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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE RETAIL SALE OF AMMUNITION**
102 **FOR FIREARMS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,**
103 **ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DELIVERY OF**
104 **AMMUNITION SOLD AT RETAIL.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill requires that ammunition sold at retail must be accessible to a purchaser or transferee only with the assistance of the vendor, and the bill prohibits the retail sale of ammunition to a person who is younger

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than 21 years of age. Unlawful sale of ammunition by violating either requirement is a civil infraction; except that a second or subsequent violation is a class 1 misdemeanor.

The bill requires a person shipping ammunition to give written notice to the ammunition deliverer that the package contains ammunition and prohibits labeling the outside of the package in a manner that indicates that the package contains ammunition. Violating either provision is unlawful notification involving an ammunition package, which is a class 1 misdemeanor.

When delivering a package containing ammunition sold at retail, a retail ammunition deliverer is required to verify that the person receiving the delivery is 21 years of age or older and obtain written acknowledgment of receipt from the recipient. Violating either of these requirements is unlawful delivery of ammunition by a retail ammunition deliverer, which is a class 1 misdemeanor.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-12-101, **add**
3 (1)(a.2) as follows:

4 **18-12-101. Peace officer affirmative defense - definitions.**

5 (1) As used in this article 12, unless the context otherwise requires:

6 (a.2) "AMMUNITION" MEANS AN AMMUNITION OR CARTRIDGE
7 CASE, PRIMER, BULLET, OR PROPELLANT POWDER DESIGNED FOR USE IN A
8 FIREARM. THE TERM "AMMUNITION" DOES NOT INCLUDE:

9 (I) A SHOTGUN SHOT OR PELLET NOT DESIGNED FOR USE AS THE
10 SINGLE, COMPLETE PROJECTILE LOAD FOR ONE SHOTGUN HULL OR CASING;
11 OR

12 (II) AN UNLOADED, NONMETALLIC SHOTGUN HULL OR CASING
13 THAT DOES NOT HAVE A PRIMER.

14 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 18-12-116 as
15 follows:

16 **18-12-116. Ammunition sales - sales requirements - minimum**
17 **purchase age - exceptions - ammunition delivery requirements -**

1 **penalties - definitions - repeal.** (1) (a) A RETAIL AMMUNITION VENDOR
2 SHALL NOT SELL, OFFER FOR SALE, OR DISPLAY FOR SALE OR TRANSFER
3 AMMUNITION IN A MANNER THAT ALLOWS THE AMMUNITION TO BE
4 ACCESSIBLE TO A PURCHASER OR TRANSFEREE WITHOUT THE ASSISTANCE
5 OF THE VENDOR OR AN EMPLOYEE OF THE VENDOR. AMMUNITION
6 DISPLAYED IN AN ENCLOSED DISPLAY CASE OR BEHIND A COUNTER OR
7 OTHER CUSTOMER ACCESS PREVENTION DEVICE IS NOT CONSIDERED
8 ACCESSIBLE FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION (1)(a).

9 (b) (I) A RETAIL AMMUNITION VENDOR SHALL NOT SELL
10 AMMUNITION TO A PERSON WHO IS UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE.
11 PRIOR TO COMPLETING A SALE OF AMMUNITION AT AN IN-PERSON
12 TRANSACTION, THE RETAIL AMMUNITION VENDOR, OR AN EMPLOYEE OF
13 THE VENDOR, SHALL VERIFY THAT THE PURCHASER IS AT LEAST
14 TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE BY REQUIRING THE PURCHASER TO PRODUCE
15 A VALID GOVERNMENT-ISSUED PHOTO IDENTIFICATION.

16 (II) (A) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROHIBITION ON SELLING
17 AMMUNITION TO A PERSON WHO IS UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE
18 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)(b)(I) OF THIS SECTION, A RETAIL
19 AMMUNITION VENDOR IS NOT PROHIBITED FROM SELLING AMMUNITION TO
20 A PERSON EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER BUT UNDER TWENTY-ONE
21 YEARS OF AGE WHO WAS BORN ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 28, 2007.

22 (B) THIS SUBSECTION (1)(b)(II) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JANUARY
23 28, 2028.

24 (c) (I) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROHIBITION ON SELLING
25 AMMUNITION TO A PERSON WHO IS UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE
26 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION, THE OPERATOR OF A
27 SHOOTING RANGE THAT PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE PUBLIC TO

1 ENGAGE IN SHOOTING SPORTS OR EDUCATION MAY SELL AMMUNITION TO
2 A PERSON WHO IS EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER BUT UNDER
3 TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE FOR USE ONLY AT THE SHOOTING RANGE.
4 PRIOR TO COMPLETING THE SALE OF AMMUNITION, THE SELLER SHALL
5 VERIFY THAT THE PURCHASER IS AT LEAST EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE BY
6 REQUIRING THE PURCHASER TO PRODUCE A VALID GOVERNMENT-ISSUED
7 PHOTO IDENTIFICATION.

