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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING REQUIREMENTS FOR GUN SHOWS.**

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 a gun show promoter to prepare a security plan and submit the security plan to each local law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over the gun show. The bill places certain requirements on a gun show promoter, including requiring the promoter to:

- Have liability insurance for the gun show;
- Implement security measures at the gun show;
- Prohibit persons under 21 years of age from entering the gun show unless the person is accompanied by a parent,

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- grandparent, or guardian;
- For each customer who leaves with a purchased firearm, verify that each firearm sold at a gun show is delivered in compliance with the required the 3-day waiting period; and
- Post certain notices at the gun show.

Violating any of these provisions is unlawful gun show management, which is a class 2 misdemeanor; except that a second or subsequent offense is a class 1 misdemeanor and, in addition to a criminal penalty, the promoter is prohibited from acting as a gun show promoter for 5 years.

The bill prohibits a person from participating in a gun show as a gun show vendor if the person is not a federal firearms licensee, does not hold a valid state firearms dealer permit, has been convicted of a second offense of unlawful gun show vendor activity as described in the bill, or has not completed a gun show certification for the gun show promoter as required in the bill. Unlawful participation in a gun show as a gun show vendor is a class 2 misdemeanor; except that a second or subsequent offense is a class 1 misdemeanor.

Before participating in a gun show, a gun show vendor is required to certify to the gun show promoter that the vendor satisfies the requirements to be a gun show vendor and will comply with federal, state, and local laws while participating in the gun show.

While participating in a gun show, a gun show vendor shall display copies of the vendor's federal firearms license and state firearms dealer permit, keep firearms unloaded and securely affixed to the vendor's countertop or wall, secure ammunition in an enclosed display case or behind the vendor's counter or other customer access prevention device, and include with each sold firearm written information describing secure storage and lost or stolen firearm reporting requirements in state law. Unlawful gun show vendor activity is a class 2 misdemeanor; except that a second or subsequent offense is a class 1 misdemeanor and the person is prohibited from participating as a vendor at a gun show.

The bill maintains the requirement in existing law that a gun show vendor conduct a background check for each firearm transfer at a gun show.

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

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly
 3 finds and declares that:

4 (a) Gun violence remains a significant threat to public safety in
 5 Colorado, causing harm to individuals, families, and communities across

1 the state. Effectively addressing gun violence requires a comprehensive
2 strategy that includes both preventing illegal firearm transfers and
3 ensuring responsible ownership practices.

4 (b) Gun shows serve as important venues for the lawful sale and
5 transfer of firearms. However, these events present unique challenges for
6 regulating the movement of firearms and preventing illegal trafficking.
7 While gun shows are lawful and cater primarily to responsible gun
8 owners, they can also provide opportunities for firearms to be transferred
9 without proper oversight, potentially leading to unlawful possession and
10 misuse.

11 (c) It is essential for Colorado to implement strong regulatory
12 measures at gun shows to mitigate the risks associated with unregulated
13 or improper firearm transfers and the unlawful sale of large-capacity
14 magazines, including magazines that are designed to be readily converted
15 to accept more than 15 rounds of ammunition, and unserialized firearms
16 or frames or receivers of a firearm. The regulatory measures include the
17 requirement for gun show promoters and vendors to follow security
18 protocols, conduct background checks, and ensure firearms are stored and
19 handled safely.

20 (d) This legislation requires gun show promoters to develop and
21 implement security plans, secure liability coverage, and verify that
22 firearms are sold or transferred in compliance with state and federal laws.
23 In addition, vendors are required to comply with mandatory background
24 checks and adhere to federal, state, and local firearm laws and proper
25 firearm storage practices.

26 (e) By fostering responsible practices at gun shows, Colorado can
27 reduce the potential for illegal firearm trafficking and decrease the

1 likelihood that firearms will be misused in criminal acts or violence; and

2 (f) Reducing gun violence and ensuring the safe and lawful
3 transfer of firearms is a shared responsibility between the state, local
4 governments, and communities. This act represents a step toward
5 ensuring the safety of all Coloradans, while balancing the rights of
6 responsible gun owners.

