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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:
(PS)

AN ACT CONCERNING LARGE CAPACITY MAGAZINES AND THE SALE OF AMMUNITION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 53-202w of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

3 (a) As used in this section and section 53-202x:

4 (1) "Large capacity magazine" means any firearm magazine, belt,
5 drum, feed strip or similar device that has the capacity of, or can be
6 readily restored or converted to accept, more than [ten] fifteen rounds
7 of ammunition, but does not include: (A) A feeding device that has been
8 permanently altered so that it cannot accommodate more than ten
9 rounds of ammunition, (B) a .22 caliber tube ammunition feeding
10 device, (C) a tubular magazine that is contained in a lever-action
11 firearm, or (D) a magazine that is permanently inoperable;

12 (2) "Lawfully possesses", with respect to a large capacity magazine,
13 means that a person has (A) actual and lawful possession of the large
14 capacity magazine, (B) constructive possession of the large capacity

15 magazine pursuant to a lawful purchase of a firearm that contains a
16 large capacity magazine that was transacted prior to or on April 4, 2013,
17 regardless of whether the firearm was delivered to the purchaser prior
18 to or on April 4, 2013, which lawful purchase is evidenced by a writing
19 sufficient to indicate that (i) a contract for sale was made between the
20 parties prior to or on April 4, 2013, for the purchase of the firearm, or (ii)
21 full or partial payment for the firearm was made by the purchaser to the
22 seller of the firearm prior to or on April 4, 2013, or (C) actual possession
23 under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, or constructive possession
24 under subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, as evidenced by a written
25 statement made under penalty of false statement on such form as the
26 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection prescribes;
27 and

28 (3) "Licensed gun dealer" means a person who has a federal firearms
29 license and a permit to sell firearms pursuant to section 29-28.

30 (b) Except as provided in this section, on and after April 5, 2013, any
31 person who, within this state, distributes, imports into this state, keeps
32 for sale, offers or exposes for sale, or purchases a large capacity
33 magazine shall be guilty of a class D felony. On and after April 5, 2013,
34 any person who, within this state, transfers a large capacity magazine,
35 except as provided in subsection (f) of this section, shall be guilty of a
36 class D felony.

37 (c) Except as provided in this section and section 53-202x, any person
38 who possesses a large capacity magazine shall be guilty of a (1) class D
39 felony if such person is ineligible to possess a firearm under state or
40 federal law, or (2) class A misdemeanor if such person is not ineligible
41 to possess a firearm under state or federal law.

42 (d) A large capacity magazine may be possessed, purchased or
43 imported by:

44 (1) The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection,
45 police departments, the Department of Correction, the Division of
46 Criminal Justice, the Department of Motor Vehicles, the Department of

47 Energy and Environmental Protection or the military or naval forces of
48 this state or of the United States;

49 (2) A sworn and duly certified member of an organized police
50 department, the Division of State Police within the Department of
51 Emergency Services and Public Protection or the Department of
52 Correction, a chief inspector or inspector in the Division of Criminal
53 Justice, a salaried inspector of motor vehicles designated by the
54 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, a conservation officer or special
55 conservation officer appointed by the Commissioner of Energy and
56 Environmental Protection pursuant to section 26-5, or a constable who
57 is certified by the Police Officer Standards and Training Council and
58 appointed by the chief executive authority of a town, city or borough to
59 perform criminal law enforcement duties, for use by such sworn
60 member, inspector, officer or constable in the discharge of such sworn
61 member's, inspector's, officer's or constable's official duties or when off
62 duty;

63 (3) A member of the military or naval forces of this state or of the
64 United States;

65 (4) A nuclear facility licensed by the United States Nuclear
66 Regulatory Commission for the purpose of providing security services
67 at such facility, or any contractor or subcontractor of such facility for the
68 purpose of providing security services at such facility;

69 (5) Any person who is sworn and acts as a policeman on behalf of an
70 armored car service pursuant to section 29-20 in the discharge of such
71 person's official duties; or

72 (6) Any person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of
73 manufacturing large capacity magazines in this state that manufactures,
74 purchases, tests or transports large capacity magazines in this state for
75 sale within this state to persons specified in subdivisions (1) to (5),
76 inclusive, of this subsection or for sale outside this state, or a federally-
77 licensed firearm manufacturer engaged in the business of
78 manufacturing firearms or large capacity magazines in this state that

79 manufactures, purchases, tests or transports firearms or large capacity
80 magazines in this state for sale within this state to persons specified in
81 subdivisions (1) to (5), inclusive, of this subsection or for sale outside
82 this state.

