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SENATE BILL 25-205

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

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Espenoza and Lindstedt,

Senate Committees

State, Veterans, & Military Affairs

House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING A FIREARM SERIAL NUMBER CHECK, AND, IN**
102 **CONNECTION THEREWITH, CREATING A STANDARDIZED**
103 **PROCEDURE FOR A FEDERAL FIREARMS LICENSEE TO REQUEST**
104 **A FIREARM SERIAL NUMBER CHECK AND IMPOSING A PENALTY**
105 **UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES IF A LICENSEE DOES NOT FILE**
106 **A REPORT WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT.**

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 establishes a procedure allowing a federal firearms

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licensee to request a firearm serial number check prior to purchasing a firearm from an individual and requires a local county sheriff's office to complete the serial number check within 72 hours after the request. The bill imposes a penalty on a licensee if a licensee fails to file a report with law enforcement when the licensee reasonably believes, knows or should know, or becomes aware that a person sold or attempted to sell a firearm that is stolen, lost, or involved in an open criminal investigation.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 29-11.7-105 as
3 follows:

4 **29-11.7-105. Firearm serial number check - procedure -**
5 **processing fee - penalty.** (1) (a) A FEDERAL FIREARMS LICENSEE, AS
6 DESCRIBED IN SECTION 18-12-101, MAY REQUEST A FIREARM SERIAL
7 NUMBER CHECK _____ PRIOR TO PURCHASING A FIREARM FROM AN
8 INDIVIDUAL. IF A FEDERAL FIREARMS LICENSEE'S PLACE OF BUSINESS IS
9 LOCATED WITHIN INCORPORATED CITY LIMITS AND REQUESTS A FIREARM
10 SERIAL NUMBER CHECK, THE LICENSEE MUST REQUEST THE FIREARM
11 SERIAL NUMBER CHECK FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WITHIN THE CITY
12 LIMITS IN WHICH THE FEDERAL FIREARMS LICENSEE'S PLACE OF BUSINESS
13 IS LOCATED. IF A FEDERAL FIREARMS LICENSEE'S PLACE OF BUSINESS IS
14 LOCATED IN AN UNINCORPORATED PART OF A COUNTY AND REQUESTS A
15 FIREARM SERIAL NUMBER CHECK, THE LICENSEE MUST REQUEST THE
16 FIREARM SERIAL NUMBER CHECK FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT OF THE
17 COUNTY IN WHICH THE FEDERAL FIREARMS LICENSEE'S PLACE OF BUSINESS
18 IS LOCATED.

19 (b) UPON REQUEST BY A FEDERAL FIREARMS LICENSEE, A SHERIFF'S
20 OFFICE OR POLICE DEPARTMENT SHALL PERFORM THE FIREARM SERIAL
21 NUMBER CHECK AND RESPOND WITH THE RESULT OF THE CHECK TO THE
22 LICENSEE WITHIN SEVENTY-TWO HOURS AFTER THE REQUEST.

1 (c) THE FIREARM SERIAL NUMBER CHECK MUST INCLUDE, AT A
2 MINIMUM, INFORMATION REGARDING WHETHER THE GUN IS REPORTED
3 STOLEN, LOST, OR IS INVOLVED IN AN OPEN CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION.

4 (d) A SHERIFF'S OFFICE OR POLICE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH
5 A REASONABLE AND UNIFORM SYSTEM TO RECEIVE A FIREARM SERIAL
6 NUMBER CHECK REQUEST AND PROVIDE A RESPONSE TO A REQUESTING
7 LICENSEE.

8 (2) (a) A SHERIFF'S OFFICE OR POLICE DEPARTMENT MAY CHARGE
9 A FEE TO PERFORM THE FIREARM SERIAL NUMBER CHECK. THE FEE
10 AMOUNT MUST REFLECT THE ACTUAL AND INDIRECT COSTS TO THE
11 SHERIFF'S OFFICE OR POLICE DEPARTMENT OF PERFORMING THE FIREARM
12 SERIAL NUMBER CHECK.

