1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to assault weapons and large-capacity 3 magazines; creating s. 790.301, F.S.; providing 4 definitions; prohibiting the sale or transfer of an 5 assault weapon or a large-capacity magazine; providing 6 criminal penalties; providing exceptions; prohibiting 7 possession of an assault weapon or a large-capacity 8 magazine; providing criminal penalties; providing 9 exceptions; requiring certificates of possession for assault weapons or large-capacity magazines lawfully 10 11 possessed before a specified date; providing 12 requirements for the certificates; requiring the 13 Department of Law Enforcement to conduct a background 14 investigation; requiring the department to adopt 15 rules; specifying the form of the certificates; 16 limiting sales or transfers of assault weapons or 17 large-capacity magazines documented by the 18 certificates; providing exceptions; providing 19 conditions for continued possession of such weapons or large-capacity magazines; providing requirements for 20 21 an applicant who fails to qualify for a certificate of 22 possession; requiring certificates of transfer for 23 transfers of certain assault weapons or large-capacity 24 magazines; providing requirements for certificates of transfer; requiring the department to maintain a file 25

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of such certificates; providing for relinquishment of assault weapons or large-capacity magazines; providing requirements for transportation of assault weapons or large-capacity magazines under certain circumstances; providing criminal penalties; specifying circumstances in which the manufacture or transportation of assault weapons or large-capacity magazines is not prohibited; exempting permanently inoperable firearms from certain provisions; amending s. 775.087, F.S.; providing enhanced criminal penalties for certain offenses when committed with an assault weapon or a large-capacity magazine; providing for severability; providing an effective date. Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: Section 790.301, Florida Statutes, is created Section 1. to read: 790.301 Assault weapons.-(1) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term: (a)1. "Assault weapon" means a selective-fire firearm capable of fully automatic, semiautomatic, or burst fire at the option of the user or any of the following specified

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a. All AK series, including, but not limited to, the

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semiautomatic firearms:

51	following: AK, AKM, AKS, AK-47, AK-74, ARM, MAK90, MISR, NHM90,
52	NHM91, SA 85, SA 93, VEPR, WASR-10, WUM, Rock River Arms LAR-47,
53	and Vector Arms AK-47.
54	b. All AR series, including, but not limited to, the
55	following: AR-10, AR-15, Bushmaster XM15, Armalite AR-180 and
56	M15, Olympic Arms, AR70, DPMS Tactical Rifles, Smith & Wesson
57	M&P15 Rifles, Colt AR-15, Rock River Arms LAR-15, and DoubleStar
58	AR rifles.
59	c. Algimec AGM1.
60	d. Barrett 82A1 and REC7.
61	e. Beretta AR-70 and Beretta Storm.
62	f. Bushmaster Auto Rifle.
63	g. Calico Liberty series.
64	h. Chartered Industries of Singapore SR-88.
65	<pre>i. Colt Sporter.</pre>
66	j. Daewoo K-1, K-2, Max-1, and Max-2.
67	k. FAMAS MAS 223.
68	1. Federal XC-900 and SC-450.
69	m. Fabrique National FN/FAL, FN/LAR, and FNC.
70	n. FNH PS90, SCAR, and FS2000.
71	o. Goncz High Tech Carbine.
72	<pre>p. Hi-Point Carbine.</pre>
73	q. HK-91, HK-93, HK-94, SP-89, and HK-PSG-1.
74	r. Kel-Tec Sub-2000, SU series, and RFB.
75	s. M1 Carbine.

