centurion 39 AK; (ii) Draco AK-47; (iii) HCR AK-47; (iv) IO Inc. Hellpup AK-47; (v) Mini-Draco AK-47; (vi) Yugo Krebs Krink; (vii) American Spirit AR-15; (viii) Bushmaster

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- 1357 Olympic Arms AR-15; (xii) Rock River Arms LAR 15; (xiii) Calico
- 1358 Liberty III and III Tactical Pistols; (xiv) Masterpiece Arms MPA Pistols
- and Velocity Arms VMA Pistols; (xv) Intratec TEC-DC9 and AB-10; (xvi)
- 1360 Colefire Magnum; (xvii) German Sport 522 PK and Chiappa Firearms
- 1361 Mfour-22; (xviii) DSA SA58 PKP FAL; (xix) I.O. Inc. PPS-43C; (xx) Kel-
- 1362 Tec PLR-16 Pistol; (xxi) Sig Sauer P516 and P556 Pistols; and (xxii)
- 1363 Thompson TA5 Pistols;
- 1364 (D) Any of the following semiautomatic shotguns, or copies or
- duplicates thereof with the capability of any such shotguns, that were in
- 1366 production prior to or on April 4, 2013: All IZHMASH Saiga 12
- 1367 Shotguns;
- 1368 (E) Any semiautomatic firearm regardless of whether such firearm is
- listed in subparagraphs (A) to (D), inclusive, of this subdivision, and
- 1370 regardless of the date such firearm was produced, that meets the
- 1371 following criteria:
- 1372 (i) A semiautomatic, centerfire rifle that has an ability to accept a
- 1373 detachable magazine and has at least one of the following:
- 1374 (I) A folding or telescoping stock;
- 1375 (II) Any grip of the weapon, including a pistol grip, a thumbhole
- stock, or any other stock, the use of which would allow an individual to
- 1377 grip the weapon, resulting in any finger on the trigger hand in addition
- to the trigger finger being directly below any portion of the action of the
- 1379 weapon when firing;
- 1380 (III) A forward pistol grip;
- 1381 (IV) A flash suppressor; or
- 1382 (V) A grenade launcher or flare launcher; or
- (ii) A semiautomatic, centerfire rifle that has a fixed magazine with
- the ability to accept more than ten rounds; or

1385 1386	(iii) A semiautomatic, centerfire rifle that has an overall length of less than thirty inches; or
1387 1388	(iv) A semiautomatic pistol that has an ability to accept a detachable magazine and has at least one of the following:
1389 1390	(I) An ability to accept a detachable ammunition magazine that attaches at some location outside of the pistol grip;
1391 1392	(II) A threaded barrel capable of accepting a flash suppressor, forward pistol grip or silencer;
1393 1394 1395	(III) A shroud that is attached to, or partially or completely encircles, the barrel and that permits the shooter to fire the firearm without being burned, except a slide that encloses the barrel; or
1396	(IV) A second hand grip; or
1397 1398	(v) A semiautomatic pistol with a fixed magazine that has the ability to accept more than ten rounds; or
1399	(vi) A semiautomatic shotgun that has both of the following:
1400	(I) A folding or telescoping stock; and
1401 1402 1403 1404 1405	(II) Any grip of the weapon, including a pistol grip, a thumbhole stock, or any other stock, the use of which would allow an individual to grip the weapon, resulting in any finger on the trigger hand in addition to the trigger finger being directly below any portion of the action of the weapon when firing; or
1406	(vii) A semiautomatic shotgun that has the ability to accept a
1407	detachable magazine; or
1408	(viii) A shotgun with a revolving cylinder; or
1409	(ix) Any semiautomatic firearm that meets the criteria set forth in subdivision (3) or (4) of subsection (2) of section 53, 2022 of the general
<ul><li>1410</li><li>1411</li></ul>	subdivision (3) or (4) of subsection (a) of section 53-202a of the general statutes, revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 2013; or

1412	(F) A part or combination of parts designed or intended to convert a
1413	firearm into an assault weapon, as defined in any provision of
1414	subparagraphs (B) to (E), inclusive, of this subdivision, or any
1415	combination of parts from which an assault weapon, as defined in any
1416	provision of subparagraphs (B) to (E), inclusive, of this subdivision, may
1417	be assembled if those parts are in the possession or under the control of
1418	the same person;
1419	(G) Any semiautomatic firearm other than a pistol, revolver, rifle or
1420	shotgun, regardless of whether such firearm is listed in subparagraphs
1421	(A) to (D), inclusive, of this subdivision, and regardless of the date such
1422	firearm was produced, that has at least one of the following:
1423	(i) Any grip of the weapon, including a pistol grip, a thumbhole stock
1424	or any other stock, the use of which would allow an individual to grip
1425	the weapon, resulting in any finger on the trigger hand in addition to
1426	the trigger finger being directly below any portion of the action of the
1427	weapon when firing;
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1428	(ii) An ability to accept a detachable ammunition magazine that
1429	attaches at some location outside of the pistol grip;
1430	(iii) A fixed magazine with the ability to accept more than ten rounds;
1431	(iv) A flash suppressor or silencer, or a threaded barrel capable of
1432	accepting a flash suppressor or silencer;
1433	(v) A shroud that is attached to, or partially or completely encircles,
1434	the barrel and that permits the shooter to fire the firearm without being
1435	burned, except a slide that encloses the barrel;
1436	(vi) A second hand grip; or
1437	(vii) An arm brace or other stabilizing brace that could allow such
1438	firearm to be fired from the shoulder, with or without a strap designed
1439	to attach to an individual's arm;
1440	(H) Any semiautomatic firearm that meets the criteria set forth in

1441	subdivision (3) or (4) of subsection (a) of section 53-202a of the general
1442	statutes, revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 2013, that was legally
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1444	(I) A combination of parts designed or intended to convert a firearm
	(I) A combination of parts designed or intended to convert a firearm
1445	into an assault weapon, as defined in any provision of subparagraph (G)
1446	or (H) of this subdivision, or any combination of parts from which an
1447	assault weapon, as defined in any provision of subparagraph (G) or (H)
1448	of this subdivision, may be assembled if those parts are in the possession
1449	or under the control of the same person;
1450	(2) "Assault weapon" does not include (A) any firearm modified to
1451	render it permanently inoperable, or (B) a part or any combination of
1452	parts of an assault weapon, that are not assembled as an assault weapon,
1453	when in the possession of a licensed gun dealer, as defined in subsection
1454	(f) of section 53-202f, as amended by this act, or a gunsmith who is in
1455	the licensed gun dealer's employ, for the purposes of servicing or
1456	repairing lawfully possessed assault weapons under sections 53-202a to
1457	53-202k, inclusive, as amended by this act;
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1458	(3) "Action of the weapon" means the part of the firearm that loads,
1459	fires and ejects a cartridge, which part includes, but is not limited to, the
1460	upper and lower receiver, charging handle, forward assist, magazine
1461	release and shell deflector;
1462	(4) "Detachable magazine" means an ammunition feeding device that
1463	can be removed without disassembling the firearm action;
1464	(5) "Firearm" means a firearm, as defined in section 53a-3 <u>, as amended</u>
1465	by this act;
1466	(6) "Forward pistol grip" means any feature capable of functioning as
1467	a grip that can be held by the nontrigger hand;
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1469 1470	(A) With respect to an assault weapon described in any provision of
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section, [(A)] (i) actual possession that is lawful under sections 53-202b to 53-202k, [(B)] (ii) constructive possession pursuant to a lawful purchase transacted prior to or on April 4, 2013, regardless of whether the assault weapon was delivered to the purchaser prior to or on April 4, 2013, which lawful purchase is evidenced by a writing sufficient to indicate that [(i)] (I) a contract for sale was made between the parties prior to or on April 4, 2013, for the purchase of the assault weapon, or [(ii)] (II) full or partial payment for the assault weapon was made by the purchaser to the seller of the assault weapon prior to or on April 4, 2013, or [(C)] (iii) actual possession under subparagraph [(A)] (A)(i) of this subdivision, or constructive possession under subparagraph [(B)] (A)(ii) of this subdivision, as evidenced by a written statement made under penalty of false statement on such form as the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection prescribes; or

- (B) With respect to a 2023 assault weapon, (i) actual possession that is lawful under sections 53-202b to 53-202k, inclusive, (ii) constructive possession pursuant to a lawful purchase transacted prior to the effective date of this section, regardless of whether such assault weapon was delivered to the purchaser prior to the effective date of this section, which lawful purchase is evidenced by a writing sufficient to indicate that (I) a contract for sale was made between the parties prior to the effective date of this section, for the purchase of such assault weapon, or (II) full or partial payment for such assault weapon was made by the purchaser to the seller of such assault weapon prior to the effective date of this section, or (iii) actual possession under subparagraph (B)(i) of this subdivision, or constructive possession under subparagraph (B)(ii) of this subdivision, as evidenced by a written statement made under penalty of false statement on such form as the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection prescribes;
- 1500 (8) "Pistol grip" means a grip or similar feature that can function as a grip for the trigger hand; [and]
- 1502 (9) "Second hand grip" means a grip or similar feature that can function as a grip that is additional to the trigger hand grip; and

1504 (10) "2023 assault weapon" means an assault weapon described in any 1505 provision of subparagraphs (G) to (I), inclusive, of subdivision (1) of this 1506 section.