13 (b) IF A SHERIFF'S OFFICE OR POLICE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT
14 PERFORM THE FIREARM SERIAL NUMBER CHECK AND PROVIDE A RESPONSE
15 TO THE LICENSEE WITHIN SEVENTY-TWO HOURS AFTER THE REQUEST, THE
16 SHERIFF'S OFFICE OR POLICE DEPARTMENT SHALL REFUND, OR SHALL NOT
17 CHARGE, THE LICENSEE FOR THE FIREARM SERIAL NUMBER CHECK.

18 (3) EACH SHERIFF'S OFFICE OR POLICE DEPARTMENT SHALL BEGIN
19 PROVIDING FIREARM SERIAL NUMBER CHECKS NO LATER THAN JULY 1,
20 2026.

21 (4) IF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ALLOWS A FEDERAL FIREARMS
22 LICENSEE TO ACCESS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S FIREARM TRACING
23 PROGRAM TO ALLOW THE FEDERAL FIREARMS LICENSEE TO PERFORM A
24 FIREARM SERIAL NUMBER CHECK, THE FEDERAL FIREARMS LICENSEE MAY
25 PERFORM THE FIREARMS SERIAL NUMBER CHECK THEMSELF. THE FEDERAL
26 FIREARMS LICENSEE IS STILL SUBJECT TO THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS
27 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (5) OF THIS SECTION. THIS SUBSECTION (4) WILL

1 TAKE EFFECT AS SOON AS THE TECHNOLOGY AND INFRASTRUCTURE FOR A
2 FEDERAL FIREARMS LICENSEE TO PERFORM A FIREARM SERIAL NUMBER
3 SEARCH IS AVAILABLE.

4 (5) (a) If a FIREARMS DEALER WHO HOLDS A STATE PERMIT TO
5 DEAL FIREARMS PURSUANT TO SECTION 18-12-401.5 REASONABLY
6 BELIEVES, KNOWS OR SHOULD KNOW, OR BECOMES AWARE THAT A PERSON
7 SOLD OR ATTEMPTED TO SELL A FIREARM THAT IS STOLEN, LOST, OR
8 INVOLVED IN AN OPEN CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION, THE DEALER SHALL
9 REPORT THAT INFORMATION TO A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY WITH
10 JURISDICTION OVER THE DEALER'S PLACE OF BUSINESS.

11 (b) FAILURE TO MAKE THE REPORT AS REQUIRED BY THIS
12 SUBSECTION (5) WITHIN FORTY-EIGHT HOURS AFTER THE DEALER
13 REASONABLY BELIEVES, KNOWS OR SHOULD KNOW, OR BECOMES AWARE
14 OF THE FIREARM BEING STOLEN, LOST, OR INVOLVED IN AN OPEN CRIMINAL
15 INVESTIGATION IS SUBJECT TO THE PENALTIES DESCRIBED IN SECTION
16 18-12-401.5 (7).

17 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-12-401.5, **amend**
18 (7)(a) introductory portion as follows:

19 **18-12-401.5. Permit required - issuing agency - cash fund -**
20 **inspections - penalty - report - rules - repeal.** (7) (a) Except as
21 provided in subsection (8) of this section, if the department finds that a
22 dealer failed to post the required notice or make a report concerning
23 unlawful purchases in violation of section 18-12-111; failed to make a
24 record required pursuant to section 18-12-402; transferred a firearm
25 without a locking device or failed to post the required notice concerning
26 locking devices, in violation of section 18-12-405; failed to comply with
27 any of the requirements of section 18-12-406; FAILED TO COMPLY WITH

1 ANY OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 29-11.7-105 (5); violated any
2 other provision of this article 12 or any other state or local law concerning
3 the sale of firearms; or violated any federal law or rule concerning the
4 sale of firearms or firearm components for which the penalty includes
5 potential revocation of the person's federal firearms license, the
6 department shall:

7 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
8 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
9 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
10 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
11 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
12 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
13 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
14 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
15 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.