7 (2) Therefore, the general assembly declares that regulating gun
8 shows to ensure the safety, security, and lawful transfer of firearms is of
9 both local and statewide concern, aimed at reducing gun violence and
10 promoting responsible firearm ownership practices throughout Colorado.

11 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal and reenact,**
12 **with amendments,** part 5 of article 12 of title 18 as follows:

13 PART 5

14 GUN SHOWS

15 **18-12-501. Definitions. [Similar to former 18-12-506**
16 **introductory portion]** AS USED IN THIS PART 5, UNLESS THE CONTEXT
17 OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

18 (1) **[Similar to former 18-12-506 (1)]** "COLLECTION" MEANS A
19 TRADE, BARTER, OR IN-KIND EXCHANGE FOR ONE OR MORE FIREARMS.

20 (2) "GUN COLLECTORS SHOW" MEANS AN EVENT OR FUNCTION
21 THAT IS SPONSORED TO FACILITATE THE PURCHASE, SALE, OFFER FOR SALE,
22 OR COLLECTION OF ONLY CURIOS OR RELICS, AS DEFINED IN 27 CFR
23 478.11, OR ANTIQUE FIREARMS, AS DEFINED IN 18 U.S.C. SEC. 921 (a)(16),
24 AND NOT ANY OTHER TYPE OF FIREARM. A GUN COLLECTORS SHOW MAY
25 ALSO INCLUDE VENDORS THAT SELL PRODUCTS THAT ARE NOT FIREARMS.

26 (3) (a) **[Similar to former 18-12-506 (3)]** "GUN SHOW" MEANS
27 THE ENTIRE PREMISES PROVIDED FOR AN EVENT OR FUNCTION, INCLUDING,

1 BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PARKING AREAS FOR THE EVENT OR FUNCTION,
2 EXCEPT FOR ADJACENT STREET PARKING, THAT IS SPONSORED TO
3 FACILITATE, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, THE PURCHASE, SALE, OFFER FOR SALE,
4 OR COLLECTION OF FIREARMS AT WHICH:

5 (I) TWENTY-FIVE OR MORE FIREARMS ARE OFFERED OR PUBLICLY
6 EXHIBITED FOR SALE, TRANSFER, OR EXCHANGE; OR

7 (II) NOT LESS THAN THREE GUN SHOW VENDORS PUBLICLY EXHIBIT
8 OR SELL, OFFER FOR SALE, TRANSFER, OR EXCHANGE FIREARMS.

9 (b) "GUN SHOW" DOES NOT INCLUDE A GUN COLLECTORS SHOW.

10 (4) "GUN SHOW PARKING AREA" MEANS THE PARKING AREA THAT
11 IS ON THE SAME PROPERTY AS THE GUN SHOW VENUE OR THAT IS
12 ADJACENT TO THE VENUE AND UNDER CONTROL OF THE COMPANY THAT
13 OWNS OR OPERATES THE VENUE. "GUN SHOW PARKING AREA" DOES NOT
14 INCLUDE ADJACENT STREET PARKING.

15 (5) [Similar to former 18-12-506 (4)] "GUN SHOW PROMOTER"
16 MEANS A PERSON WHO ORGANIZES OR OPERATES A GUN SHOW.

17 (6) (a) [Similar to former 18-12-506 (5)] "GUN SHOW VENDOR"
18 MEANS ANY PERSON WHO PUBLICLY EXHIBITS OR SELLS, OFFERS FOR SALE,
19 TRANSFERS, OR EXCHANGES ANY FIREARM AT A GUN SHOW, REGARDLESS
20 OF WHETHER THE PERSON ARRANGES WITH A GUN SHOW PROMOTER FOR A
21 FIXED LOCATION FROM WHICH TO PUBLICLY EXHIBIT OR SELL, OFFER FOR
22 SALE, TRANSFER, OR EXCHANGE ANY FIREARM.

