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HOUSE BILL NO. 459

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE CHRISTENSEN.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 1, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the anti-red flag gun seizure act, with penalty provisions and an emergency clause.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 1, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 1.486, to read as follows:

1.486. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Anti-Red Flag Gun Seizure Act".

2. As used in this section, "red flag law" means:

(1) Any gun control law, order, or measure that directs the temporary or permanent seizure of any firearm, firearm accessory, or ammunition of an individual without the adjudication of a contested court case; or

(2) Any federal statute, federal rule, federal executive order, or federal judicial order or finding, or any state statute, state rule, state executive order, or state judicial order or finding, that:

(a) Prohibits a Missouri citizen from owning, possessing, transporting, transferring, or receiving any firearm, firearm accessory, or ammunition unless the individual has been convicted of a violent felony crime or is otherwise disqualified under section 455.050 or 571.070; or

(b) Orders the removal or requires the surrender of any firearm, firearm accessory, or ammunition from a Missouri citizen unless the individual has been convicted of a violent felony crime or is otherwise disqualified under section 455.050 or 571.070.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 **3. Any federal order of protection, other judicial order issued by a federal court,**
19 **or federal executive order that is a red flag law or otherwise directs the confiscation of**
20 **any firearm, firearm accessory, or ammunition from any law-abiding citizen within the**
21 **borders of this state shall not be enforced in this state by any state agency, political**
22 **subdivision, or state or local law enforcement agency.**

23 **4. No state agency, political subdivision, or state or local law enforcement agency**
24 **shall receive any federal moneys for the purpose of enforcing any federal statute, federal**
25 **rule, federal executive order, or federal judicial order or findings, or for the purpose of**
26 **enforcing any state statute, state rule, state executive order, or state judicial order or**
27 **findings, that would have the effect of enforcing a red flag law against a Missouri citizen.**

28 **5. No state entity or employee thereof, political subdivision or employee thereof,**
29 **or other entity or person shall have the authority to enforce or attempt to enforce a red**
30 **flag law regardless of the red flag law's origin or the authority of the issuing entity. This**
31 **subsection shall not apply to any agent of the federal government enforcing a federal**
32 **law or federal order.**

33 **6. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent a firearm, firearm**
34 **accessory, or ammunition from being seized as evidence by law enforcement in the**
35 **course of an investigation.**

36 **7. (1) A political subdivision or state or local law enforcement agency that**
37 **employs a law enforcement officer who knowingly acts to violate this section and enforce**
38 **a red flag law under the color of any state or federal statute, rule, executive order, or**
39 **judicial order or finding shall be liable to the party against whom the red flag law was**
40 **enforced in an action at law, suit in equity, or other proper proceeding for redress and**
41 **shall be subject to a civil penalty of fifty thousand dollars per occurrence.**

42 **(2) Any person injured under this section shall have standing to pursue an action**
43 **for injunctive relief in the circuit court of the county in which the action allegedly**
44 **occurred or in the circuit court of Cole County.**

45 **(3) The court shall hold a hearing on any motion for a temporary restraining**
46 **order or preliminary injunction within thirty days of service of a petition for the same.**

47 **(4) In an action brought under this section by a party against whom the red flag**
48 **law was enforced, a court may order injunctive or other equitable relief, recovery of**
49 **damages, other legal remedies, and payment of reasonable attorney's fees, costs, and**
50 **expenses of the party. The relief and remedies set forth in this section shall not be**
51 **deemed exclusive and shall be in addition to any other relief or remedies permitted by**
52 **law. The court may award the prevailing party, if not the state of Missouri or a political**
53 **subdivision thereof, reasonable attorney's fees and costs.**

54 **(5) Sovereign immunity shall not be an affirmative defense to any action brought**
55 **under this section.**

Section B. Because immediate action is necessary to limit any overreach of the
2 federal government's power and to protect citizens' rights to bear arms, the enactment of
3 section 1.486 of section A of this act is deemed necessary for the immediate preservation of
4 the public health, welfare, peace, and safety, and is hereby declared to be an emergency act
5 within the meaning of the constitution, and the enactment of section 1.486 of section A of this
6 act shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.

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