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## **Restricted Person Amendments**

## 2025 GENERAL SESSION

	STATE OF UTAH
2	Chief Sponsor: Verona Mauga
2	LONG TITLE
4	General Description:
5	This bill amends provisions relating to those who are restricted persons regarding
6	dangerous weapons.
7	Highlighted Provisions:
8	This bill:
9	<ul> <li>makes a person a restricted person if the person has been found not guilty by reason of</li> </ul>
10	insanity for any criminal offense not just a felony level offense; and
11	<ul> <li>makes a person a restricted person if the person has been found mentally incompetent to</li> </ul>
12	stand trial for any criminal offense not just a felony level offense.
13	Money Appropriated in this Bill:
14	None
15	Other Special Clauses:
6	None
17	<b>Utah Code Sections Affected:</b>
18	AMENDS:
19	76-10-503, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, First Special Session, Chapter 2
20 21	Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
22	Section 1. Section <b>76-10-503</b> is amended to read:
23	76-10-503. Restrictions on possession, purchase, transfer, and ownership of
24	dangerous weapons by certain persons Exceptions.
25	(1) For purposes of this section:
26	(a) A Category I restricted person is a person who:
27	(i) has been convicted of a violent felony;
28	(ii) is on probation or parole for a felony;
29	(iii) is on parole from secure care, as defined in Section 80-1-102;
30	(iv) within the last 10 years has been adjudicated under Section 80-6-701 for an
31	offense which if committed by an adult would have been a violent felony as

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32	defined in Section 76-3-203.5;
33	(v) is an alien who is illegally or unlawfully in the United States; or
34	(vi) is on probation for a conviction of possessing:
35	(A) a substance classified in Section 58-37-4 as a Schedule I or II controlled
36	substance;
37	(B) a controlled substance analog; or
38	(C) a substance listed in Section 58-37-4.2.
39	(b) A Category II restricted person is a person who:
40	(i) has been convicted of:
41	(A) a domestic violence offense that is a felony;
42	(B) a felony that is not a domestic violence offense or a violent felony and within
43	seven years after completing the sentence for the conviction, has been
44	convicted of or charged with another felony or class A misdemeanor;
45	(C) multiple felonies that are part of a single criminal episode and are not
46	domestic violence offenses or violent felonies and within seven years after
47	completing the sentence for the convictions, has been convicted of or charged
48	with another felony or class A misdemeanor; or
49	(D) multiple felonies that are not part of a single criminal episode;
50	(ii)(A) within the last seven years has completed a sentence for:
51	(I) a conviction for a felony that is not a domestic violence offense or a violent
52	felony; or
53	(II) convictions for multiple felonies that are part of a single criminal episode
54	and are not domestic violence offenses or violent felonies; and
55	(B) within the last seven years and after the completion of a sentence for a
56	conviction described in Subsection (1)(b)(ii)(A), has not been convicted of or
57	charged with another felony or class A misdemeanor;
58	(iii) within the last seven years has been adjudicated delinquent for an offense which
59	if committed by an adult would have been a felony;
60	(iv) is an unlawful user of a controlled substance as defined in Section 58-37-2;
61	(v) is in possession of a dangerous weapon and is knowingly and intentionally in
62	unlawful possession of a Schedule I or II controlled substance as defined in
63	Section 58-37-2;
64	(vi) has been found not guilty by reason of insanity for a [felony] criminal offense;
65	(vii) has been found mentally incompetent to stand trial for a [felony] criminal offense;