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          t. SAR-8, SAR-4800, and SR9.
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          u. SIG 57 AMT and 500 Series.
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          v. SIG Sauer MCX Rifle.
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          w. SKS capable of accepting a detachable magazine.
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          x. SLG 95.
              SLR 95 or 96.
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          z. Spectre Auto Carbine.
          aa. Springfield Armory BM59, SAR-48, and G-3.
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          bb. Sterling MK-6 and MK-7.
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          cc. Steyr AUG.
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          dd. Sturm Ruger Mini-14 with folding stock.
          ee. TNW M230 and M2HB.
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          ff. Thompson types, including Thompson T5.
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          gg. UZI, Galil and UZI Sporter, Galil Sporter, Galil
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     Sniper Rifle (Galatz), and Vector Arms UZI.
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          hh. Weaver Arms Nighthawk.
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          2. All of the following handguns, copies, duplicates, or
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     altered facsimiles with the capability of any such weapon:
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          a. AK-47 pistol and Mini AK-47 pistol.
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          b. AR-15 pistol.
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          c. Australian Automatic Arms SAP pistol.
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          d. Bushmaster Auto Pistol.
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          e. Calico Liberty series pistols.
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          f. Encom MK-IV, MP-9, and MP-45.
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          g. Feather AT-9 and Mini-AT.
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101	h. Goncz High-Tech Long pistol.
102	i. Holmes MP-83.
103	j. Iver Johnson Enforcer.
104	k. MAC-10, MAC-11, Masterpiece Arms MPA pistol series, and
105	Velocity Arms VMA series.
106	1. Intratec TEC-9, TEC-DC9, TEC-22 Scorpion, or AB-10.
107	m. UZI pistol and Micro-UZI pistol.
108	n. Colefire Magnum.
109	o. Scarab Skorpion.
110	p. Spectre Auto pistol.
111	q. German Sport 522 PK.
112	r. Chiappa Firearms Mfour-22.
113	s. DSA SA58 PKP FAL.
114	t. I.O. Inc. PPS-43C.
115	u. Kel-Tec PLR-16 pistol.
116	v. SIG Sauer P556 pistol.
117	w. Thompson TA5 series pistols.
118	x. Wilkinson "Linda" pistol.
119	3. All of the following shotguns, copies, duplicates, or
120	altered facsimiles with the capability of any such weapon:
121	a. Armscor 30 BG.
122	b. Franchi SPAS-12 and Law-12.
123	c. Remington TAC-2 or TACB3 FS.
124	d. SPAS 12 and LAW 12.
125	e. Striker 12.
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126	f. Streetsweeper.
127	g. Saiga.
128	h. USAS-12.
129	i. Kel-Tec KSG.
130	4. A part or combination of parts that converts a firearm
131	into an assault weapon or a combination of parts from which an
132	assault weapon may be assembled if those parts are in the
133	possession or under the control of the same person.
134	5. A semiautomatic firearm not listed in subparagraphs 1
135	4. which meets any of the following criteria:
136	a. A semiautomatic rifle that has the ability to accept a
137	detachable magazine and has one or more of the following:
138	(I) A folding or telescoping stock;
139	(II) A pistol grip, thumbhole stock, Thordsen-type grip or
140	stock, or any other characteristic that can function as a grip;
141	(III) A bayonet mount;
142	(IV) A flash suppressor or threaded barrel designed to
143	accommodate a flash suppressor;
144	(V) A grenade launcher; or
145	(VI) A shroud attached to the barrel, or that partially or
146	completely encircles the barrel, allowing the bearer to hold the
147	firearm with the nontrigger hand without being burned but that
148	excludes a slide that encloses the barrel.
149	b. A semiautomatic pistol that has the ability to accept a
150	detachable magazine and has one or more of the following:

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151	(I) The capacity to accept a large-capacity magazine that
152	attaches to the pistol at a location outside of the pistol grip;
153	(II) A threaded barrel capable of accepting a barrel
154	extender, flash suppressor, forward handgrip, or silencer;
155	(III) A slide that encloses the barrel and that permits
156	the shooter to hold the firearm with the nontrigger hand without
157	being burned;
158	(IV) A manufactured weight of 50 ounces or more when the
159	<pre>pistol is unloaded;</pre>
160	(V) A semiautomatic version of an automatic firearm;
161	(VI) A feature capable of functioning as a protruding grip
162	that can be held by the nontrigger hand; or
163	(VII) A folding, telescoping, or thumbhole stock.
164	c. A semiautomatic shotgun that has one or more of the
165	<pre>following:</pre>
166	(I) A folding or telescoping stock;
167	(II) A pistol grip, thumbhole stock, Thordsen-type grip or
168	stock, or any other characteristic that can function as a grip;
169	(III) A fixed magazine capacity in excess of 5 rounds; or
170	(IV) An ability to accept a detachable magazine.
171	d. A semiautomatic pistol or semiautomatic, centerfire, or
172	rimfire rifle with a fixed magazine that has the capacity to
173	accept more than 10 rounds of ammunition.
174	e. A part or combination of parts designed or intended to
175	convert a firearm into an assault weapon or a combination of

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parts from which an assault weapon may be assembled if those parts are in the possession or under the control of the same person.