23 (b) "GUN SHOW VENDOR" DOES NOT INCLUDE A PERSON WHO IS
24 NOT A FEDERAL FIREARMS LICENSEE WHO SELLS, OFFERS FOR SALE, OR
25 TRANSFERS A FIREARM TO, OR EXCHANGES A FIREARM WITH, A GUN SHOW
26 VENDOR WHO IS A FEDERAL FIREARMS LICENSEE AT A GUN SHOW,
27 INCLUDING TRANSFERRING A FIREARM TO A GUN SHOW VENDOR WHO IS A

1 FEDERAL FIREARMS LICENSEE FOR SALE ON CONSIGNMENT OR TO
2 FACILITATE A PRIVATE FIREARM TRANSFER.

3 (7) "LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY WITH JURISDICTION OVER
4 THE GUN SHOW" MEANS A TOWN MARSHAL'S OFFICE, POLICE DEPARTMENT,
5 OR SHERIFF'S OFFICE WHOSE JURISDICTION INCLUDES THE AREA IN WHICH
6 A GUN SHOW OCCURS.

7 (8) "STATE FIREARMS DEALER PERMIT" MEANS A STATE FIREARMS
8 DEALER PERMIT DESCRIBED IN SECTION 18-12-401.5.

9 **18-12-502. Gun show promoters - requirements - penalties.**

10 (1) (a) FOR EACH GUN SHOW ORGANIZED AND OPERATED BY A GUN SHOW
11 PROMOTER, THE PROMOTER SHALL PREPARE A SECURITY PLAN. THE
12 SECURITY PLAN MUST INCLUDE:

13 (I) A LIST OF GUN SHOW VENDORS WHO WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE
14 GUN SHOW;

15 (II) THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF ATTENDEES;

16 (III) THE NUMBER OF SECURITY PERSONNEL RETAINED BY THE GUN
17 SHOW PROMOTER TO PROVIDE SECURITY AT THE GUN SHOW, INCLUDING
18 THE NUMBER OF SECURITY PERSONNEL WHO ARE CERTIFIED BY THE PEACE
19 OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING BOARD CREATED IN SECTION
20 24-31-302; AND

21 (IV) A FLOOR PLAN OR LAYOUT OF THE EVENT THAT INCLUDES
22 INFORMATION ABOUT THE LOCATION OF THE ENTRANCES AND EXITS AND
23 THE LOCATION OF VIDEO CAMERAS THAT PROVIDE VIDEO SURVEILLANCE
24 OF THE GUN SHOW.

25 (b) PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)(a)(II) OF THIS SECTION, A GUN
26 SHOW PROMOTER SHALL SUBMIT THE SECURITY PLAN TO EACH LOCAL LAW
27 ENFORCEMENT AGENCY WITH JURISDICTION OVER THE GUN SHOW.

1 (2) (a) FOR EACH GUN SHOW ORGANIZED AND OPERATED BY A
2 PROMOTER, THE PROMOTER SHALL:

3 (I) HAVE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT A LIABILITY INSURANCE
4 POLICY THAT COVERS LOSSES OR DAMAGES OF AT LEAST ONE MILLION
5 DOLLARS TO ALL PERSONS, ARISING FROM AN INCIDENT THAT RESULTS IN
6 INJURY TO A PERSON OTHER THAN THE INSURED, WHILE THE PERSON IS IN
7 ATTENDANCE AT THE GUN SHOW. THE LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICY MUST
8 BE FROM AN INSURER AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN COLORADO OR A
9 NONADMITTED INSURER, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 10-5-101.2.