83 (e) A large capacity magazine may be possessed by:

84 (1) A licensed gun dealer;

85 (2) A gunsmith who is in a licensed gun dealer's employ, who
86 possesses such large capacity magazine for the purpose of servicing or
87 repairing a lawfully possessed large capacity magazine;

88 (3) A person, firm, corporation or federally-licensed firearm
89 manufacturer described in subdivision (6) of subsection (d) of this
90 section that possesses a large capacity magazine that is lawfully
91 possessed by another person for the purpose of servicing or repairing
92 the large capacity magazine;

93 (4) Any person who has declared possession of the magazine
94 pursuant to section 53-202x; or

95 (5) Any person who is the executor or administrator of an estate that
96 includes a large capacity magazine, or the trustee of a trust that includes
97 a large capacity magazine, the possession of which has been declared to
98 the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection pursuant
99 to section 53-202x, which is disposed of as authorized by the Probate
100 Court, if the disposition is otherwise permitted by this section and
101 section 53-202x.

102 (f) Subsection (b) of this section shall not prohibit:

103 (1) The transfer of a large capacity magazine, the possession of which
104 has been declared to the Department of Emergency Services and Public
105 Protection pursuant to section 53-202x, by bequest or intestate
106 succession, or, upon the death of a testator or settlor: (A) To a trust, or
107 (B) from a trust to a beneficiary;

108 (2) The transfer of a large capacity magazine to a police department
109 or the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection;

110 (3) The transfer of a large capacity magazine to a licensed gun dealer
111 in accordance with section 53-202x; [or]

112 (4) The transfer of a large capacity magazine prior to October 1, 2013,
113 from a licensed gun dealer, pawnbroker licensed under section 21-40, or
114 consignment shop operator, as defined in section 21-39a, to any person
115 who (A) possessed the large capacity magazine prior to or on April 4,
116 2013, (B) placed a firearm that such person legally possessed, with the
117 large capacity magazine included or attached, in the possession of such
118 dealer, pawnbroker or operator prior to or on April 4, 2013, pursuant to
119 an agreement between such person and such dealer, pawnbroker or
120 operator for the sale of the firearm to a third person, and (C) is eligible
121 to possess the firearm on the date of such transfer; or

122 (5) The transfer of a large capacity magazine within this state between
123 any of the persons specified in subdivisions (1) to (5), inclusive, of
124 subsection (e) of this section.

125 (g) The court may order suspension of prosecution in addition to any
126 other diversionary programs available to the defendant, if the court
127 finds that a violation of this section is not of a serious nature and that
128 the person charged with such violation (1) will probably not offend in
129 the future, (2) has not previously been convicted of a violation of this
130 section, and (3) has not previously had a prosecution under this section
131 suspended pursuant to this subsection, it may order suspension of
132 prosecution in accordance with the provisions of subsection (i) of section
133 29-33.

134 Sec. 2. Subsection (d) of section 29-38m of the general statutes is
135 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
136 *1, 2025*):

137 (d) The provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of this section shall not
138 apply to the sale of ammunition to (1) the Department of Emergency

139 Services and Public Protection, police departments, the Department of
140 Correction, the Division of Criminal Justice, the Department of Motor
141 Vehicles, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection or
142 the military or naval forces of this state or of the United States; (2) a
143 sworn and duly certified member of an organized police department,
144 the Division of State Police within the Department of Emergency
145 Services and Public Protection or the Department of Correction, a chief
146 inspector or inspector in the Division of Criminal Justice, a salaried
147 inspector of motor vehicles designated by the Commissioner of Motor
148 Vehicles, a conservation officer or special conservation officer appointed
149 by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection pursuant
150 to section 26-5, or a constable who is certified by the Police Officer
151 Standards and Training Council and appointed by the chief executive
152 authority of a town, city or borough to perform criminal law
153 enforcement duties, for use by such sworn member, inspector, officer or
154 constable in the discharge of such sworn member's, inspector's, officer's
155 or constable's official duties or when off duty; (3) a member of the
156 military or naval forces of this state or of the United States; (4) a nuclear
157 facility licensed by the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
158 for the purpose of providing security services at such facility, or any
159 contractor or subcontractor of such facility for the purpose of providing
160 security services at such facility; [or] (5) a federally licensed firearm
161 manufacturer, importer, dealer or collector; or (6) a patron of a firing or
162 shooting range, provided such ammunition is sold, obtained and
163 discharged at such firing or shooting range.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2025	53-202w
Sec. 2	October 1, 2025	29-38m(d)

PS *Joint Favorable*