- (b) "Detachable magazine" means an ammunition feeding device that can be removed from a firearm without disassembly of the firearm action.
- (c) "Fixed magazine" means an ammunition feeding device contained in, or permanently attached to, a firearm in such a manner that the device cannot be removed without disassembly of the firearm action.
- (d) "Large-capacity magazine" means an ammunition feeding device with the capacity to accept more than 10 rounds or a conversion kit, part, or combination of parts from which such a device can be assembled if those parts are in the possession or under the control of the same person but does not include any of the following:
- 1. A feeding device that has been permanently altered so that it cannot accommodate more than 10 rounds;
 - 2. A .22 caliber tube ammunition feeding device; or
- 3. A tubular magazine that is contained in a lever-action firearm.
 - (e) "Licensed dealer" means a person who has a federal firearms license.
 - (2) SALE OR TRANSFER.-

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(a) A person who, within the state, distributes,

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transports, or imports into the state; sells, keeps for sale, or offers or exposes for sale; or transfers an assault weapon or a large-capacity magazine, in violation of this section, to another person, except as provided in paragraph (c), commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084, with a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of 2 years.

- (b) A person who transfers or sells an assault weapon or a large-capacity magazine to a person under 18 years of age in violation of this section commits a felony of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084, with a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of 6 years.
 - (c) Paragraph (a) does not apply to:

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- 1. The sale of assault weapons or large-capacity magazines to the Department of Law Enforcement, a law enforcement agency as defined in s. 934.02(10), the Department of Corrections, or the military or naval forces of the state or of the United States for use in the discharge of their official duties.
- 2. A person who is the executor of an estate that includes an assault weapon or a large-capacity magazine for which a certificate of possession has been issued under subsection (4) and which is disposed of as authorized by the probate court, if the disposition is otherwise permitted under this section.
- 3. The transfer by bequest or intestate succession of an assault weapon or a large-capacity magazine for which a

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certificate of possession has been issued under subsection (4).

(3) POSSESSION.-

- (a) Except as provided in this section or as otherwise authorized by law, a person who, within the state, possesses an assault weapon or a large-capacity magazine, commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084, with a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of 1 year.
- (b) Paragraph (a) does not apply to the possession of assault weapons or large-capacity magazines by members or employees of the Department of Law Enforcement, a law enforcement agency as defined in s. 934.02(10), the Department of Corrections, or the military or naval forces of the state or of the United States for use in the discharge of their official duties; nor does this section prohibit the possession or use of assault weapons or large-capacity magazines by sworn members of these agencies when on duty and the use is within the scope of their duties.
- (c) Paragraph (a) does not apply to the possession of an assault weapon or a large-capacity magazine by a person before July 1, 2024, if all of the following are applicable:
- 1. The person is eligible to apply for a certificate of possession for the assault weapon or large-capacity magazine by July 1, 2024.
 - 2. The person lawfully possessed the assault weapon or

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251 <u>large-capacity magazine before October 1, 2023.</u>

- 3. The person is otherwise in compliance with this section and the applicable requirements of this chapter for possession of a firearm.
- (d) Paragraph (a) does not apply to a person who is the executor of an estate that includes an assault weapon or a large-capacity magazine for which a certificate of possession has been issued under subsection (4), if the assault weapon is possessed at a place set forth in subparagraph (4) (d) 1. or as authorized by the probate court.
 - (4) CERTIFICATE OF POSSESSION.—
- (a) A person who lawfully possesses an assault weapon or a large-capacity magazine before October 1, 2023, shall apply to the Department of Law Enforcement for a certificate of possession with respect to such assault weapon or large-capacity magazine by October 1, 2024, or, if such person is a member of the military or naval forces of the state or of the United States and is unable to apply by October 1, 2024, because he or she is or was on official duty outside of the state, shall apply within 90 days after returning to the state. The certificate must contain a description of the assault weapon or large-capacity magazine which 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. The department shall adopt

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276	rules no later than January 1, 2024, to establish procedures
277	with respect to the application for, and issuance of,
278	certificates of possession under this subsection. The thumbprint
279	of the applicant shall be taken by a law enforcement agency or
280	the Department of Law Enforcement together with any personal
281	identifying information required by federal law to process
282	fingerprints. Charges for thumbprint services under this
283	paragraph are not subject to the sales tax on fingerprint
284	services imposed in s. 212.05(1)(i). The Department of Law
285	Enforcement shall conduct a background investigation pursuant to
286	this subsection.
287	(b) A certificate of possession issued under this
288	subsection must be in substantially the following form:
289	CERTIFICATE OF POSSESSION OF ASSAULT WEAPON
290	<pre>Certificate Number:</pre>
291	<pre>Owner's name: (last, first, middle)</pre>
292	Address: (number, street, city or town, state, zip
293	code) NO P.O. Boxes
294	<pre>Date of birth:</pre>
295	Social security number (optional, but will help
296	<pre>prevent misidentification):</pre>
297	Driver license number and state:
298	Manufacturer: importer: serial number: model: caliber:
299	unique i.d./markings:
300	Signature of owner