10 (II) NO LATER THAN FOURTEEN DAYS BEFORE THE GUN SHOW,
11 SUBMIT THE SECURITY PLAN REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS
12 SECTION TO EACH LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY WITH JURISDICTION
13 OVER THE GUN SHOW;

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15 (III) OBTAIN, AT LEAST THREE DAYS BEFORE THE GUN SHOW, AND
16 RETAIN FOR SIX MONTHS AFTER THE GUN SHOW A CERTIFICATION FROM
17 EACH GUN SHOW VENDOR THAT COMPLIES WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF
18 SECTION 18-12-504;

19 (IV) ENSURE THAT ALL ENTRANCES AND EXITS, INCLUDING FIRE
20 EXITS, ARE EITHER GUARDED BY SECURITY PERSONNEL OR EQUIPPED WITH
21 AN ALARM SYSTEM;

22 (V) PROVIDE VIDEO SURVEILLANCE OF THE GUN SHOW PARKING
23 AREA AND OF THE MAIN ENTRANCE AND MAIN EXIT DURING THE ENTIRE
24 TIME A GUN SHOW PROMOTER HAS ACCESS TO THE VENUE, INCLUDING
25 DURING VENDOR SETUP AND TAKEDOWN, AND MAINTAIN RECORDINGS OF
26 THE SURVEILLANCE FOR SIX MONTHS AFTER THE GUN SHOW. IF THE VENUE
27 CONDUCTS VIDEO SURVEILLANCE OF THE GUN SHOW PARKING AREA, THE

1 GUN SHOW PROMOTER IS NOT REQUIRED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL VIDEO
2 SURVEILLANCE, BUT THE PROMOTER MUST RETAIN THE VIDEO
3 SURVEILLANCE RECORDINGS FOR SIX MONTHS AFTER THE GUN SHOW AS
4 REQUIRED IN THIS SUBSECTION (2)(a)(V).

5 (VI) ENSURE THAT EACH FIREARM BROUGHT INTO THE GUN SHOW
6 BY A PERSON OTHER THAN A GUN SHOW VENDOR, SECURITY PERSONNEL,
7 OR THE GUN SHOW PROMOTER IS CHECKED AND TAGGED. THE TAG MUST
8 STATE THAT ALL FIREARM TRANSFERS BETWEEN PRIVATE PARTIES AT THE
9 SHOW MUST BE CONDUCTED THROUGH A LICENSED DEALER. IN ORDER TO
10 BRING A FIREARM INTO A GUN SHOW, A PERSON MUST SIGN THE TAG AND
11 THE TAG MUST REMAIN ON THE FIREARM FOR THE ENTIRE TIME THE
12 FIREARM IS AT THE GUN SHOW.

13 (VII) PROHIBIT A PERSON UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN FROM
14 ENTERING THE GUN SHOW UNLESS THE PERSON IS ACCOMPANIED BY A
15 PARENT, GRANDPARENT, OR GUARDIAN; EXCEPT THAT A PROMOTER MAY
16 ALLOW A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES OR COLORADO
17 NATIONAL GUARD WHO IS ON ACTIVE DUTY AND WHO IS UNDER EIGHTEEN
18 YEARS OF AGE TO ENTER THE GUN SHOW WITHOUT A PARENT,
19 GRANDPARENT, OR GUARDIAN UPON THE MEMBER PRESENTING A VALID
20 MILITARY IDENTIFICATION CARD THAT DEMONSTRATES THAT THE PERSON
21 IS A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES OR COLORADO
22 NATIONAL GUARD;

23 (VIII) FOR EACH CUSTOMER WHO LEAVES THE GUN SHOW WITH A
24 PURCHASED FIREARM, CHECK THAT THE FIREARM WAS DELIVERED IN
25 COMPLIANCE WITH THE WAITING PERIOD REQUIRED IN SECTION 18-12-115
26 BY REQUIRING A PERSON LEAVING THE GUN SHOW WITH A PURCHASED
27 FIREARM TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE WAITING PERIOD WAS COMPLIED

1 WITH OR THAT AN EXCEPTION APPLIES; AND

2 (IX) POST THE FOLLOWING NOTICES AT EACH ENTRANCE AND
3 CONSPICUOUSLY AT LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE GUN SHOW:

4 (A) A NOTICE THAT STATES: "NO ONE MAY TRANSFER A FIREARM
5 WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING A BACKGROUND CHECK THROUGH A LICENSED
6 GUN DEALER IF ANY PART OF THE TRANSACTION OCCURS ON THESE
7 PREMISES, INCLUDING THE PARKING FACILITIES. SECTION 18-12-506,
8 COLORADO REVISED STATUTES"; AND

9 (B) A NOTICE THAT A FIREARM LEFT IN AN UNATTENDED VEHICLE
10 IS REQUIRED TO BE SECURED IN THE VEHICLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH
11 SECTION 18-12-114.5.

12 (b) A GUN SHOW PROMOTER WHO VIOLATES A REQUIREMENT
13 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION COMMITS UNLAWFUL
14 GUN SHOW MANAGEMENT. UNLAWFUL GUN SHOW MANAGEMENT IS A
15 CLASS 2 MISDEMEANOR; EXCEPT THAT A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE
16 IS A CLASS 1 MISDEMEANOR AND, IN ADDITION TO A PENALTY IMPOSED IN
17 ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 18-1.3-501, THE PROMOTER IS ALSO
18 PROHIBITED FROM ACTING AS A GUN SHOW PROMOTER FOR FIVE YEARS,
19 BEGINNING ON THE DATE OF THE CONVICTION FOR THE SECOND OR
20 SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE.

21 **18-12-503. Gun show vendors - federal firearms license and**
22 **state firearms dealer permit required - penalty.** (1) (a) A GUN SHOW
23 VENDOR MUST BE A FEDERAL FIREARMS LICENSEE AND HOLD A VALID
24 STATE FIREARMS DEALER PERMIT. A PERSON WHO IS NOT A FEDERAL
25 FIREARMS LICENSEE AND DOES NOT HOLD A VALID STATE FIREARMS
26 DEALER PERMIT SHALL NOT PARTICIPATE IN A GUN SHOW AS A GUN SHOW
27 VENDOR.

1 (b) A PERSON WHO HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF A SECOND OFFENSE
2 OF UNLAWFUL GUN SHOW VENDOR ACTIVITY DESCRIBED IN SECTION
3 18-12-505 SHALL NOT PARTICIPATE IN A GUN SHOW AS A GUN SHOW
4 VENDOR.

5 (c) A PERSON WHO HAS NOT COMPLETED THE CERTIFICATION TO
6 THE GUN SHOW PROMOTER DESCRIBED IN SECTION 18-12-504, INCLUDING
7 ATTACHING A COPY OF THE VENDOR'S FEDERAL FIREARMS LICENSE AND
8 STATE FIREARMS DEALER PERMIT TO THE CERTIFICATION, SHALL NOT
9 PARTICIPATE IN A GUN SHOW AS A GUN SHOW VENDOR.

10 (2) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION COMMITS UNLAWFUL
11 PARTICIPATION IN A GUN SHOW AS A GUN SHOW VENDOR. UNLAWFUL
12 PARTICIPATION IN A GUN SHOW AS A GUN SHOW VENDOR IS A CLASS 2
13 MISDEMEANOR; EXCEPT THAT A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE IS A
14 CLASS 1 MISDEMEANOR.

15 **18-12-504. Gun show vendor certification.** (1) A GUN SHOW
16 VENDOR SHALL CERTIFY THE FOLLOWING TO A GUN SHOW PROMOTER, IN
17 A FORM DETERMINED BY THE GUN SHOW PROMOTER:

18 **GUN SHOW VENDOR**

19 **CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE**

20 AS A VENDOR OF FIREARMS OR FIREARM
21 COMPONENTS AT THE GUN SHOW OPERATED BY
22 [PROMOTER'S NAME] TO BE HELD [DATE OR DATES OF GUN
23 SHOW] IN [CITY OR TOWN, IF APPLICABLE], _____
24 COUNTY, COLORADO, I CERTIFY TO THE PROMOTER OF THE
25 GUN SHOW THAT:

26 I AM A FEDERAL FIREARMS LICENSEE AND I AM
27 PERMITTED BY THE STATE OF COLORADO TO SELL FIREARMS

1 AT RETAIL.

2 I WILL DISPLAY A COPY OF THE FEDERAL LICENSE
3 AND STATE PERMIT AT MY BOOTH AT THE GUN SHOW.

4 I HAVE NEVER BEEN CONVICTED OF ILLEGAL
5 ACTIVITY INVOLVING FIREARMS.


6 I WILL ENSURE THAT ALL FIREARMS AND FRAMES OR
7 RECEIVERS OF FIREARMS SOLD BY ME AT THE GUN SHOW
8 WILL BE PRECEDED BY A BACKGROUND CHECK OF THE
9 PURCHASER AND COMPLY WITH THE THREE-DAY WAITING
10 PERIOD REQUIRED IN STATE LAW.

11 I WILL SECURE AMMUNITION IN A MANNER THAT
12 MAKES THE AMMUNITION INACCESSIBLE TO GUN SHOW
13 ATTENDEES WITHOUT ASSISTANCE.

14 I WILL NOT SELL OR TRANSFER ANY WEAPONS OR
15 AMMUNITION THAT I AM PROHIBITED FROM SELLING
16 PURSUANT TO FEDERAL OR STATE LAW, INCLUDING, BUT
17 NOT LIMITED TO:

18 AMMUNITION MAGAZINES THAT ALLOW FOR MORE
19 THAN 15 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION;

20 FIREARMS THAT HAVE FIXED MAGAZINES THAT
21 ALLOW FOR MORE THAN 15 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION;

22 
23 FIREARMS OR FRAMES OR RECEIVERS OF A FIREARM,
24 INCLUDING UNFINISHED FRAMES OR RECEIVERS, THAT ARE
25 UNSERIALIZED; AND

26 DANGEROUS WEAPONS, AS DEFINED IN SECTION
27 18-12-102, C.R.S., AND ILLEGAL WEAPONS, AS DEFINED IN

1 SECTION 18-12-102, C.R.S., UNLESS THE TRANSFEREE
2 PRESENTS A VALID PERMIT FOR POSSESSION OF THE WEAPON.

3 FURTHERMORE, I AM AWARE OF ADDITIONAL
4 PROHIBITED ITEMS IN THE CITY OR TOWN AND COUNTY IN
5 WHICH THE GUN SHOW WILL BE HELD, AND I WILL NOT
6 ENGAGE IN THE SALE OF THOSE ITEMS.

7 I UNDERSTAND THAT IF I SELL PROHIBITED ITEMS OR
8 CONDUCT SALES IN DANGEROUS OR ILLEGAL WEAPONS
9 WITHOUT THE TRANSFEREE PRESENTING A VALID PERMIT, I
10 MAY BE SUBJECT TO CRIMINAL PENALTIES UNDER FEDERAL,
11 STATE, OR LOCAL LAWS AND MAY BE PROHIBITED FROM
12 PARTICIPATING IN FUTURE GUN SHOWS IN THE STATE OF
13 COLORADO.

14 VENDOR PRINTED NAME: _____

15 VENDOR SIGNATURE: _____

16 DATE: _____

17 (2) A GUN SHOW VENDOR SHALL ATTACH A COPY OF THE VENDOR'S
18 FEDERAL FIREARMS LICENSE AND STATE FIREARMS DEALER PERMIT TO THE
19 CERTIFICATION.