8 (II) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROHIBITION ON SELLING
9 AMMUNITION TO A PERSON WHO IS UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE
10 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION, A RETAIL AMMUNITION
11 VENDOR MAY SELL AMMUNITION TO A MEMBER OR VETERAN OF THE
12 UNITED STATES MILITARY OR COLORADO NATIONAL GUARD WHO IS
13 EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER BUT UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF
14 AGE. PRIOR TO COMPLETING THE SALE OF AMMUNITION DURING AN
15 IN-PERSON TRANSACTION TO A MEMBER OR VETERAN OF THE UNITED
16 STATES MILITARY OR COLORADO NATIONAL GUARD WHO IS UNDER
17 TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE, THE RETAIL AMMUNITION VENDOR, OR AN
18 EMPLOYEE OF THE VENDOR, SHALL VERIFY THAT THE PURCHASER IS A
19 MEMBER OR VETERAN BY REQUIRING THE PURCHASER TO PRODUCE A
20 VALID MILITARY IDENTIFICATION CARD THAT DEMONSTRATES THAT THE
21 PERSON IS A MEMBER OR VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY OR
22 COLORADO NATIONAL GUARD.

23 (III) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROHIBITION ON SELLING
24 AMMUNITION TO A PERSON WHO IS UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE
25 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION, A RETAIL AMMUNITION
26 VENDOR MAY SELL AMMUNITION TO A PERSON WHO IS EIGHTEEN YEARS OF
27 AGE OR OLDER BUT UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE WHO

1 DEMONSTRATES HAVING OBTAINED HUNTER EDUCATION CERTIFICATION
2 BY PRESENTING:

3 (A) A VALID HUNTER EDUCATION CERTIFICATE RECOGNIZED BY
4 THE DIVISION OF PARKS AND WILDLIFE; OR

5 (B) AN EXPIRED OR UNEXPIRED HUNTING LICENSE ISSUED BY THE
6 DIVISION OF PARKS AND WILDLIFE THAT HAS A VERIFIED HUNTER
7 EDUCATION CERTIFICATION.

8 (IV) (A) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROHIBITION ON SELLING
9 AMMUNITION TO A PERSON WHO IS UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE
10 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION, A RETAIL AMMUNITION
11 VENDOR MAY SELL AMMUNITION TO A PERSON WHO IS EIGHTEEN YEARS OF
12 AGE OR OLDER BUT UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE AND WHO IS
13 IDENTIFIED AS A PROTECTED PERSON IN A PROTECTION ORDER THAT IS IN
14 EFFECT. PRIOR TO COMPLETING THE SALE OF AMMUNITION TO A
15 PROTECTED PERSON, THE RETAIL AMMUNITION VENDOR, OR AN EMPLOYEE
16 OF THE VENDOR, SHALL VERIFY THAT THE PURCHASER IS A PROTECTED
17 PERSON BY REQUIRING THE PURCHASER TO PRODUCE A COPY OF THE
18 PROTECTION ORDER IDENTIFYING THE PURCHASER AS A PROTECTED
19 PERSON AND REQUIRING THE PERSON TO ATTEST THAT THE PROTECTION
20 ORDER IS IN EFFECT.

21 (B) AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION (1)(c)(IV), "PROTECTED PERSON"
22 MEANS A PERSON IDENTIFIED IN A PROTECTION ORDER, AS DESCRIBED IN
23 SECTION 18-6-803.5 (1.5)(a.5), AS A PERSON FOR WHOSE BENEFIT THE
24 PROTECTION ORDER WAS ISSUED.

25 (V) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROHIBITION ON SELLING
26 AMMUNITION TO A PERSON WHO IS UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE
27 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION, A RETAIL AMMUNITION

1 VENDOR MAY SELL AMMUNITION TO A PERSON WHO IS A PEACE OFFICER,
2 AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 16-2.5-101, WHILE THE OFFICER IS ON DUTY AND
3 SERVING IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE POLICIES OF THE OFFICER'S
4 EMPLOYING AGENCY, AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 16-2.5-101 AND SECTION
5 16-2.5-135.