- Sec. 24. Section 53-202c of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 1509 (a) Except as provided in section 53-202e, any person who, within this 1510 state, possesses an assault weapon, except as provided in sections 53-1511 202a to 53-202k, inclusive, as amended by this act, and 53-202o, shall be 1512 guilty of a class D felony and shall be sentenced to a term of 1513 imprisonment of which one year may not be suspended or reduced by 1514 the court, except that a first-time violation of this subsection shall be a 1515 class A misdemeanor if (1) the person presents proof that such person 1516 lawfully possessed the assault weapon (A) prior to October 1, 1993, with 1517 respect to an assault weapon described in subparagraph (A) of 1518 subdivision (1) of section 53-202a, as amended by this act, [or] (B) on 1519 April 4, 2013, under the provisions of sections 53-202a to 53-202k, 1520 inclusive, as amended by this act, in effect on January 1, 2013, with 1521 respect to an assault weapon described in any provision of 1522 subparagraphs (B) to (F), inclusive, of subdivision (1) of section 53-202a, 1523 as amended by this act, or (C) on the date immediately preceding the 1524 effective date of this section, under the provisions of sections 53-202a to 1525 53-202k, inclusive, revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 2023, with 1526 respect to an assault weapon defined as a 2023 assault weapon in section 1527 53-202a, as amended by this act, and (2) the person has otherwise 1528 possessed the assault weapon in compliance with subsection (f) of 1529 section 53-202d.
  - (b) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to the possession of assault weapons by: (1) The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, police departments, the Department of Correction, the Division of Criminal Justice, the Department of Motor Vehicles, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection or the military or naval forces of this state or of the United States, (2) a sworn and duly certified member of an organized police department,

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1537 the Division of State Police within the Department of Emergency 1538 Services and Public Protection or the Department of Correction, a chief 1539 inspector or inspector in the Division of Criminal Justice, a salaried 1540 inspector of motor vehicles designated by the Commissioner of Motor 1541 Vehicles, a conservation officer or special conservation officer appointed 1542 by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection pursuant 1543 to section 26-5, or a constable who is certified by the Police Officer 1544 Standards and Training Council and appointed by the chief executive 1545 authority of a town, city or borough to perform criminal law 1546 enforcement duties, for use by such sworn member, inspector, officer or 1547 constable in the discharge of such sworn member's, inspector's, officer's 1548 or constable's official duties or when off duty, (3) a member of the 1549 military or naval forces of this state or of the United States, or (4) a 1550 nuclear facility licensed by the United States Nuclear Regulatory 1551 Commission for the purpose of providing security services at such 1552 facility, or any contractor or subcontractor of such facility for the 1553 purpose of providing security services at such facility.

- (c) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to the possession of an assault weapon described in subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of section 53-202a, as amended by this act, by any person prior to July 1, 1994, if all of the following are applicable:
- 1558 (1) The person is eligible under sections 53-202a to 53-202k, inclusive, as amended by this act, to apply for a certificate of possession for the assault weapon by July 1, 1994;
- 1561 (2) The person lawfully possessed the assault weapon prior to 1562 October 1, 1993; and
- 1563 (3) The person is otherwise in compliance with sections 53-202a to 53-1564 202k, inclusive, as amended by this act.
  - (d) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to the possession of an assault weapon described in any provision of subparagraphs (B) to (F), inclusive, of subdivision (1) of section 53-202a, as amended by this act, by any person prior to April 5, 2013, if all of the

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1570	(1) The person is eligible under sections 53-202a to 53-202k, inclusive,
1571	as amended by this act, to apply for a certificate of possession for the
1572	assault weapon by January 1, 2014;
1573	(2) The person lawfully possessed the assault weapon on April 4,
1574	2013, under the provisions of sections 53-202a to 53-202k, inclusive, as
1575	amended by this act, in effect on January 1, 2013; and
1576	(3) The person is otherwise in compliance with sections 53-202a to 53-
1577	202k, inclusive, as amended by this act.
1578	(e) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to
1579	the possession of a 2023 assault weapon by any person prior to May 1,
1580	2024, if all of the following are applicable:
1581	(1) The person is eligible under sections 53-202a to 53-202k, inclusive,
1582	as amended by this act, to apply for a certificate of possession for such
1583	assault weapon by May 1, 2024;
1584	(2) The person lawfully possessed such assault weapon on the date
1585	immediately preceding the effective date of this section, under the
1586	provisions of sections 53-202a to 53-202k, inclusive, as amended by this
1587	act, and section 53-202m of the general statutes, revision of 1958, revised
1588	to January 1, 2023; and
1589	(3) The person is otherwise in compliance with sections 53-202a to 53-
1590	202k, inclusive, as amended by this act.
1591	(f) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to
1592	the possession of a 2023 assault weapon by any person if all of the
1593	following are applicable:
1594	(1) Such assault weapon was reclassified for federal purposes as a
1595	rifle pursuant to the amendments to 27 CFR Parts 478 and 479 published
1596	at 88 Federal Register 6478 (January 31, 2023).

(2) The person applied to register such assault weapon under the National Firearms Act, P. L. 73-474, as amended from time to time, using the form known as Form 1 published by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and submitted a copy of such form to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection not later than August 1, 2023, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives has approved such application, has denied such application within the past thirty days, or has not yet processed such application.

- (3) The person lawfully possessed such assault weapon on the date immediately preceding the effective date of this section, under the provisions of sections 53-202a to 53-202k, inclusive, as amended by this act, and section 53-202m of the general statutes, revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 2023; and
- (4) The person is otherwise in compliance with sections 53-202a to 53 202k, inclusive, as amended by this act.
  - [(e)] (g) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to a person who is the executor or administrator of an estate that includes an assault weapon, or the trustee of a trust that includes an assault weapon, for which a certificate of possession has been issued under section 53-202d, as amended by this act, if the assault weapon is possessed at a place set forth in subdivision (1) of subsection (f) of section 53-202d or as authorized by the Probate Court.
  - [(f)] (h) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to the possession of a semiautomatic pistol that is defined as an assault weapon in any provision of subparagraphs (B) to (F), inclusive, of subdivision (1) of section 53-202a, as amended by this act, that the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection designates as being designed expressly for use in target shooting events at the Olympic games sponsored by the International Olympic Committee pursuant to regulations adopted under subdivision (4) of subsection (b) of section 53-202b that is (1) possessed and transported in accordance with subsection (f) of section 53-202d, or (2) possessed at or transported

to or from a collegiate, Olympic or target pistol shooting competition in this state which is sponsored by, conducted under the auspices of, or approved by a law enforcement agency or a nationally or state recognized entity that fosters proficiency in, or promotes education about, firearms, provided such pistol is transported in the manner prescribed in subsection (a) of section 53-202f.

- Sec. 25. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 53-202d of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
  - (a) (1) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, any person who lawfully possesses an assault weapon, as defined in subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of section 53-202a, as amended by this act, prior to October 1, 1993, shall apply by October 1, 1994, or, if such person is a member of the military or naval forces of this state or of the United States and is unable to apply by October 1, 1994, because such member is or was on official duty outside of this state, shall apply within ninety days of returning to the state to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, for a certificate of possession with respect to such assault weapon.
    - (B) No person who lawfully possesses an assault weapon pursuant to subdivision (1), (2) or (4) of subsection (b) of section 53-202c, as amended by this act, shall be required to obtain a certificate of possession pursuant to this subdivision with respect to an assault weapon used for official duties, except that any person described in subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 53-202c, as amended by this act, who purchases an assault weapon, as defined in subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of section 53-202a, as amended by this act, for use in the discharge of official duties who retires or is otherwise separated from service shall apply within ninety days of such retirement or separation from service to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection for a certificate of possession with respect to such assault weapon.
      - (2) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision,

any person who lawfully possesses an assault weapon, as defined in any provision of subparagraphs (B) to (F), inclusive, of subdivision (1) of section 53-202a, as amended by this act, on April 4, 2013, under the provisions of sections 53-202a to 53-202k, inclusive, as amended by this act, in effect on January 1, 2013, or any person who regains possession of an assault weapon as defined in any provision of said subparagraphs pursuant to subsection (e) of section 53-202f, or any person who lawfully purchases a firearm on or after April 4, 2013, but prior to June 18, 2013, that meets the criteria set forth in subdivision (3) or (4) of subsection (a) of section 53-202a of the general statutes, revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 2013, shall apply by January 1, 2014, or, if such person is a member of the military or naval forces of this state or of the United States and is unable to apply by January 1, 2014, because such member is or was on official duty outside of this state, shall apply within ninety days of returning to the state to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection for a certificate of possession with respect to such assault weapon. Any person who lawfully purchases a semiautomatic pistol that is defined as an assault weapon in any provision of subparagraphs (B) to (F), inclusive, of subdivision (1) of section 53-202a, as amended by this act, that the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection designates as being designed expressly for use in target shooting events at the Olympic games sponsored by the International Olympic Committee pursuant to regulations adopted under subdivision (4) of subsection (b) of section 53-202b shall apply within ninety days of such purchase to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection for a certificate of possession with respect to such assault weapon.

(B) No person who lawfully possesses an assault weapon pursuant to subdivision (1), (2) or (4) of subsection (b) of section 53-202c, as amended by this act, shall be required to obtain a certificate of possession pursuant to this subdivision with respect to an assault weapon used for official duties, except that any person described in subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 53-202c, as amended by this act, who purchases an assault weapon, as defined in any provision of subparagraphs (B) to

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(F), inclusive, of subdivision (1) of section 53-202a, as amended by this act, for use in the discharge of official duties who retires or is otherwise separated from service shall apply within ninety days of such retirement or separation from service to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection for a certificate of possession with respect to such assault weapon.

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- (3) Any person who obtained a certificate of possession for an assault weapon, as defined in subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of section 53-202a, as amended by this act, prior to April 5, 2013, that is defined as an assault weapon pursuant to any provision of subparagraphs (B) to (F), inclusive, of subdivision (1) of section 53-202a, as amended by this act, shall be deemed to have obtained a certificate of possession for such assault weapon for the purposes of sections 53-202a to 53-202k, inclusive, as amended by this act, and shall not be required to obtain a subsequent certificate of possession for such assault weapon.
- 1710 (4) (A) Except as provided in subparagraphs (B) and (C) of this 1711 subdivision, any person who lawfully possesses a 2023 assault weapon 1712 on the date immediately preceding the effective date of this section, 1713 under the provisions of sections 53-202a to 53-202k, inclusive, as 1714 amended by this act, in effect on January 1, 2023, or any person who 1715 regains possession of a 2023 assault weapon pursuant to subdivision (2) 1716 of subsection (e) of section 53-202f, as amended by this act, shall apply 1717 by May 1, 2024, or, if such person is a member of the military or naval 1718 forces of this state or of the United States and is unable to apply by May 1719 1, 2024, because such member is or was on official duty outside of this 1720 state, shall apply within ninety days of returning to the state to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection for a 1721 certificate of possession with respect to such assault weapon. The 1722 1723 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall accept 1724 applications both in paper and electronic form, to the extent practicable, 1725 and shall not require such applications be notarized.
- 1726 (B) No person who lawfully possesses an assault weapon pursuant to 1727 subdivision (1), (2) or (4) of subsection (b) of section 53-202c, as amended

by this act, shall be required to obtain a certificate of possession pursuant to this subdivision with respect to an assault weapon used for official duties, except that any person described in subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 53-202c, as amended by this act, who purchases a 2023 assault weapon for use in the discharge of official duties who retires or is otherwise separated from service shall apply within ninety days of such retirement or separation from service to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection for a certificate of possession with respect to such assault weapon.