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301	Applicant's right thumbprint
302	(c)1. An assault weapon or a large-capacity magazine
303	possessed under this section may not be sold or transferred on
304	or after January 1, 2024, to a person within the state other
305	than to a licensed dealer, as provided in subsection (5), or by
306	bequest or intestate succession.
307	2. A person who obtains title to an assault weapon or a
308	large-capacity magazine for which a certificate of possession
309	has been issued under this subsection by bequest or intestate
310	succession shall, within 90 days after obtaining title:
311	a. Apply to the Department of Law Enforcement for a
312	certificate of possession as provided in paragraph (a);
313	b. Render the assault weapon or large-capacity magazine
314	permanently inoperable;
315	c. Sell the weapon or large-capacity magazine to a
316	licensed dealer; or
317	d. Remove the weapon or large-capacity magazine from the
318	state.
319	3. A person who moves into the state in lawful possession
320	of an assault weapon or a large-capacity magazine shall, within
321	90 days after arriving in the state:
322	a. Render the weapon or large-capacity magazine
323	permanently inoperable;
324	b. Sell the weapon or large-capacity magazine to a
325	licensed dealer; or

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	c.	Remove	the	weapon	or	large-capacity	magazine	from	the
state									

- 4. This paragraph does not apply to a person who is a member of the military or naval forces of the state or of the United States, is in lawful possession of an assault weapon or a large-capacity magazine, and has been transferred into the state after October 1, 2024.
- (d) A person who has been issued a certificate of possession for an assault weapon or a large-capacity magazine under this section may possess the assault weapon or a large-capacity magazine only under the following conditions:
- 1. At that person's residence, place of business, or other property owned by that person, or on property owned by another person with the owner's express permission;
- 2. While on the premises of a target range of a public or private club or organization organized for the purpose of practicing shooting at targets;
- 3. While on a target range that holds a regulatory or business license for the purpose of practicing shooting at that target range;
 - 4. While on the premises of a licensed shooting club;
- 5. While attending an exhibition, display, or educational project that is about firearms and is sponsored by, conducted under the auspices of, or approved by a law enforcement agency or a nationally or state-recognized entity that fosters

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351	proficiency in, or promotes education about, firearms; or
352	6. While transporting the assault weapon or large-capacity
353	magazine between any of the places specified in this subsection,
354	or to a licensed dealer for servicing or repair pursuant to
355	paragraph (7)(b), provided the assault weapon or large-capacity
356	magazine is transported as required by subsection (7).
357	(e) If an applicant for a certificate of possession under
358	this subsection fails to qualify for such a certificate after
359	the investigation required under this subsection, the applicant
360	shall arrange to relinquish all assault weapons or large-
361	capacity magazines in his or her possession as provided in
362	subsection (6) within 10 days after issuance of the notice of
363	qualification failure. Such an applicant who fails to make such
364	an arrangement within the time specified in this paragraph is in
365	violation of this section.
366	(5) CERTIFICATE OF TRANSFER.—If an owner of an assault
367	weapon or a large-capacity magazine sells or transfers the
368	weapon or magazine to a licensed dealer, he or she shall, at the
369	time of delivery of the weapon, execute a certificate of
370	transfer and mail or deliver the certificate to the Department
371	of Law Enforcement. The certificate shall contain:
372	(a) The date of sale or transfer.
373	(b) The name and address of the seller or transferor and
374	the licensed dealer and the social security number or driver
375	license number of each party.

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3/0	(c) The licensed dealer's lederal lirearms license number.
377	(d) A description of the weapon, including the caliber of
378	the weapon and its make, model, and serial number.
379	(e) Any other information the Department of Law
380	Enforcement prescribes.
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382	The licensed dealer shall present his or her driver license or
383	social security card and federal firearms license to the seller
384	or transferor for inspection at the time of purchase or
385	transfer. The Department of Law Enforcement shall maintain a
386	file of all certificates of transfer at its headquarters.
387	(6) RELINQUISHMENT.—An individual may arrange in advance
388	to relinquish an assault weapon or a large-capacity magazine to
389	a law enforcement agency as defined in s. 934.02(10) or to the
390	Department of Law Enforcement. The assault weapon or large-
391	capacity magazine shall be transported in accordance with
392	subsection (7).
393	(7) TRANSPORTATION.—
394	(a) A licensed dealer who lawfully purchases for resale
395	out of state an assault weapon or a large-capacity magazine
396	under subsection (2) may transport the assault weapon or large-
397	capacity magazine between dealers or out of the state, but a
398	person may not carry a loaded assault weapon concealed from
399	public view or knowingly have in any motor vehicle owned,
400	operated, or occupied by him or her a loaded assault weapon, a

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large-capacity magazine, an unloaded assault weapon, or a large-capacity magazine unless such weapon or large-capacity magazine is kept in the trunk of such vehicle or in a case or other container that is inaccessible to the operator of or any passenger in such vehicle. A person who violates this subsection commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. A licensed dealer may display the assault weapon or large-capacity magazine at a gun show or sell it to a buyer outside the state.