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66	(viii) has been adjudicated as mentally defective as provided in the Drady Handeyn
66	(viii) has been adjudicated as mentally defective as provided in the Brady Handgun
67	Violence Prevention Act, Pub. L. No. 103-159, 107 Stat. 1536 (1993), or has been
68	committed to a mental institution;
69	(ix) has been dishonorably discharged from the armed forces;
70	(x) has renounced the individual's citizenship after having been a citizen of the
71	United States;
72	(xi) is a respondent or defendant subject to a protective order or child protective order
73	that is issued after a hearing for which the respondent or defendant received actual
74	notice and at which the respondent or defendant has an opportunity to participate,
75	that restrains the respondent or defendant from harassing, stalking, threatening, or
76	engaging in other conduct that would place an intimate partner, as defined in 18
77	U.S.C. Sec. 921, or a child of the intimate partner, in reasonable fear of bodily
78	injury to the intimate partner or child of the intimate partner, and that:
79	(A) includes a finding that the respondent or defendant represents a credible threat
80	to the physical safety of an individual who meets the definition of an intimate
81	partner in 18 U.S.C. Sec. 921 or the child of the individual; or
82	(B) explicitly prohibits the use, attempted use, or threatened use of physical force
83	that would reasonably be expected to cause bodily harm against an intimate
84	partner or the child of an intimate partner; or
85	(xii) except as provided in Subsection (1)(d), has been convicted of the commission
86	or attempted commission of misdemeanor assault under Section 76-5-102 or
87	aggravated assault under Section 76-5-103 against an individual:
88	(A) who is a current or former spouse, parent, or guardian;
89	(B) with whom the restricted person shares a child in common;
90	(C) who is cohabitating or has cohabitated with the restricted person as a spouse,
91	parent, or guardian;
92	(D) involved in a dating relationship with the restricted person within the last five
93	years; or
94	(E) similarly situated to a spouse, parent, or guardian of the restricted person.
95	(c)(i) As used in this section, a conviction of a felony or adjudication of delinquency
96	for an offense which would be a felony if committed by an adult does not include:
97	(A) a conviction or an adjudication under Section 80-6-701 for an offense
98	pertaining to antitrust violations, unfair trade practices, restraint of trade, or
99	other similar offenses relating to the regulation of business practices not
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100 involving theft or fraud; or 101 (B) a conviction or an adjudication under Section 80-6-701 which, in accordance 102 with the law of the jurisdiction in which the conviction or adjudication 103 occurred, has been expunged, set aside, reduced to a misdemeanor by court 104 order, pardoned or regarding which the person's civil rights have been restored 105 unless the pardon, reduction, expungement, or restoration of civil rights 106 expressly provides that the person may not ship, transport, possess, or receive 107 firearms. 108 (ii) As used in this section, a conviction for misdemeanor assault under Subsection 109 (1)(b)(xii), does not include a conviction which, in accordance with the law of the 110 jurisdiction in which the conviction occurred, has been expunged, set aside, 111 reduced to an infraction by court order, pardoned, or regarding which the person's 112 civil rights have been restored, unless the pardon, reduction, expungement, or 113 restoration of civil rights expressly provides that the person may not ship, 114 transport, possess, or receive firearms. (iii) It is the burden of the defendant in a criminal case to provide evidence that a 115 116 conviction or an adjudication under Section 80-6-701 is subject to an exception 117 provided in this Subsection (1)(c), after which it is the burden of the state to prove 118 beyond a reasonable doubt that the conviction or the adjudication is not subject to 119 that exception. 120 (d) A person is not a restricted person for a conviction under Subsection (1)(b)(xii)(D) if: 121 (i) five years have elapsed from the later of: 122 (A) the day on which the conviction is entered; 123 (B) the day on which the person is released from incarceration following the 124 conviction: or 125 (C) the day on which the person's probation for the conviction is successfully 126 terminated: 127 (ii) the person only has a single conviction for misdemeanor assault as described in 128 Subsection (1)(b)(xii)(D); and 129 (iii) the person is not otherwise a restricted person under Subsection (1)(a) or (b). 130 (2) A Category I restricted person who intentionally or knowingly agrees, consents, offers, 131 or arranges to purchase, transfer, possess, use, or have under the person's custody or 132 control, or who intentionally or knowingly purchases, transfers, possesses, uses, or has 133 under the person's custody or control:

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134	(a) a firearm is guilty of a second degree felony; or
135	(b) a dangerous weapon other than a firearm is guilty of a third degree felony.
136	(3) A Category II restricted person who intentionally or knowingly purchases, transfers,
137	possesses, uses, or has under the person's custody or control:
138	(a) a firearm is guilty of a third degree felony; or
139	(b) a dangerous weapon other than a firearm is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.
140	(4) A person may be subject to the restrictions of both categories at the same time.
141	(5) A Category I or Category II restricted person may not use an antique firearm for an
142	activity regulated under Title 23A, Wildlife Resources Act.
143	(6) If a higher penalty than is prescribed in this section is provided in another section for
144	one who purchases, transfers, possesses, uses, or has under this custody or control a
145	dangerous weapon, the penalties of that section control.
146	(7) It is an affirmative defense to a charge based on the definition in Subsection (1)(b)(v)
147	that the person was:
148	(a) in possession of a controlled substance pursuant to a lawful order of a practitioner for
149	use of a member of the person's household or for administration to an animal owned
150	by the person or a member of the person's household; or
151	(b) otherwise authorized by law to possess the substance.
152	(8)(a) It is an affirmative defense to transferring a firearm or other dangerous weapon
153	by a person restricted under Subsection (2) or (3) that the firearm or dangerous
154	weapon:
155	(i) was possessed by the person or was under the person's custody or control before
156	the person became a restricted person;
157	(ii) was not used in or possessed during the commission of a crime or subject to
158	disposition under Section Title 77, Chapter 11a, Part 4, Disposal of Seized
159	Property and Contraband;
160	(iii) is not being held as evidence by a court or law enforcement agency;
161	(iv) was transferred to a person not legally prohibited from possessing the weapon;
162	and
163	(v) unless a different time is ordered by the court, was transferred within 10 days of
164	the person becoming a restricted person.
165	(b) Subsection (8)(a) is not a defense to the use, purchase, or possession on the person of
166	a firearm or other dangerous weapon by a restricted person.

(9)(a) A person may not sell, transfer, or otherwise dispose of a firearm or dangerous

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168	weapon to a person, knowing that the recipient is a person described in Subsection
169	(1)(a) or (b).
170	(b) A person who violates Subsection (9)(a) when the recipient is:
171	(i) a person described in Subsection (1)(a) and the transaction involves a firearm, is
172	guilty of a second degree felony;
173	(ii) a person described in Subsection (1)(a) and the transaction involves a dangerous
174	weapon other than a firearm, and the transferor has knowledge that the recipient
175	intends to use the weapon for any unlawful purpose, is guilty of a third degree
176	felony;
177	(iii) a person described in Subsection (1)(b) and the transaction involves a firearm, is
178	guilty of a third degree felony; or
179	(iv) a person described in Subsection (1)(b) and the transaction involves a dangerous
180	weapon other than a firearm, and the transferor has knowledge that the recipient
181	intends to use the weapon for an unlawful purpose, is guilty of a class A
182	misdemeanor.
183	(10)(a) A person may not knowingly solicit, persuade, encourage or entice a dealer or
184	other person to sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of a firearm or dangerous weapon
185	under circumstances which the person knows would be a violation of the law.
186	(b) A person may not provide to a dealer or other person information that the person
187	knows to be materially false information with intent to deceive the dealer or other
188	person about the legality of a sale, transfer or other disposition of a firearm or
189	dangerous weapon.
190	(c) "Materially false information" means information that portrays an illegal transaction
191	as legal or a legal transaction as illegal.
192	(d) A person who violates this Subsection (10) is guilty of:
193	(i) a third degree felony if the transaction involved a firearm; or
194	(ii) a class A misdemeanor if the transaction involved a dangerous weapon other than
195	a firearm.
196	Section 2. Effective Date.
197	This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.