(C) Any person who lawfully possesses a 2023 assault weapon pursuant to the provisions of subsection (f) of section 53-202c, as amended by this act, and whose Form 1 application to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives has not yet been processed may, instead of following the procedure specified in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, apply by May 1, 2024, to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection for a temporary certificate of possession with respect to such assault weapon. Such temporary certificate of possession shall expire on the earlier of January 1, 2027, and the date seven days succeeding a denial of the Form 1 application. When the Form 1 application is approved with respect to such assault weapon, such person may apply to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection to convert such temporary certificate of possession into a certificate of possession with respect to such assault weapon. If a complete application to convert is received, the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall approve the application. For the purposes of this subparagraph, a full and complete Form 1 application submitted to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection in a form and manner determined by the department shall be sufficient to constitute a complete application for a temporary certificate of possession, and a copy of the notice that a Form 1 application has been approved shall constitute a complete application to convert a temporary certificate of possession into a certificate of possession. The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall accept applications under this subparagraph both in

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(5) Any person who obtained a certificate of possession for an assault weapon, as defined in any provision of subparagraphs (A) to (F), inclusive, of subdivision (1) of section 53-202a, as amended by this act, prior to the effective date of this section, that is also a 2023 assault weapon shall be deemed to have obtained a certificate of possession for such assault weapon for the purposes of sections 53-202a to 53-202k, inclusive, as amended by this act, and shall not be required to obtain a subsequent certificate of possession for such assault weapon.

[(4)] (6) The certificate of possession shall contain a description of the firearm that identifies it uniquely, including all identification marks, the full name, address, date of birth and thumbprint of the owner, and any other information as the department may deem appropriate.

[(5)] (7) The department shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to establish procedures with respect to the application for and issuance of certificates of possession pursuant to this section. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 1-210 and 1-211, the name and address of a person issued a certificate of possession shall be confidential and shall not be disclosed, except such records may be disclosed to (A) law enforcement agencies and employees of the United States Probation Office acting in the performance of their duties and parole officers within the Department of Correction acting in the performance of their duties, and (B) the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services to carry out the provisions of subsection (c) of section 17a-500.

(b) (1) No assault weapon, as defined in subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of section 53-202a, as amended by this act, possessed pursuant to a certificate of possession issued under this section may be sold or transferred on or after January 1, 1994, to any person within this state other than to a licensed gun dealer, as defined in subsection (f) of section 53-202f, as amended by this act, or as provided in section 53-

202e, or by bequest or intestate succession, or, upon the death of a 1795 testator or settlor: (A) To a trust, or (B) from a trust to a beneficiary who 1796 is eligible to possess the assault weapon.

- (2) No assault weapon, as defined in any provision of subparagraphs (B) to (F), inclusive, of subdivision (1) of section 53-202a, as amended by this act, possessed pursuant to a certificate of possession issued under this section may be sold or transferred on or after April 5, 2013, to any person within this state other than to a licensed gun dealer, as defined in subsection (f) of section 53-202f, as amended by this act, or as provided in section 53-202e, or by bequest or intestate succession, or, upon the death of a testator or settlor: (A) To a trust, or (B) from a trust to a beneficiary who is eligible to possess the assault weapon.
- (3) No 2023 assault weapon possessed pursuant to a certificate of possession issued under this section may be sold or transferred on or after the effective date of this section, to any person within this state other than to a licensed gun dealer, or as provided in section 53-202e, or by bequest or intestate succession, or, upon the death of a testator or settlor: (A) To a trust, or (B) from a trust to a beneficiary who is eligible to possess the assault weapon.
- Sec. 26. Subsection (b) of section 29-36n of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 1816 (b) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection, 1817 in conjunction with the Chief State's Attorney and the Connecticut 1818 Police Chiefs Association, shall update the protocol developed pursuant 1819 to subsection (a) of this section to reflect the provisions of sections 29-1820 7h, 29-28, as amended by this act, 29-28a, as amended by this act, 29-29, 1821 29-30, 29-32 and 29-35, as amended by this act, subsections (b) and (h) 1822 of section 46b-15, subsections (c) and (d) of section 46b-38c and sections 1823 53-202a, as amended by this act, 53-202l [, 53-202m] and 53a-217, as 1824 amended by this act, and shall include in such protocol specific 1825 instructions for the transfer, delivery or surrender of pistols and

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revolvers and other firearms and ammunition when the assistance of more than one law enforcement agency is necessary to effect the requirements of section 29-36k.

- Sec. 27. Subsection (c) of section 53-202w of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October* 1831 1, 2023):
- 1832 (c) Except as provided in this section and section 53-202x [: (1) Any 1833 person who possesses a large capacity magazine on or after January 1, 1834 2014, that was obtained prior to April 5, 2013, shall commit an infraction 1835 and be fined not more than ninety dollars for a first offense and shall be 1836 guilty of a class D felony for any subsequent offense, and (2) any person 1837 who possesses a large capacity magazine on or after January 1, 2014, that 1838 was obtained on or after April 5, 2013, shall be guilty of a class D felony 1839 any person who possesses a large capacity magazine shall be guilty of a 1840 (1) class D felony if such person is ineligible to possess a firearm under 1841 state or federal law, or (2) class A misdemeanor if such person is not 1842 ineligible to possess a firearm under state or federal law.
- Sec. 28. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 29-37p of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):
- (a) Any person who is eighteen years of age or older may apply to the
  Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection for a long
  gun eligibility certificate.
- 1849 (b) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall issue a long gun eligibility certificate unless said commissioner 1850 1851 finds that the applicant: (1) [Has] (A) For any application filed prior to 1852 July 1, 2024, has failed to successfully complete a course approved by 1853 the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection in the 1854 safety and use of firearms including, but not limited to, a safety or 1855 training course in the use of firearms available to the public offered by 1856 a law enforcement agency, a private or public educational institution or 1857 a firearms training school, utilizing instructors certified by the National

Rifle Association or the Department of Energy and Environmental 1858 1859 Protection and a safety or training course in the use of firearms 1860 conducted by an instructor certified by the state or the National Rifle 1861 Association, or (B) for any application filed on or after July 1, 2024, has 1862 failed to successfully complete, not earlier than two years prior to the 1863 submission of such application, a course approved by the Commissioner 1864 of Emergency Services and Public Protection in the safety and use of firearms, which courses may include those certified by the National 1865 1866 Rifle Association or other organizations, conducted by an instructor 1867 certified by the National Rifle Association or by the state, provided any 1868 such course includes instruction in state law requirements pertaining to 1869 safe storage in the home and in vehicles, lawful use of firearms and 1870 lawful carrying of firearms in public; (2) has been convicted of (A) a 1871 felony, (B) a misdemeanor violation of section 21a-279 on or after 1872 October 1, 2015, [or] (C) a misdemeanor violation of section 53a-58, 53a-1873 61, 53a-61a, 53a-62, 53a-63, 53a-96, 53a-175, 53a-176, 53a-178 or 53a-181d 1874 during the preceding twenty years, or (D) a misdemeanor violation of 1875 any law of this state that has been designated as a family violence crime 1876 pursuant to section 46b-38h; (3) has been convicted as delinquent for the 1877 commission of a serious juvenile offense, as defined in section 46b-120; 1878 (4) has been discharged from custody within the preceding twenty years 1879 after having been found not guilty of a crime by reason of mental disease or defect pursuant to section 53a-13; (5) has been confined in a hospital 1880 1881 for persons with psychiatric disabilities, as defined in section 17a-495, 1882 within the preceding sixty months by order of a probate court; (6) has 1883 been voluntarily admitted to a hospital for persons with psychiatric 1884 disabilities, as defined in section 17a-495, within the preceding six 1885 months for care and treatment of a psychiatric disability and not solely 1886 for being an alcohol-dependent person or a drug-dependent person as 1887 those terms are defined in section 17a-680; (7) is subject to a restraining 1888 or protective order issued by a court in a case involving the use, 1889 attempted use or threatened use of physical force against another 1890 person, including an ex parte order issued pursuant to section 46b-15 or 1891 46b-16a; (8) is subject to a firearms seizure order issued prior to June 1, 1892 2022, pursuant to section 29-38c after notice and hearing, or a risk

protection order or risk protection investigation order issued on or after June 1, 2022, pursuant to section 29-38c; (9) is prohibited from shipping, transporting, possessing or receiving a firearm pursuant to [18 USC 922(g)(4)] 18 USC 922(g)(2), (g)(4) or (g)(9); or (10) is an alien illegally or unlawfully in the United States.

Sec. 29. Subsection (b) of section 29-28 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October* 1, 2023):

(b) Upon the application of any person having a bona fide permanent residence within the jurisdiction of any such authority, such chief of police or, where there is no chief of police, such chief executive officer or designated resident state trooper or state police officer, as applicable, may issue a temporary state permit to such person to carry a pistol or revolver within the state, provided such authority shall find that such applicant intends to make no use of any pistol or revolver which such applicant may be permitted to carry under such permit other than a lawful use and that such person is a suitable person to receive such permit. If the applicant has a bona fide permanent residence within the jurisdiction of any federally recognized Native American tribe within the borders of the state, and such tribe has a law enforcement unit, as defined in section 7-294a, the chief of police of such law enforcement unit may issue a temporary state permit to such person pursuant to the provisions of this subsection, and any chief of police of any other law enforcement unit having jurisdiction over an area containing such person's bona fide permanent residence shall not issue such temporary state permit if such tribal law enforcement unit accepts applications for temporary state permits. No state or temporary state permit to carry a pistol or revolver shall be issued under this subsection if the applicant: (1) (A) For any application filed prior to July 1, 2024, has failed to successfully complete a course approved by the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection in the safety and use of pistols and revolvers including, but not limited to, a safety or training course in the use of pistols and revolvers available to the public offered by a law enforcement agency, a private or public educational institution