20 **18-12-505. Gun show vendors - requirements - penalties.**

21 (1) WHILE PARTICIPATING IN A GUN SHOW, A GUN SHOW VENDOR SHALL:

22 (a) PROMINENTLY DISPLAY A COPY OF THE VENDOR'S FEDERAL
23 FIREARMS LICENSE AND A COPY OF THE VENDOR'S STATE FIREARMS
24 DEALER PERMIT AT THE VENDOR'S PRIMARY PLACE OF BUSINESS AT THE
25 GUN SHOW;

26 (b) KEEP ALL FIREARMS IN THE VENDOR'S POSSESSION UNLOADED
27 AND SECURELY AFFIXED TO THE VENDOR'S COUNTERTOP OR WALL BY USE

1 OF A PLASTIC TIE OR ELECTRONICALLY MONITORED WIRE;

2 (c) SECURE AMMUNITION IN A MANNER THAT MAKES THE
3 AMMUNITION INACCESSIBLE TO GUN SHOW ATTENDEES WITHOUT THE
4 ASSISTANCE OF THE VENDOR OR AN EMPLOYEE OF THE VENDOR; AND

5 (d) INCLUDE WITH EACH SOLD FIREARM THE FOLLOWING
6 INFORMATION, IN WRITING:

7 FIREARMS STORAGE AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

8 FIREARMS MUST BE RESPONSIBLY AND SECURELY STORED
9 WHEN THEY ARE NOT IN USE TO PREVENT ACCESS BY
10 UNSUPERVISED JUVENILES AND OTHER UNAUTHORIZED
11 USERS. SECTION 18-12-114, C.R.S.

12 FIREARMS LEFT IN AN UNATTENDED VEHICLE MUST BE
13 STORED IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW. SECTION
14 18-12-114.5, C.R.S.

15 IF A FIREARM IS LOST OR STOLEN, THE OWNER OF THE
16 FIREARM MUST REPORT THE LOSS OR THEFT TO A LAW
17 ENFORCEMENT AGENCY NOT MORE THAN FIVE DAYS AFTER
18 DISCOVERING THAT THE FIREARM HAS BEEN LOST OR
19 STOLEN. SECTION 18-12-113. C.R.S.

20 (2) A GUN SHOW VENDOR WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION COMMITS
21 UNLAWFUL GUN SHOW VENDOR ACTIVITY. UNLAWFUL GUN SHOW VENDOR
22 ACTIVITY IS A CLASS 2 MISDEMEANOR; EXCEPT THAT A SECOND OR
23 SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE IS A CLASS 1 MISDEMEANOR AND, PURSUANT TO
24 SECTION 18-12-503 (1)(b), THE PERSON WHO HAS COMMITTED A SECOND
25 OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE OF UNLAWFUL GUN SHOW VENDOR ACTIVITY IS
26 PROHIBITED FROM PARTICIPATING AS A VENDOR AT A GUN SHOW.

27 **18-12-506. Background checks at gun shows - records - fees -**

1 **notice posted by promoter - penalties - definition. (1) (a) [Similar to**
2 **former 18-12-501 (1)]** BEFORE A GUN SHOW VENDOR TRANSFERS OR
3 ATTEMPTS TO TRANSFER A FIREARM AT A GUN SHOW, THE VENDOR SHALL:

4 (I) REQUIRE THAT A BACKGROUND CHECK, IN ACCORDANCE WITH
5 SECTION 24-33.5-424, BE CONDUCTED OF THE PROSPECTIVE TRANSFEREE;
6 AND

7 (II) OBTAIN APPROVAL OF A TRANSFER FROM THE COLORADO
8 BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AFTER A BACKGROUND CHECK HAS BEEN
9 REQUESTED BY A LICENSED GUN DEALER, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION
10 24-33.5-424.

11 (b) **[Similar to former 18-12-501 (2)]** A GUN SHOW PROMOTER
12 SHALL ARRANGE FOR THE SERVICES OF ONE OR MORE LICENSED GUN
13 DEALERS ON THE PREMISES OF THE GUN SHOW TO OBTAIN THE
14 BACKGROUND CHECKS REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION.