6 (d) THE PROVISIONS IN SUBSECTION (1)(c) OF THIS SECTION THAT
7 PERMIT THE SALE OF AMMUNITION TO A PERSON EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE
8 OR OLDER BUT UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE ONLY APPLY TO THE
9 SALE OF AMMUNITION DURING AN IN-PERSON TRANSACTION AT WHICH THE
10 SALE IS COMPLETED AND THE AMMUNITION IS DELIVERED TO THE
11 PURCHASER.

12 (e) THIS SUBSECTION (1) DOES NOT APPLY TO THE SALE OF
13 RIMFIRE AMMUNITION.

14 (f) A RETAIL AMMUNITION VENDOR THAT VIOLATES THIS
15 SUBSECTION (1) COMMITS UNLAWFUL SALE OF AMMUNITION. UNLAWFUL
16 SALE OF AMMUNITION IS A CIVIL INFRACTION; EXCEPT THAT A SECOND OR
17 SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE IS A CLASS 1 MISDEMEANOR.

18 (2) (a) A RETAIL AMMUNITION VENDOR DELIVERING A PACKAGE
19 CONTAINING AMMUNITION TO A RETAIL AMMUNITION DELIVERER FOR
20 PURPOSES OF TRANSPORT SHALL USE A DELIVERY SERVICE THAT ENSURES
21 THAT THE PERSON RECEIVING THE AMMUNITION IS TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF
22 AGE OR OLDER THROUGH AGE VERIFICATION.

23 (b) A RETAIL AMMUNITION DELIVERER MUST COMPLY WITH 49
24 CFR 173.63 (b)(1)(i) RELATED TO THE LABELING AND PACKAGING FOR
25 DELIVERY OF AMMUNITION.

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27 (3) (a) WHEN DELIVERING A PACKAGE CONTAINING AMMUNITION

1 SOLD AT RETAIL, A RETAIL AMMUNITION DELIVERER SHALL:

2 (I) VERIFY THAT THE PERSON RECEIVING THE AMMUNITION
3 DELIVERY IS TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER BY REQUIRING THE
4 PERSON TO PRESENT A VALID GOVERNMENT-ISSUED PHOTOGRAPHIC
5 IDENTIFICATION TO THE PERSON MAKING THE DELIVERY; AND

6 (II) OBTAIN WRITTEN ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE
7 AMMUNITION DELIVERY FROM THE RECIPIENT OF THE DELIVERY.

8 (b) (I) NOTWITHSTANDING THE REQUIREMENT TO VERIFY THAT THE
9 PERSON RECEIVING AMMUNITION IS TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER
10 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (3)(a)(I) OF THIS SECTION, A RETAIL
11 AMMUNITION DELIVERER SHALL VERIFY THAT THE PERSON RECEIVING
12 AMMUNITION WAS BORN ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 28, 2007.

13 (II) THIS SUBSECTION (3)(b) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 28,
14 2028.

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16 (c) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A RETAIL AMMUNITION
17 DELIVERER THAT DOES NOT KNOW THAT THE PACKAGE CONTAINS
18 AMMUNITION BECAUSE THE SENDER FAILED TO NOTIFY THE DELIVERER
19 THAT THE PACKAGE CONTAINS AMMUNITION.

20 (4) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO THE SALE OR OFFER TO SELL
21 AMMUNITION AT WHOLESALE OR THE DELIVERY OF AMMUNITION SOLD AT
22 WHOLESALE.

23 (5) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE
24 REQUIRES:

25 (a) "RETAIL AMMUNITION DELIVERER" MEANS AN ENTITY THAT
26 DELIVERS, BY MOTOR VEHICLE, AMMUNITION SOLD AT RETAIL TO THE
27 PURCHASER AT A LOCATION IN THIS STATE. "RETAIL AMMUNITION

1 DELIVERER" INCLUDES A RETAIL AMMUNITION VENDOR THAT DELIVERS TO
2 A LOCATION OTHER THAN THE VENDOR'S PLACE OF BUSINESS AMMUNITION
3 SOLD BY THE VENDOR AT RETAIL TO THE PURCHASER.

4 (b) "RETAIL AMMUNITION VENDOR" MEANS A PERSON WHO SELLS
5 AMMUNITION AT RETAIL. "RETAIL AMMUNITION VENDOR" INCLUDES A
6 VENDOR NOT LOCATED IN COLORADO WHEN THE VENDOR SELLS OR OFFERS
7 TO SELL AMMUNITION AT RETAIL FOR DELIVERY TO A PURCHASER LOCATED
8 IN COLORADO.

9 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
10 takes effect July 1, 2026; except that, if a referendum petition is filed
11 pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this
12 act or an item, section, or part of this act within the ninety-day period
13 after final adjournment of the general assembly, then the act, item,
14 section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the
15 general election to be held in November 2026 and, in such case, will take
16 effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the
17 governor.