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or a firearms training school, utilizing instructors certified by the 1927 1928 National Rifle Association or the Department of Energy and 1929 Environmental Protection and a safety or training course in the use of 1930 pistols or revolvers conducted by an instructor certified by the state or 1931 the National Rifle Association, and (B) for any application filed on or 1932 after July 1, 2024, has failed to successfully complete, not earlier than 1933 two years prior to the submission of such application, a course approved 1934 by the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection in 1935 the safety and use of firearms, which courses may include those certified 1936 by the National Rifle Association or other organizations, conducted by 1937 an instructor certified by the National Rifle Association or by the state, 1938 provided any such course includes instruction in state law requirements pertaining to safe storage in the home and in vehicles, lawful use of 1939 1940 firearms and lawful carrying of firearms in public. Any person wishing 1941 to provide such course, may apply in the form and manner prescribed 1942 by the commissioner. The commissioner shall approve or deny any 1943 application for provision of such a course not later than July 1, 2024, in 1944 the case of an application submitted before October 1, 2023; (2) has been 1945 convicted of (A) a felony, [or] (B) a misdemeanor violation of section 1946 21a-279 on or after October 1, 2015, [or] (C) a misdemeanor violation of 1947 section 53a-58, 53a-61, 53a-61a, 53a-62, 53a-63, 53a-96, 53a-175, 53a-176, 1948 53a-178 or 53a-181d during the preceding twenty years, a misdemeanor 1949 violation of any law of this state that has been designated as a family 1950 violence crime pursuant to section 46b-38h; (3) has been convicted as 1951 delinquent for the commission of a serious juvenile offense, as defined in section 46b-120; [,] (4) has been discharged from custody within the 1952 1953 preceding twenty years after having been found not guilty of a crime by 1954 reason of mental disease or defect pursuant to section 53a-13; [,] (5) (A) 1955 has been confined in a hospital for persons with psychiatric disabilities, 1956 as defined in section 17a-495, within the preceding sixty months by 1957 order of a probate court, or (B) has been voluntarily admitted on or after 1958 October 1, 2013, to a hospital for persons with psychiatric disabilities, as 1959 defined in section 17a-495, within the preceding six months for care and 1960 treatment of a psychiatric disability and not solely for being an alcohol-1961 dependent person or a drug-dependent person, as those terms are

defined in section 17a-680; [,] (6) is subject to a restraining or protective order issued by a court in a case involving the use, attempted use or threatened use of physical force against another person, including an ex parte order issued pursuant to section 46b-15 or 46b-16a; [,] (7) is subject to a firearms seizure order issued prior to June 1, 2022, pursuant to section 29-38c after notice and hearing, or a risk protection order or risk protection investigation order issued on or after June 1, 2022, pursuant to section 29-38c; [,] (8) is prohibited from shipping, transporting, possessing or receiving a firearm pursuant to [18 USC 922(g)(4),] 18 USC 922(g)(2), (g)(4) or (g)(9); (9) is an alien illegally or unlawfully in the United States; [,] or (10) is less than twenty-one years of age. Nothing in this section shall require any person who holds a valid permit to carry a pistol or revolver on [October 1, 1994] July 1, 2024, to participate in any additional training in the safety and use of pistols and revolvers. No person may apply for a temporary state permit to carry a pistol or revolver more than once within any twelve-month period, and no temporary state permit to carry a pistol or revolver shall be issued to any person who has applied for such permit more than once within the preceding twelve months. Any person who applies for a temporary state permit to carry a pistol or revolver shall indicate in writing on the application, under penalty of false statement in such manner as the issuing authority prescribes, that such person has not applied for a temporary state permit to carry a pistol or revolver within the past twelve months. Upon issuance of a temporary state permit to carry a pistol or revolver to the applicant, the local authority shall forward the original application to the commissioner. Not later than sixty days after receiving a temporary state permit, an applicant shall appear at a location designated by the commissioner to receive the state permit. The commissioner may then issue, to any holder of any temporary state permit, a state permit to carry a pistol or revolver within the state. Upon issuance of the state permit, the commissioner shall make available to the permit holder a copy of the law regarding the permit holder's responsibility to report the loss or theft of a firearm and the penalties associated with the failure to comply with such law. Upon issuance of the state permit, the commissioner shall forward a record of such permit

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to the local authority issuing the temporary state permit. The 1997 1998 commissioner shall retain records of all applications, whether approved 1999 or denied. The copy of the state permit delivered to the permittee shall be laminated and shall contain a full-face photograph of such permittee. 2000 A person holding a state permit issued pursuant to this subsection shall 2001 2002 notify the issuing authority within two business days of any change of 2003 such person's address. The notification shall include the old address and 2004 the new address of such person.

Sec. 30. Subsection (b) of section 29-36f of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October* 1, 2023):

(b) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall issue an eligibility certificate unless said commissioner finds that the applicant: (1) [Has] (A) For any application filed prior to July 1, 2024, has failed to successfully complete a course approved by the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection in the safety and use of pistols and revolvers including, but not limited to, a safety or training course in the use of pistols and revolvers available to the public offered by a law enforcement agency, a private or public educational institution or a firearms training school, utilizing instructors certified by the National Rifle Association or the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and a safety or training course in the use of pistols or revolvers conducted by an instructor certified by the state or the National Rifle Association, or (B) for any application filed on or after July 1, 2024, has failed to successfully complete, not earlier than two years prior to the submission of such application, a course approved by the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection in the safety and use of firearms, which courses may include those certified by the National Rifle Association or other organizations, conducted by an instructor certified by the National Rifle Association or by the state, provided any such course includes instruction in state law requirements pertaining to safe storage in the home and in vehicles, lawful use of firearms and lawful carrying of firearms in public; (2) has been convicted of (A) a felony, (B) a misdemeanor violation of section 21a-279

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on or after October 1, 2015, [or] (C) a misdemeanor violation of section 53a-58, 53a-61, 53a-61a, 53a-62, 53a-63, 53a-96, 53a-175, 53a-176, 53a-178 or 53a-181d during the preceding twenty years, or (D) a misdemeanor violation of any law of this state that has been designated as a family violence crime pursuant to section 46b-38h; (3) has been convicted as delinquent for the commission of a serious juvenile offense, as defined in section 46b-120; (4) has been discharged from custody within the preceding twenty years after having been found not guilty of a crime by reason of mental disease or defect pursuant to section 53a-13; (5) (A) has been confined in a hospital for persons with psychiatric disabilities, as defined in section 17a-495, within the preceding sixty months by order of a probate court; or (B) has been voluntarily admitted on or after October 1, 2013, to a hospital for persons with psychiatric disabilities, as defined in section 17a-495, within the preceding six months for care and treatment of a psychiatric disability and not solely for being an alcoholdependent person or a drug-dependent person as those terms are defined in section 17a-680; (6) is subject to a restraining or protective order issued by a court in a case involving the use, attempted use or threatened use of physical force against another person, including an ex parte order issued pursuant to section 46b-15 or section 46b-16a; (7) is subject to a firearms seizure order issued prior to June 1, 2022, pursuant to section 29-38c after notice and hearing, or a risk protection order or risk protection investigation order issued on or after June 1, 2022, pursuant to section 29-38c; (8) is prohibited from shipping, transporting, possessing or receiving a firearm pursuant to [18 USC 922(g)(4)] 18 USC 922(g)(2), (g)(4) or (g)(9); or (9) is an alien illegally or unlawfully in the United States.

- Sec. 31. Section 53a-217 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):
  - (a) A person is guilty of criminal possession of a firearm, ammunition or an electronic defense weapon when such person possesses a firearm, ammunition or an electronic defense weapon and (1) has been convicted of (A) a felony committed prior to, on or after October 1, 2013, (B) a misdemeanor violation of section 21a-279 on or after October 1, 2015,

[or] (C) a misdemeanor violation of section 53a-58, 53a-61, 53a-61a, 53a-62, 53a-63, 53a-96, 53a-175, 53a-176, 53a-178 or 53a-181d committed on or after October 1, 2013, and during the preceding twenty years, or (D) a misdemeanor violation of any law of this state that has been designated as a family violence crime pursuant to section 46b-38h and was committed on or after October 1, 2023, (2) has been convicted as delinquent for the commission of a serious juvenile offense, as defined in section 46b-120, (3) has been discharged from custody within the preceding twenty years after having been found not guilty of a crime by reason of mental disease or defect pursuant to section 53a-13, (4) knows that such person is subject to (A) a restraining or protective order of a court of this state that has been issued against such person, after notice has been provided to such person, in a case involving the use, attempted use or threatened use of physical force against another person, or (B) a foreign order of protection, as defined in section 46b-15a, that has been issued against such person in a case involving the use, attempted use or threatened use of physical force against another person, (5) (A) has been confined on or after October 1, 2013, in a hospital for persons with psychiatric disabilities, as defined in section 17a-495, within the preceding sixty months by order of a probate court, or with respect to any person who holds a valid permit or certificate that was issued or renewed under the provisions of section 29-28, as amended by this act, or 29-36f, as amended by this act, in effect prior to October 1, 2013, such person has been confined in such hospital within the preceding twelve months, or (B) has been voluntarily admitted on or after October 1, 2013, to a hospital for persons with psychiatric disabilities, as defined in section 17a-495, within the preceding six months for care and treatment of a psychiatric disability, unless the person (i) was voluntarily admitted solely for being an alcohol-dependent person or a drug-dependent person as those terms are defined in section 17a-680, or (ii) is a police officer who was voluntarily admitted and had his or her firearm, ammunition or electronic defense weapon used in the performance of the police officer's official duties returned in accordance with section 7-291d, (6) knows that such person is subject to a firearms seizure order issued prior to June 1, 2022, pursuant to section 29-38c after notice and

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an opportunity to be heard has been provided to such person, or a risk protection order or risk protection investigation order issued on or after June 1, 2022, pursuant to section 29-38c, or (7) is prohibited from shipping, transporting, possessing or receiving a firearm pursuant to [18 USC 922(g)(4)] 18 USC 922(g)(2), (g)(4) or (g)(9). For the purposes of this section, "convicted" means having a judgment of conviction entered by a court of competent jurisdiction, "ammunition" means a loaded cartridge, consisting of a primed case, propellant or projectile, designed for use in any firearm, and a motor vehicle violation for which a sentence to a term of imprisonment of more than one year may be imposed shall be deemed an unclassified felony.

