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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 Section 53-202w of the general statutes is repealed and the  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)

***Statement of Purpose:***

To (1) redefine "large capacity magazine", (2) provide that the transfer of a large capacity magazine between certain persons within the state is not prohibited, and (3) permit the sale of ammunition to patrons of a firing or shooting range.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*