- (b) A licensed dealer may transfer possession of an assault weapon or a large-capacity magazine received pursuant to paragraph (a) to a gunsmith for purposes of service or repair of the assault weapon or large-capacity magazine. Transfers are permissible only to the following persons:
 - 1. A gunsmith who is in the dealer's employ; or
- 2. A gunsmith with whom the dealer has contracted for gunsmithing services, provided the gunsmith receiving the assault weapon holds a dealer's license issued pursuant to chapter 44 of Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. ss. 921 et seq., and regulations issued pursuant thereto.
- (8) CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH MANUFACTURE OR TRANSPORTATION

 NOT PROHIBITED.—This section does not prohibit a person, firm,

 or corporation engaged in the business of manufacturing assault

 weapons or large-capacity magazines in the state from

 manufacturing or transporting assault weapons or large-capacity

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126	magazines in the state for sale within the state under
127	subparagraph (2)(c)1. or for sale outside the state.
128	(9) EXCEPTION.—This section does not apply to a firearm
129	modified to render it permanently inoperable.
130	Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section
131	775.087, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
132	775.087 Possession or use of weapon; aggravated battery;
133	felony reclassification; minimum sentence
134	(3)(a)1. Any person who is convicted of a felony or an
135	attempt to commit a felony, regardless of whether the use of a
136	firearm is an element of the felony, and the conviction was for:
137	a. Murder;
138	<pre>b. Sexual battery;</pre>
139	c. Robbery;
40	d. Burglary;
41	e. Arson;
142	f. Aggravated battery;
143	g. Kidnapping;
144	h. Escape;
45	i. Sale, manufacture, delivery, or intent to sell,
46	manufacture, or deliver any controlled substance;
147	j. Aircraft piracy;
48	k. Aggravated child abuse;
149	1. Aggravated abuse of an elderly person or disabled
150	adult;

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451 Unlawful throwing, placing, or discharging of a destructive device or bomb; 452 453 n. Carjacking; 454 o. Home-invasion robbery; 455 p. Aggravated stalking; or 456 Trafficking in cannabis, trafficking in cocaine, q. 457 capital importation of cocaine, trafficking in illegal drugs, 458 capital importation of illegal drugs, trafficking in 459 phencyclidine, capital importation of phencyclidine, trafficking 460 in methaqualone, capital importation of methaqualone, trafficking in amphetamine, capital importation of amphetamine, 461 462 trafficking in flunitrazepam, trafficking in gamma-463 hydroxybutyric acid (GHB), trafficking in 1,4-Butanediol, 464 trafficking in Phenethylamines, or other violation of s. 465 893.135(1); 466 467 and during the commission of the offense, such person possessed 468 a semiautomatic firearm and its high-capacity detachable box 469 magazine, an assault weapon or a large-capacity magazine as those terms are defined in s. 790.301(1), or a machine gun as 470 defined in s. 790.001, shall be sentenced to a minimum term of 471 472 imprisonment of 15 years. 473 Any person who is convicted of a felony or an attempt 474 to commit a felony listed in subparagraph (a)1., regardless of 475 whether the use of a weapon is an element of the felony, and

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during the course of the commission of the felony such person discharged a semiautomatic firearm and its high-capacity box magazine, an assault weapon or a large-capacity magazine as those terms are defined in s. 790.301(1), or a "machine gun" as defined in s. 790.001 shall be sentenced to a minimum term of imprisonment of 20 years.

3. Any person who is convicted of a felony or an attempt to commit a felony listed in subparagraph (a)1., regardless of whether the use of a weapon is an element of the felony, and during the course of the commission of the felony such person discharged a semiautomatic firearm and its high-capacity box magazine, an assault weapon or a large-capacity magazine as those terms are defined in s. 790.301(1), or a "machine gun" as defined in s. 790.001 and, as the result of the discharge, death or great bodily harm was inflicted upon any person, the convicted person shall be sentenced to a minimum term of imprisonment of not less than 25 years and not more than a term of imprisonment of life in prison.

Section 3. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are severable.

Section 4. This act shall take effect October 1, 2023.

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