- (b) Criminal possession of a firearm, ammunition or an electronic defense weapon is a class C felony, for which two years <u>and one day</u> of the sentence imposed may not be suspended or reduced by the court, and five thousand dollars of the fine imposed may not be remitted or reduced by the court unless the court states on the record its reasons for remitting or reducing such fine.
- Sec. 32. Section 53a-217c of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):
  - (a) A person is guilty of criminal possession of a pistol or revolver when such person possesses a pistol or revolver, as defined in section 29-27, and (1) has been convicted of (A) a felony committed prior to, on or after October 1, 2013, (B) a misdemeanor violation of section 21a-279 committed on or after October 1, 2015, [or] (C) a misdemeanor violation of section 53a-58, 53a-61, 53a-61a, 53a-62, 53a-63, 53a-96, 53a-175, 53a-176, 53a-178 or 53a-181d committed during the preceding twenty years, or (D) a misdemeanor violation of any law of this state that has been designated as a family violence crime pursuant to section 46b-38h and was committed on or after October 1, 2023, (2) has been convicted as delinquent for the commission of a serious juvenile offense, as defined in section 46b-120, (3) has been discharged from custody within the preceding twenty years after having been found not guilty of a crime by reason of mental disease or defect pursuant to section 53a-13, (4) (A) has

been confined prior to October 1, 2013, in a hospital for persons with psychiatric disabilities, as defined in section 17a-495, within the preceding twelve months by order of a probate court, or has been confined on or after October 1, 2013, in a hospital for persons with psychiatric disabilities, as defined in section 17a-495, within the preceding sixty months by order of a probate court, or, with respect to any person who holds a valid permit or certificate that was issued or renewed under the provisions of section 29-28, as amended by this act, or 29-36f, as amended by this act, in effect prior to October 1, 2013, such person has been confined in such hospital within the preceding twelve months, or (B) has been voluntarily admitted on or after October 1, 2013, to a hospital for persons with psychiatric disabilities, as defined in section 17a-495, within the preceding six months for care and treatment of a psychiatric disability, unless the person (i) was voluntarily admitted solely for being an alcohol-dependent person or a drug-dependent person as those terms are defined in section 17a-680, or (ii) is a police officer who was voluntarily admitted and had his or her firearm, ammunition or electronic defense weapon used in the performance of the police officer's official duties returned in accordance with section 7-291d, (5) knows that such person is subject to (A) a restraining or protective order of a court of this state that has been issued against such person, after notice has been provided to such person, in a case involving the use, attempted use or threatened use of physical force against another person, or (B) a foreign order of protection, as defined in section 46b-15a, that has been issued against such person in a case involving the use, attempted use or threatened use of physical force against another person, (6) knows that such person is subject to a firearms seizure order issued prior to June 1, 2022, pursuant to section 29-38c after notice and an opportunity to be heard has been provided to such person, or a risk protection order or risk protection investigation order issued on or after June 1, 2022, pursuant to section 29-38c, (7) is prohibited from shipping, transporting, possessing or receiving a firearm pursuant to [18 USC 922(g)(4)] 18 USC 922(g)(2), (g)(4) or (g)(9), or (8) is an alien illegally or unlawfully in the United States. For the purposes of this section, "convicted" means having a judgment of

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(b) Criminal possession of a pistol or revolver is a class C felony, for which two years of the sentence imposed may not be suspended or reduced by the court, and five thousand dollars of the fine imposed may not be remitted or reduced by the court unless the court states on the record its reasons for remitting or reducing such fine.

- Sec. 33. Subsection (a) of section 29-37b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October* 1, 2023):
- 2177 (a) Each person, firm or corporation which engages in the retail sale 2178 of any [pistol or revolver] firearm, at the time of sale of any such [pistol 2179 or revolver] firearm, shall (1) equip such [pistol or revolver] firearm 2180 with a reusable trigger lock, gun lock or gun locking device appropriate 2181 for such firearm, which lock or device shall be constructed of material 2182 sufficiently strong to prevent it from being easily disabled and have a 2183 locking mechanism accessible by key or by electronic or other 2184 mechanical accessory specific to such lock or device to prevent 2185 unauthorized removal, and (2) provide to the purchaser thereof a 2186 written warning which shall state in block letters not less than one inch 2187 in height: "UNLAWFUL STORAGE OF A LOADED FIREARM MAY 2188 RESULT IN IMPRISONMENT OR FINE."
- Sec. 34. Subsection (a) of section 53-205 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*, 2023):
  - (a) No person shall carry or possess in any vehicle or snowmobile any [shotgun, rifle or muzzleloader of any gauge or caliber] <u>firearm</u>, other than a pistol or revolver, while such [shotgun, rifle or muzzleloader] <u>firearm</u> contains in the barrel, chamber or magazine any loaded shell or cartridge capable of being discharged or, <u>if such firearm is a muzzleloader</u>, when such muzzleloader has a percussion cap in place or when the powder pan of a flintlock contains powder. As used in this subsection, "muzzleloader" means a rifle or shotgun that is incapable of

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2200 firing a self-contained cartridge and must be loaded at the muzzle end.

- Sec. 35. Section 53-341b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):
- 2203 (a) No person, firm or corporation shall sell or deliver body armor to 2204 another person unless the transferee (1) meets in person with the 2205 transferor to accomplish the sale or delivery, and (2) possesses a permit 2206 or certificate issued under the provisions of section 29-28, as amended 2207 by this act, 29-36f, 29-37p, as amended by this act, or 29-38n.
- 2208 (b) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to 2209 the sale or delivery of body armor to (1) a sworn member or authorized 2210 official of an organized local police department, the Division of State 2211 Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public 2212 Protection, the Division of Criminal Justice, the Department of 2213 Correction, the Board of Pardons and Paroles or the Department of Motor Vehicles, (2) an authorized official of a municipality or the 2214 2215 Department of Administrative Services that purchases body armor on 2216 behalf of an organized local police department, the Division of State 2217 Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public 2218 Protection, the Division of Criminal Justice, the Department of 2219 Correction, the Board of Pardons and Paroles or the Department of 2220 Motor Vehicles, (3) a judicial marshal or probation officer or an 2221 authorized official of the Judicial Branch who purchases body armor on 2222 behalf of a probation officer or a judicial marshal, [or] (4) a member of 2223 the National Guard or the armed forces reserve, (5) a federal firearms 2224 licensee, or (6) an employee of an emergency medical service 2225 organization, as defined in section 53a-3.
  - (c) As used in this section, "body armor" means any [material] <u>item</u> designed <u>to provide bullet penetration resistance and</u> to be worn <u>on or under clothing</u> on the body, [and to provide bullet penetration resistance] <u>like a vest or other article of clothing</u>.
- (d) Any person, firm or corporation that violates the provisions of thissection shall be guilty of a class B misdemeanor.

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Sec. 36. Section 53a-3 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

- Except where different meanings are expressly specified, the following terms have the following meanings when used in this title:
- 2236 (1) "Person" means a human being, and, where appropriate, a public 2237 or private corporation, a limited liability company, an unincorporated 2238 association, a partnership, a government or a governmental 2239 instrumentality;
- 2240 (2) "Possess" means to have physical possession or otherwise to exercise dominion or control over tangible property;
- 2242 (3) "Physical injury" means impairment of physical condition or pain;
- 2243 (4) "Serious physical injury" means physical injury which creates a 2244 substantial risk of death, or which causes serious disfigurement, serious 2245 impairment of health or serious loss or impairment of the function of 2246 any bodily organ;
- 2247 (5) "Deadly physical force" means physical force which can be 2248 reasonably expected to cause death or serious physical injury;
- (6) "Deadly weapon" means any weapon, whether loaded or unloaded, from which a shot may be discharged, or a switchblade knife, gravity knife, billy, blackjack, bludgeon, or metal knuckles. The definition of "deadly weapon" in this subdivision shall be deemed not to apply to section 29-38 or 53-206;
  - (7) "Dangerous instrument" means any instrument, article or substance which, under the circumstances in which it is used or attempted or threatened to be used, is capable of causing death or serious physical injury, and includes a "vehicle" as that term is defined in this section and includes a dog that has been commanded to attack, except a dog owned by a law enforcement agency of the state or any political subdivision thereof or of the federal government when such dog is in the performance of its duties under the direct supervision, care

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- 2263 (8) "Vehicle" means a "motor vehicle" as defined in section 14-1, a 2264 snowmobile, any aircraft, or any vessel equipped for propulsion by 2265 mechanical means or sail;
- 2266 (9) "Peace officer" means a member of the Division of State Police 2267 within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection or 2268 an organized local police department, a chief inspector or inspector in 2269 the Division of Criminal Justice, a state marshal while exercising 2270 authority granted under any provision of the general statutes, a judicial 2271 marshal in the performance of the duties of a judicial marshal, a 2272 conservation officer or special conservation officer, as defined in section 2273 26-5, a constable who performs criminal law enforcement duties, a 2274 special policeman appointed under section 29-18, 29-18a, 29-18b or 29-2275 19, an adult probation officer, an official of the Department of Correction 2276 authorized by the Commissioner of Correction to make arrests in a 2277 correctional institution or facility, any investigator in the investigations 2278 unit of the office of the State Treasurer, an inspector of motor vehicles in 2279 the Department of Motor Vehicles, who is certified under the provisions 2280 of sections 7-294a to 7-294e, inclusive, a United States marshal or deputy 2281 marshal, any special agent of the federal government authorized to 2282 enforce the provisions of Title 21 of the United States Code, or a member 2283 of a law enforcement unit of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe or the 2284 Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut created and governed by a 2285 memorandum of agreement under section 47-65c who is certified as a 2286 police officer by the Police Officer Standards and Training Council 2287 pursuant to sections 7-294a to 7-294e, inclusive;
  - (10) "Firefighter" means any agent of a municipality whose duty it is to protect life and property therein as a member of a duly constituted fire department whether professional or volunteer;
  - (11) A person acts "intentionally" with respect to a result or to conduct described by a statute defining an offense when his conscious objective is to cause such result or to engage in such conduct;

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2294 (12) A person acts "knowingly" with respect to conduct or to a 2295 circumstance described by a statute defining an offense when he is 2296 aware that his conduct is of such nature or that such circumstance exists;

- (13) A person acts "recklessly" with respect to a result or to a circumstance described by a statute defining an offense when he is aware of and consciously disregards a substantial and unjustifiable risk that such result will occur or that such circumstance exists. The risk must be of such nature and degree that disregarding it constitutes a gross deviation from the standard of conduct that a reasonable person would observe in the situation;
- (14) A person acts with "criminal negligence" with respect to a result or to a circumstance described by a statute defining an offense when he fails to perceive a substantial and unjustifiable risk that such result will occur or that such circumstance exists. The risk must be of such nature and degree that the failure to perceive it constitutes a gross deviation from the standard of care that a reasonable person would observe in the situation;
- (15) "Machine gun" means a weapon of any description, irrespective of size, by whatever name known, loaded or unloaded, from which a number of shots or bullets may be rapidly or automatically discharged from a magazine with one continuous pull of the trigger and includes a submachine gun;
- 2316 (16) "Rifle" means a weapon designed or redesigned, made or remade, and intended to be fired from the shoulder and designed or redesigned and made or remade to use the energy of the explosive in a fixed metallic cartridge to fire only a single projectile through a rifled bore for each single pull of the trigger;
  - (17) "Shotgun" means a weapon designed or redesigned, made or remade, and intended to be fired from the shoulder and designed or redesigned and made or remade to use the energy of the explosive in a fixed shotgun shell to fire through a smooth bore either a number of ball shot or a single projectile for each single pull of the trigger;

2326 2327	(18) "Pistol" or "revolver" means any firearm having a barrel less than twelve inches;
2328	(19) "Firearm" means any sawed-off shotgun, machine gun, rifle,
2329	shotgun, pistol, revolver or other weapon, whether loaded or unloaded
2330	from which a shot may be discharged;
2331	(20) "Electronic defense weapon" means a weapon which by
2332	electronic impulse or current is capable of immobilizing a person
2333	temporarily, including a stun gun or other conductive energy device;
2334	(21) "Martial arts weapon" means a nunchaku, kama, kasari-fundo,
2335	octagon sai, tonfa or chinese star;
2336	(22) "Employee of an emergency medical service organization" means
2337	an ambulance driver, emergency medical technician or paramedic as
2338	defined in section 19a-175;
2339	(23) "Railroad property" means all tangible property owned, leased
2340	or operated by a railroad carrier including, but not limited to, a right-of-
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2343	equipment owned, leased or used in the operation of a railroad carrier
2344	including a train, locomotive, engine, railroad car, signals or safety
2345	device or work equipment or rolling stock;
2346	(24) "Serious firearm offense" means a violation of section 29-36, 29-
2347	36a, as amended by this act, or 53-202w, as amended by this act,
2348	possession of a stolen firearm or a firearm that is altered in a manner
2349	that renders the firearm unlawful, or any crime of which an essential
2350	element is that the person discharged, used or was armed with and
2351	threatened the use of a firearm; and
2352	(25) "Serious firearm offender" means a person who has (A) two
2353	convictions for a serious firearm offense, (B) a conviction for a serious
2354	firearm offense and was previously convicted of a violation of section
2355	29-36, 29-36a, as amended by this act, subdivision (1) of subsection (a)

of section 53a-217, as amended by this act, or subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 53a-217c, as amended by this act, or (C) a conviction for a serious firearm offense and was previously convicted of two or more additional felony offenses.