15 (c) **[Similar to former 18-12-501 (3)]** IF ANY PART OF A FIREARM
16 TRANSACTION TAKES PLACE AT A GUN SHOW, THE TRANSFEROR SHALL NOT
17 TRANSFER THE FIREARM UNLESS A BACKGROUND CHECK HAS BEEN
18 OBTAINED BY A LICENSED GUN DEALER.

19 (d) **[Similar to former 18-12-501 (4)]** A PERSON WHO VIOLATES
20 THIS SUBSECTION (1) COMMITS A CLASS 1 MISDEMEANOR.

21 (2) **[Similar to former 18-12-502] (a)** A LICENSED GUN DEALER
22 WHO OBTAINS A BACKGROUND CHECK ON A PROSPECTIVE TRANSFEREE
23 SHALL RECORD THE TRANSFER, AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 18-12-402, AND
24 RETAIN THE RECORDS, AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 18-12-403, IN THE SAME
25 MANNER AS WHEN CONDUCTING A SALE, RENTAL, OR EXCHANGE AT
26 RETAIL.

27 (b) ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO KNOWINGLY GIVES FALSE INFORMATION

1 IN CONNECTION WITH THE MAKING OF THE RECORDS DESCRIBED IN THIS
2 SUBSECTION (2) COMMITS A CLASS 1 MISDEMEANOR.

3 (3) Reserved.

4 (4) [Similar to former 18-12-504] (a) A GUN SHOW PROMOTER
5 SHALL PROMINENTLY POST A NOTICE, IN A FORM TO BE PRESCRIBED BY THE
6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY OR THE
7 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE, SETTING FORTH THE REQUIREMENT FOR
8 A BACKGROUND CHECK REQUIRED IN THIS SECTION.

9 (b) A GUN SHOW PROMOTER WHO VIOLATES THIS SUBSECTION (4)
10 COMMITS A CLASS 2 MISDEMEANOR.

11 (5) [Similar to former 18-12-505] THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY
12 TO THE TRANSFER OF AN ANTIQUE FIREARM, AS DEFINED IN 18 U.S.C. SEC.
13 921(a)(16), OR A CURIO OR RELIC, AS DEFINED IN 27 CFR SEC. 178.11.

14 (6) [Similar to former 18-12-506 (6)] AS USED IN THIS SECTION,
15 UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES, "LICENSED GUN DEALER"
16 MEANS ANY PERSON WHO IS A LICENSED IMPORTER, LICENSED
17 MANUFACTURER, OR DEALER LICENSED PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SEC. 923,
18 AS A FEDERALLY LICENSED FIREARMS DEALER.

19 (7) [Similar to former 18-12-507] THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
20 SHALL APPROPRIATE MONEY AS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.

21 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-12-406, **amend**
22 **as it will become effective July 1, 2025,** (3)(a) as follows:

23 **18-12-406. Requirements for firearms dealers - training -**
24 **securing firearms - sale outside of business hours prohibited - rules**
25 **- penalty.** (3) A dealer shall not sell or transfer a firearm:

26 (a) Outside of the dealer's posted business hours; except that a
27 dealer may sell or transfer a firearm at a gun show, as defined in ~~section~~

1 ~~18-12-506~~ SECTION 18-12-501, outside of the dealer's posted business
2 hours; or

3 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 39-37-103, **amend**
4 (6) as follows:

5 **39-37-103. Definitions.** As used in this article 37, unless the
6 context otherwise requires:

7 (6) "Firearm" or "gun" means a firearm as defined in section
8 18-12-101 (1)(b.7) and any instrument or device described in section
9 18-1-901 (3)(h) OR 18-12-401 (1)(a). ~~or 18-12-506 (2).~~

10 **SECTION 5. Act subject to petition - effective date -**
11 **applicability.** (1) This act takes effect January 1, 2026; except that, if a
12 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
13 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
14 within the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general
15 assembly, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless
16 approved by the people at the general election to be held in November
17 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official
18 declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

19 (2) This act applies to gun shows held on or after the applicable
20 effective date of this act.