- Sec. 37. Section 53a-32 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):
  - (a) At any time during the period of probation or conditional discharge, the court or any judge thereof may issue a warrant for the arrest of a defendant for violation of any of the conditions of probation or conditional discharge, or may issue a notice to appear to answer to a charge of such violation, which notice shall be personally served upon the defendant. Whenever a probation officer has probable cause to believe that a person on probation who is a serious firearm offender has violated a condition of probation, or knows that a person on probation for a felony conviction has been arrested for the commission of a serious firearm offense, such probation officer shall apply to the court or any judge thereof for a warrant for the arrest of such person for violation of a condition or conditions of probation or conditional discharge. Any such warrant shall authorize all officers named therein to return the defendant to the custody of the court or to any suitable detention facility designated by the court. Whenever a probation officer has probable cause to believe that a person has violated a condition of such person's probation, such probation officer (1) may notify any police officer that such person has, in such officer's judgment, violated the conditions of such person's probation, and [such] (2) shall notify such police officer if such person is a serious firearm offender or is on probation for a felony conviction and has been arrested for the commission of a serious firearm offense. Such notice shall be sufficient warrant for the police officer to arrest such person and return such person to the custody of the court or to any suitable detention facility designated by the court. Whenever a probation officer so notifies a police officer, the probation officer shall notify the victim of the offense for which such person is on probation, and any victim advocate assigned to assist the victim, provided the probation officer has been provided with the name and contact

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information for such victim or victim advocate. Any probation officer may arrest any defendant on probation without a warrant or may deputize any other officer with power to arrest to do so by giving such other officer a written statement setting forth that the defendant has, in the judgment of the probation officer, violated the conditions of the defendant's probation. Such written statement, delivered with the defendant by the arresting officer to the official in charge of any correctional center or other place of detention, shall be sufficient warrant for the detention of the defendant. After making such an arrest, such probation officer shall present to the detaining authorities a similar statement of the circumstances of violation. [Provisions] Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, provisions regarding release on bail of persons charged with a crime shall be applicable to any defendant arrested under the provisions of this section. Upon such arrest and detention, the probation officer shall immediately so notify the court or any judge thereof.

- (b) When the defendant is presented for arraignment on the charge of violation of any of the conditions of probation or conditional discharge, the court shall review any conditions previously imposed on the defendant and may order, as a condition of the pretrial release of the defendant, that the defendant comply with any or all of such conditions in addition to any conditions imposed pursuant to section 54-64a, as amended by this act. Unless the court, pursuant to subsection (c) of section 54-64a, as amended by this act, orders that the defendant remain under the supervision of a probation officer or other designated person or organization, the defendant shall be supervised by the Court Support Services Division of the Judicial Branch in accordance with subsection (a) of section 54-63b.
- (c) Upon notification by the probation officer of the arrest of the defendant or upon an arrest by warrant as herein provided, the court shall cause the defendant to be brought before it without unnecessary delay for a hearing on the violation charges. At such hearing the defendant shall be informed of the manner in which such defendant is alleged to have violated the conditions of such defendant's probation or

conditional discharge, shall be advised by the court that such defendant has the right to retain counsel and, if indigent, shall be entitled to the services of the public defender, and shall have the right to cross-examine witnesses and to present evidence in such defendant's own behalf. Unless good cause is shown, a charge of violation of any of the conditions of probation or conditional discharge shall be disposed of or scheduled for a hearing not later than one hundred twenty days after the defendant is arraigned on such charge, except, if the defendant is a serious firearm offender, or is on probation for a felony conviction and has been arrested for the commission of a serious firearm offense, such charge shall be disposed of or scheduled for a hearing not later than sixty days after the defendant is arraigned on such charge.

(d) If such violation is established and the violation consisted of the commission of a serious firearm offense or the defendant is a serious firearm offender, the court shall revoke the sentence of probation or conditional discharge, otherwise, the court may: (1) Continue the sentence of probation or conditional discharge; (2) modify or enlarge the conditions of probation or conditional discharge; (3) extend the period of probation or conditional discharge, provided the original period with any extensions shall not exceed the periods authorized by section 53a-29; or (4) revoke the sentence of probation or conditional discharge. If such sentence is revoked, the court shall require the defendant to serve the sentence imposed or impose any lesser sentence. Any such lesser sentence may include a term of imprisonment, all or a portion of which may be suspended entirely or after a period set by the court, followed by a period of probation with such conditions as the court may establish. No such revocation shall be ordered, except upon consideration of the whole record and unless such violation is established by the introduction of reliable and probative evidence and by a preponderance of the evidence.

(e) Provisions regarding release on bail of any serious firearm offender arrested pursuant to this section who is charged with a crime, or any felony offender arrested pursuant to this section for a serious firearm offense, shall be applicable to such serious firearm offender

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provided that, for the purpose of applying such provisions, there shall
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- Sec. 38. Section 54-64a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):
- (a) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection and subsection (b) or (c) of this section, when any arrested person is presented before the Superior Court, said court shall, in bailable offenses, promptly order the release of such person upon the first of the following conditions of release found sufficient to reasonably ensure the appearance of the arrested person in court: (A) Upon execution of a written promise to appear without special conditions, (B) upon execution of a written promise to appear with nonfinancial conditions, (C) upon execution of a bond without surety in no greater amount than necessary, or (D) upon execution of a bond with surety in no greater amount than necessary, but in no event shall a judge prohibit a bond from being posted by surety. In addition to or in conjunction with any of the conditions enumerated in subparagraphs (A) to (D), inclusive, of this subdivision the court may, when it has reason to believe that the person is drug-dependent and where necessary, reasonable and appropriate, order the person to submit to a urinalysis drug test and to participate in a program of periodic drug testing and treatment. The results of any such drug test shall not be admissible in any criminal proceeding concerning such person.
  - (2) If the arrested person is charged with no offense other than a misdemeanor, the court shall not impose financial conditions of release on the person unless (A) the person is charged with a family violence crime, as defined in section 46b-38a, or (B) the person requests such financial conditions, or (C) the court makes a finding on the record that there is a likely risk that (i) the arrested person will fail to appear in court, as required, or (ii) the arrested person will obstruct or attempt to obstruct justice, or threaten, injure or intimidate or attempt to threaten, injure or intimidate a prospective witness or juror, or (iii) the arrested

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person will engage in conduct that threatens the safety of himself or herself or another person. In making a finding described in this subsection, the court may consider past criminal history, including any prior record of failing to appear as required in court that resulted in any conviction for a violation of section 53a-172 or any conviction during the previous ten years for a violation of section 53a-173 and any other pending criminal cases of the person charged with a misdemeanor.

- (3) The court may, in determining what conditions of release will reasonably ensure the appearance of the arrested person in court, consider the following factors: (A) The nature and circumstances of the offense, (B) such person's record of previous convictions, (C) such person's past record of appearance in court, (D) such person's family ties, (E) such person's employment record, (F) such person's financial resources, character and mental condition, (G) such person's community ties, and (H) in the case of a violation of section 53a-222a, as amended by this act, when the condition of release was issued for a family violence crime, as defined in section 46b-38a, the heightened risk posed to victims of family violence by violations of conditions of release.
- (b) (1) [When] Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, any arrested person charged with the commission of a class A felony, a class B felony, except a violation of section 53a-86 or 53a-122, a class C felony, except a violation of section 53a-87, 53a-152 or 53a-153, or a class D felony under sections 53a-60 to 53a-60c, inclusive, section 53a-72a, 53a-95, 53a-103, 53a-103a, 53a-114, 53a-136 or 53a-216, or a family violence crime, as defined in section 46b-38a, is presented before the Superior Court, said court shall, in bailable offenses, promptly order the release of such person upon the first of the following conditions of release found sufficient to reasonably ensure the appearance of the arrested person in court and that the safety of any other person will not be endangered: (A) Upon such person's execution of a written promise to appear without special conditions, (B) upon such person's execution of a written promise to appear with nonfinancial conditions, (C) upon such person's execution of a bond without surety in no greater amount than necessary, or (D) upon such person's execution of a bond with surety in no greater

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- (2) The court may, in determining what conditions of release will reasonably ensure the appearance of the arrested person in court and that the safety of any other person will not be endangered, consider the following factors: (A) The nature and circumstances of the offense, (B) such person's record of previous convictions, (C) such person's past record of appearance in court after being admitted to bail, (D) such person's family ties, (E) such person's employment record, (F) such person's financial resources, character and mental condition, (G) such person's community ties, (H) the number and seriousness of charges pending against the arrested person, (I) the weight of the evidence against the arrested person, (J) the arrested person's history of violence, (K) whether the arrested person has previously been convicted of similar offenses while released on bond, (L) the likelihood based upon the expressed intention of the arrested person that such person will commit another crime while released, and (M) the heightened risk posed to victims of family violence by violations of conditions of release and court orders of protection.
- (3) When imposing conditions of release under this subsection, the court shall state for the record any factors under subdivision (2) of this subsection that it considered and the findings that it made as to the danger, if any, that the arrested person might pose to the safety of any other person upon the arrested person's release that caused the court to impose the specific conditions of release that it imposed.
  - (c) (1) When any arrested person charged with the commission of a

serious firearm offense, as defined in section 53a-3, as amended by this 2558 2559 act, is (A) a serious firearm offender, (B) has two previous convictions for a violation of section 29-36, 29-36a, as amended by this act, 53-202, 2560 2561 53-202a, as amended by this act, 53-202b, 53-202c, 53-202w, as amended 2562 by this act, 53-202aa, 53-206i, 53a-54a, 53a-54b, 53a-54c, 53a-54d, 53a-55, 2563 53a-55a, 53a-56, 53a-56a, 53a-59, 53a-60, 53a-60a, 53a-134, 53a-212, 53a-2564 216, 53a-217, as amended by this act, 53a-217b or 53a-217c, as amended 2565 by this act, (C) a previous conviction for a violation of section 29-35, as 2566 amended by this act, in addition to a prior conviction for a violation of 2567 section 29-36, 29-36a, as amended by this act, 53-202, 53-202a, as amended by this act, 53-202b, 53-202c, 53-202w, as amended by this act, 2568 2569 53-202aa, 53-206i, 53a-54a, 53a-54b, 53a-54c, 53a-54d, 53a-55, 53a-55a, 2570 53a-56, 53a-56a, 53a-59, 53a-60, 53a-60a, 53a-134, 53a-212, 53a-216, 53a-217, as amended by this act, 53a-217b or 53a-217c, as amended by this 2571 2572 act, or (D) two or more convictions during the five-year period 2573 immediately prior to the current arrest for a violation of section 21a-277, 2574 21a-278, 53a-122 or 53a-123, is presented before the Superior Court, the 2575 court shall, in bailable offenses, promptly order the release of such 2576 person after establishing a bond amount found sufficient to reasonably 2577 ensure the appearance of the arrested person in court, and that the safety of any other person will not be endangered and upon such person's 2578 2579 execution of a bond with or without surety in no greater amount than 2580 necessary. The prosecutorial official shall petition for the arrested 2581 person to deposit at least thirty per cent of the bond amount directly 2582 with the court, and there shall be a rebuttable presumption that the 2583 safety of other persons will be endangered without the granting of such petition. Additionally, the court may, when it has reason to believe that 2584 2585 the person is drug-dependent and where necessary, reasonable and appropriate, order the person to submit to a <u>urinalysis drug test and to</u> 2586 2587 participate in a program of periodic drug testing and treatment. The 2588 results of any such drug test shall not be admissible in any criminal 2589 proceeding concerning such person.

2590 (2) When any arrested person charged with the commission of a serious firearm offense, as defined in section 53a-3, as amended by this

act, other than a person described in subdivision (1) of this subsection, is presented before the Superior Court, the court shall, in bailable offenses, promptly order the release of such person upon the first of the following conditions of release found sufficient to reasonably ensure the appearance of the arrested person in court and that the safety of any other person will not be endangered: (A) Upon such person's execution of a written promise to appear without special conditions, (B) upon such person's execution of a written promise to appear with nonfinancial conditions, (C) upon such person's execution of a bond without surety in no greater amount than necessary, or (D) upon such person's execution of a bond with surety in no greater amount than necessary, but in no event shall a judge prohibit a bond from being posted by surety. The prosecutorial official may petition the court to deem such person a serious risk to the safety of another person or persons. The prosecutorial official may present any information developed by federal, state and local law enforcement agencies in the course of a criminal investigation or enforcement action, including, but not limited to, social media posts, pictures or videos threatening violence, claiming responsibility for violence or suggesting possession of a firearm. If the court finds that the arrested person poses a serious risk to the safety of another person or persons, the arrested person may only be released pursuant to subparagraph (C) or (D) of this subdivision and the arrested person shall be required to deposit at least thirty per cent of any bond amount directly with the court. Additionally, the court may, when it has reason to believe that the person is drug-dependent and where necessary, reasonable and appropriate, order the person to submit to a urinalysis drug test and to participate in a program of periodic drug testing and treatment. The results of any such drug test shall not be admissible in any criminal proceeding concerning such person.

(3) The court may, in determining what conditions of release will reasonably ensure the appearance of the arrested person in court and that the safety of any other person will not be endangered, consider the following factors: (A) The nature and circumstances of the offense, (B) such person's record of previous convictions, (C) such person's past

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record of appearances in court after being admitted to bail, (D) such person's family ties, (E) such person's employment record, (F) such person's financial resources, character and mental condition, (G) such person's community ties, (H) the number and seriousness of charges pending against the arrested person, (I) the weight of the evidence against the arrested person, (J) the arrested person's history of violence, (K) whether the arrested person has previously been convicted of similar offenses while released on bond, and (L) the likelihood based upon the expressed intention of the arrested person that such person will commit another crime while released.

(4) When imposing conditions of release under this subsection, the court shall state for the record any factors under subdivision (3) of this subsection that it considered and the findings that it made as to the danger, if any, that the arrested person might pose to the safety of any other person upon the arrested person's release that caused the court to impose the specific conditions of release that the court imposed.

[(c)] (d) If the court determines that a nonfinancial condition of release should be imposed pursuant to subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) or (b) of this section, the court shall order the pretrial release of the person subject to the least restrictive condition or combination of conditions that the court determines will reasonably ensure the appearance of the arrested person in court and, with respect to the release of the person pursuant to subsection (b) or (c) of this section, that the safety of any other person will not be endangered, which conditions may include an order that the arrested person do one or more of the following: (1) Remain under the supervision of a designated person or organization; (2) comply with specified restrictions on such person's travel, association or place of abode; (3) not engage in specified activities, including the use or possession of a dangerous weapon, an intoxicant or a controlled substance; (4) provide sureties of the peace pursuant to section 54-56f under supervision of a designated bail commissioner or intake, assessment and referral specialist employed by the Judicial Branch; (5) avoid all contact with an alleged victim of the crime and with a potential witness who may testify

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- [(d)] (e) If the arrested person is not released, the court shall order him committed to the custody of the Commissioner of Correction until he is released or discharged in due course of law.
- [(e)] (f) The court may require that the person subject to electronic monitoring pursuant to subsection [(c)] (d) of this section pay directly to the electronic monitoring service provider a fee for the cost of such electronic monitoring services. If the court finds that the person subject to electronic monitoring is indigent and unable to pay the costs of electronic monitoring services, the court shall waive such costs. Any contract entered into by the Judicial Branch and the electronic monitoring service provider shall include a provision stating that the total cost for electronic monitoring services shall not exceed five dollars per day. Such amount shall be indexed annually to reflect the rate of inflation.
- Sec. 39. Section 54-64f of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):
  - (a) Upon application by the prosecuting authority alleging that a defendant has violated the conditions of the defendant's release, the court may, if probable cause is found, order that the defendant appear in court for an evidentiary hearing upon such allegations. An order to appear shall be served upon the defendant by any law enforcement officer delivering a copy to the defendant personally, or by leaving it at the defendant's usual place of abode with a person of suitable age and discretion then residing therein, or mailing it by registered or certified mail to the last-known address of the defendant.

(b) [If] Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, if the court, after an evidentiary hearing at which hearsay or secondary evidence shall be admissible, finds by clear and convincing evidence that the defendant has violated reasonable conditions imposed on the defendant's release it may impose different or additional conditions upon the defendant's release. If the defendant is on release with respect to an offense for which a term of imprisonment of ten or more years may be imposed and the court, after an evidentiary hearing at which hearsay or secondary evidence shall be admissible, finds by clear and convincing evidence that the defendant has violated reasonable conditions of the defendant's release and that the safety of any other person is endangered while the defendant is on release, it may revoke such release. The revocation of a defendant's release pursuant to this subsection shall cause any bond posted in the criminal proceeding to be automatically terminated and the surety to be released.

(c) [If] Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, if the defendant is a serious firearm offender or is on release with respect to a serious firearm offense as defined in section 53a-3, as amended by this act, or the defendant is on release with respect to an offense for which a term of imprisonment of ten or more years may be imposed and the court, after an evidentiary hearing at which hearsay or secondary evidence shall be admissible, finds by clear and convincing evidence that the safety of any other person is endangered while the defendant is on release and that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant has committed a federal, state or local crime while on release, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that the defendant's release should be revoked.

(d) If the defendant is a serious firearm offender as defined in section 53a-3, as amended by this act, and is on release with respect to any offense and the court, after an evidentiary hearing at which hearsay or secondary evidence shall be admissible, finds by the preponderance of the evidence that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant has committed a serious firearm offense, as defined in section 53a-3, as amended by this act, while on release, or if the defendant is on release

with respect to any offense referenced in subsection (c) of section 54-64a,

- 2727 as amended by this act, and the court, after an evidentiary hearing at
- which hearsay or secondary evidence shall be admissible, finds by the
- 2729 preponderance of evidence that there is probable cause to believe that
- 2730 <u>the defendant has committed a serious firearm offense, the defendant's</u>
- 2731 release shall be revoked.
- [(d)] (e) The revocation of a defendant's release pursuant to this
- 2733 section shall cause any bond posted in the criminal proceeding to be
- 2734 automatically terminated and the surety to be released.
- 2735 (f) If the defendant commits a serious firearm offense while on
- 2736 pretrial release and is subsequently convicted of any offense for which
- 2737 the defendant was on pretrial release and a serious firearm offense
- 2738 committed while on pretrial release, any bond posted in the criminal
- 2739 proceeding for the offense for which the defendant was on pretrial
- 2740 <u>release shall be forfeited.</u>
- Sec. 40. Section 54-127 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 2742 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):
- 2743 The request of the Commissioner of Correction or any officer of the
- 2744 Department of Correction so designated by the commissioner, or of the
- 2745 Board of Pardons and Paroles or its chairman shall be sufficient warrant
- 2746 to authorize any officer of the Department of Correction or any officer
- 2747 authorized by law to serve criminal process within this state, to return
- 2748 any [convict or inmate] parolee on parole into actual custody; and any
- 2749 such officer, police officer, constable or state marshal shall arrest and
- 2750 hold any parolee [or inmate] when so requested, without any written
- warrant, and the commissioner shall make such request if the parolee is
- 2752 <u>a serious firearm offender, as defined in section 53a-3, as amended by</u>
- 2753 this act, and is arrested while on parole for a felony offense, or if the
- 2754 parolee is arrested for a serious firearm offense as defined in section 53a-
- 2755 3, as amended by this act.
- Sec. 41. (NEW) (Effective from passage) (a) For the purposes of this
- 2757 section, "firearm-related crime docket" means a docket in a geographical

area separate and apart from other criminal matters for the hearing of firearm-related matters.

- (b) Not later than December 31, 2023, the Chief Court Administrator shall establish a firearm-related crime docket to serve the geographical area courts in Fairfield, Hartford, New Haven and Waterbury. The Chief Court Administrator shall establish policies and procedures to implement such firearm-related crime docket.
- 2765 Sec. 42. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2023) Notwithstanding any 2766 provision of the general statutes, any peace officer who is a sworn 2767 member of a law enforcement agency or any prosecutorial official who 2768 is aware of any person released on parole or serving probation who 2769 poses a serious threat to public safety, may file an emergency petition 2770 with the supervisory staff of the probation or parole office, as applicable, 2771 and a copy of such petition with the office of the Chief State's Attorney. 2772 Such petition shall cite risk factors pointing to the person released on 2773 parole or serving probation as a serious threat to public safety and may 2774 present any information developed by federal, state and local law 2775 enforcement agencies in the course of a criminal investigation or 2776 enforcement action, including, but not limited to, social media posts, 2777 pictures or videos threatening violence, claiming responsibility for 2778 violence or suggesting possession of a firearm. Not later than forty-eight 2779 hours after receiving such petition, the supervisory staff of the probation 2780 or parole office, as applicable, shall (1) seek a warrant for such person 2781 serving probation for a violation of such probation, as applicable, or (2) 2782 provide the rationale for not taking an action described in subdivision 2783 (1) of this section.
- Sec. 43. Subsection (a) of section 53a-222 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October* 1, 2023):
- (a) A person is guilty of violation of conditions of release in the first degree when, while charged with the commission of a felony, such person is released pursuant to subsection (b) of section 54-63c,

subsection (c) of section 54-63d or subsection [(c)] (d) of section 54-64a, as amended by this act, and intentionally violates one or more of the imposed conditions of release.

- Sec. 44. Subsection (a) of section 53a-222a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October* 1, 2023):
- (a) A person is guilty of violation of conditions of release in the second degree when, while charged with the commission of a misdemeanor or motor vehicle violation for which a sentence to a term of imprisonment may be imposed, such person is released pursuant to subsection (b) of section 54-63c, subsection (c) of section 54-63d or subsection [(c)] (d) of section 54-64a, as amended by this act, and intentionally violates one or more of the imposed conditions of release.
- Sec. 45. Section 53-202g of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):
  - (a) Any person who lawfully possesses an assault weapon under sections 53-202a to 53-202k, inclusive, as amended by this act, or a firearm, as defined in section 53a-3, as amended by this act, that is lost or stolen from such person shall report the loss or theft to the organized local police department for the town in which the loss or theft occurred or, if such town does not have an organized local police department, to the state police troop having jurisdiction for such town within seventy-two hours of when such person discovered or should have discovered the loss or theft. Such department or troop shall forthwith forward a copy of such report to the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to the loss or theft of an antique firearm as defined in section 29-37a, as amended by this act.
  - (b) Any person who fails to make a report required by subsection (a) of this section, within the prescribed time period shall [commit an infraction and be fined not more than ninety dollars] be guilty of a class A misdemeanor for a first offense and be guilty of a class C felony for

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any subsequent offense, except that, if such person intentionally fails to make such report within the prescribed time period, such person shall be guilty of a class B felony. Any person who violates subsection (a) of this section for the first offense shall not lose such person's right to hold or obtain any firearm permit under the general statutes.

Sec. 46. Subsection (b) of section 29-28a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October* 2829 1, 2023):

(b) (1) The local authority shall, not later than eight weeks after a sufficient application for a temporary state permit has been made, inform the applicant that such applicant's request for a temporary state permit has been approved or denied, and if denied, supply to the applicant a detailed written reason for such denial. The local authority shall forward a copy of the application indicating approval or denial of the temporary state permit to the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection. If the local authority has denied the application for a temporary state permit, no state permit may be issued. If the local authority has failed to expressly deny the application or issue a temporary state permit during the eight-week period following the submission of such application, upon presentation by the applicant of an affidavit attesting to such failure to expressly deny the application at least (A) thirty-two weeks, in the case of an application filed on or before March 30, 2024, and (B) sixteen weeks, in the case of an application filed on or after April 1, 2024, after submission of such application, the commissioner shall accept such affidavit in lieu of a temporary state permit and notify the local authority immediately of the receipt of such affidavit. The commissioner shall, not later than eight weeks after receiving an application indicating approval from the local authority, or an affidavit attesting to a failure to expressly deny the application. The commissioner shall, not later than eight weeks after receiving an application indicating approval from the local authority, or an affidavit attesting to a failure to expressly deny the application, inform the applicant in detailed writing that the applicant's application for a state permit has been approved or denied, or that the results of the national

criminal history records check have not been received. If grounds for denial become known after a temporary state permit has been obtained, the temporary state permit shall be immediately revoked pursuant to section 29-32. The failure of the issuing authority to complete the review of an application for a temporary state permit shall not be grounds for the commissioner to deny issuance of a state permit.

- (2) Notwithstanding subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of this subsection, during a major disaster or an emergency declaration by the President of the United States, or an emergency declaration issued by the Governor due to any disease epidemic, public health emergency or natural disaster impacting a local authority, the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall not accept any affidavit filed under subdivision (1) of this subsection until thirty-two weeks have passed since submission of the application for a temporary state permit.
- Sec. 47. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Any comprehensive plan and program developed by the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection pursuant to subsection (b) of section 28-5 of the general statutes shall include a response plan for a mass shooting event. A mass shooting event is deemed to occur when, within a period of twenty-four hours, four or more individuals are shot within a three-mile radius.
- (b) In any response plan for a mass shooting event, the commissioner shall include provisions directing the coordination of a meeting with the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, the local police department, community leaders, including religious leaders and representatives of the Project Longevity Initiative, established under section 4-68bb of the general statutes, for the purpose of determining (1) why the shooting event occurred, (2) what circumstances led to the shooting event, (3) whether there were warning signs that such shooting event would occur, (4) preventative measures the community can enact to prevent further shooting events, and (5) if there are resources available to assist the community in its response to the shooting event.

At the conclusion of such meeting, the meeting participants shall report their findings to the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection. The commissioner shall review and report the findings and any other information the commissioner deems pertinent, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the Governor, majority and minority leaders of the House Representatives and the Senate and the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public safety and security. Such report shall include recommendations, if any, for legislative action to reduce mass shooting events.

- (c) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall coordinate with the Commissioner of Public Health for the deployment of grief counselors and mental health professionals to provide mental health services to the family members or other individuals with a close association with any victim of a mass shooting. Such deployments shall be made to local community outreach groups in and around the impacted geographical location and to any school or institution of higher education where any victim or perpetrator of a mass shooting event was enrolled.
- (d) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall coordinate an investigation into each mass shooting event with the office of the Chief State's Attorney. Each such investigation shall consider: (1) How the perpetrator acquired any firearm used in the event, (2) whether the firearm that was used was legally acquired, (3) if the magazine used in the shooting was a large capacity magazine, as defined in section 53-202w of the general statutes, as amended by this act, and (4) the backgrounds of the perpetrator and the victims. The commissioner and Chief State's Attorney shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, a summary of each such investigation, all findings of such investigation, including any determination of cause of the mass shooting event and any recommendations to prevent future mass shooting events to the Governor, majority and minority leaders of the House of Representatives and the Senate and the joint standing committee of the

General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public safety and security and to the chief elected officer and legislative body, each as described in section 7-193 of the general statutes, of the municipality where the mass shooting event occurred.

Sec. 48. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2023) The administrative head of each law enforcement unit, as defined in section 7-291e of the general statutes, shall ensure that each police station, headquarters or barracks under such administrative head's jurisdiction posts in a conspicuous place that is readily available for viewing by the public a statement informing individuals of (1) their right to request and obtain an application to apply for a permit to carry a pistol or revolver, their right to submit an application for a permit to carry a pistol or revolver no more than one week after their request to do so, their right to be informed in writing of the result of their application within eight weeks from its submittal, their right to file an appeal in the event of a denial of a permit for the carrying of a pistol or revolver and an individual's state and federal constitutional right to own, possess and carry a firearm for the protection of the individual's home or family as the individual so lawfully chooses, and (2) the application process for a risk protection order pursuant to section 29-38c of the general statutes, including the process by which a family member or medical professional can apply.

Sec. 49. Section 53-202m of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective from passage*)"

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:					
Section 1	October 1, 2023	29-35			
Sec. 2	October 1, 2023	29-37			
Sec. 3	from passage	29-36a			
Sec. 4	October 1, 2023	29-28(a)			
Sec. 5	October 1, 2023	29-28(d)			
Sec. 6	October 1, 2023	29-30(a)			
Sec. 7	October 1, 2023	29-31			
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Sec. 11	October 1, 2023	29-37a
Sec. 12	October 1, 2023	29-37i
Sec. 13	October 1, 2023	29-38b
Sec. 14	October 1, 2023	29-38m
Sec. 15	from passage	53-202f(d) to (f)
Sec. 16	October 1, 2023	54-36e(b)
Sec. 17	October 1, 2023	53-202l(e)
Sec. 18	October 1, 2023	53-202w(g)
Sec. 19	October 1, 2023	53-206g(f)
Sec. 20	October 1, 2023	53a-217a
Sec. 21	October 1, 2023	54-66a
Sec. 22	October 1, 2023	54-280(8)
Sec. 23	from passage	53-202a
Sec. 24	from passage	53-202c
Sec. 25	from passage	53-202d(a) and (b)
Sec. 26	from passage	29-36n(b)
Sec. 27	October 1, 2023	53-202w(c)
Sec. 28	October 1, 2023	29-37p(a) and (b)
Sec. 29	October 1, 2023	29-28(b)
Sec. 30	October 1, 2023	29-36f(b)
Sec. 31	October 1, 2023	53a-217
Sec. 32	October 1, 2023	53a-217c
Sec. 33	October 1, 2023	29-37b(a)
Sec. 34	July 1, 2023	53-205(a)
Sec. 35	October 1, 2023	53-341b
Sec. 36	October 1, 2023	53a-3
Sec. 37	October 1, 2023	53a-32
Sec. 38	October 1, 2023	54-64a
Sec. 39	October 1, 2023	54-64f
Sec. 40	October 1, 2023	54-127
Sec. 41	from passage	New section
Sec. 42	October 1, 2023	New section
Sec. 43	October 1, 2023	53a-222(a)
Sec. 44	October 1, 2023	53a-222a(a)
Sec. 45	October 1, 2023	53-202g
Sec. 46	October 1, 2023	29-28a(b)
Sec. 47	from passage	New section
Sec. 48	October 1, 2023	New section

Sec. 49	from passage	Repealer section