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SENATE ENROLLED ACT No. 169

AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 35-43-4-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.158-2013, SECTION 463, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 2. (a) A person who knowingly or intentionally exerts unauthorized control over property of another person, with intent to deprive the other person of any part of its value or use, commits theft, a Class A misdemeanor. However, the offense is:

(1) a Level 6 felony if:

(A) the value of the property is at least seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750) and less than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000);

(B) the property is a firearm; or

~~(B)~~ (C) the person has a prior unrelated conviction for:

(i) theft under this section; or

(ii) criminal conversion under section 3 of this chapter; and

(2) a Level 5 felony if:

(A) the value of the property is at least fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000); or

(B) the property that is the subject of the theft is a valuable metal (as defined in IC 25-37.5-1-1) and:

(i) relates to transportation safety;

(ii) relates to public safety; or

(iii) is taken from a hospital or other health care facility,



telecommunications provider, public utility (as defined in IC 32-24-1-5.9(a)), or key facility;
and the absence of the property creates a substantial risk of bodily injury to a person.

(b) In determining the value of property under this section, acts of theft committed in a single episode of criminal conduct (as defined in IC 35-50-1-2(b)) may be charged in a single count.

(c) For purposes of this section, "the value of property" means:

- (1) the fair market value of the property at the time and place the offense was committed; or
- (2) if the fair market value of the property cannot be satisfactorily determined, the cost to replace the property within a reasonable time after the offense was committed.

A price tag or price marking on property displayed or offered for sale constitutes prima facie evidence of the value of the property.

SECTION 2. IC 35-47-2-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.158-2013, SECTION 577, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 7. (a) Except an individual acting within a parent-minor child or guardian-minor protected person relationship or any other individual who is also acting in compliance with IC 35-47-10 (**governing children and firearms**), a person may not sell, give, or in any other manner transfer the ownership or possession of a handgun or assault weapon to any person under eighteen (18) years of age.

(b) ~~It is unlawful for a person to sell, give, or in any manner transfer~~ **A person who knowingly or intentionally sells, gives, or in any other manner transfers** the ownership or possession of a handgun to another person who the person ~~knows: has reasonable cause to believe:~~

~~(+) has been:~~

~~(A) convicted of a felony; or~~

~~(B) adjudicated a delinquent child for an act that would be a felony if committed by an adult, if the person seeking to obtain ownership or possession of the handgun is less than twenty-three (23) years of age;~~

~~(2) is a drug abuser;~~

~~(3) is an alcohol abuser; or~~

~~(4) is mentally incompetent;~~

(1) is ineligible for any reason other than the person's age to purchase or otherwise receive from a dealer a handgun; or

(2) intends to use the handgun to commit a crime;

commits criminal transfer of a handgun, a Level 5 felony. However, the offense is a Level 3 felony if the other person uses the



handgun to commit murder (IC 35-42-1-1).

(c) A person who knowingly or intentionally violates this section commits a Level 5 felony. A person who purchases a handgun with the intent to:

(1) resell or otherwise provide the handgun to another person who the person knows is ineligible for any reason to purchase or otherwise receive from a dealer a handgun;

(2) resell or otherwise provide the handgun to another person who the person knows intends to use the handgun to commit a crime; or

(3) transport the handgun outside Indiana to be resold or otherwise provided to another person who the transferor knows:

(A) is ineligible to purchase or otherwise receive a handgun; or

(B) intends to use the handgun to commit a crime;

commits the straw purchase of a handgun, a Level 5 felony. However, the offense is a Level 3 felony if the other person uses the handgun to commit murder (IC 35-42-1-1).

(d) As used in this subsection, "NICS" has the meaning set forth in IC 35-47-2.5-2.5. It is a defense to a prosecution under subsection (b)(1) that:

(1) the accused person contacted NICS (or had a dealer contact NICS on the person's behalf) to request a background check on the other person before the accused person sold, gave, or in any other manner transferred the ownership or possession of the handgun to the other person; and

(2) the accused person (or dealer acting on the person's behalf) received authorization from NICS to sell, give, or in any other manner transfer ownership or possession of the handgun to the other person.

SECTION 3. IC 35-47-2.5-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.190-2006, SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 1. (a) **Sections 2 through 5** of this chapter ~~does~~ **do** not apply to the following:

(1) Transactions between persons who are licensed as firearms importers or collectors or firearms manufacturers or dealers under 18 U.S.C. 923.

(2) Purchases by or sales to a law enforcement officer or agent of the United States, the state, or a county or local government.

(3) Indiana residents licensed to carry handguns under IC 35-47-2-3.



(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the state shall participate in the NICS if federal funds are available to assist the state in participating in the NICS. If:

- (1) the state participates in the NICS; and
- (2) there is a conflict between:
 - (A) a provision of this chapter; and
 - (B) a procedure required under the NICS;

the procedure required under the NICS prevails over the conflicting provision of this chapter.

SECTION 4. IC 35-47-2.5-14 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]. Sec. 14. (a) This section does not apply to a person who provides a handgun to the following:

- (1) A child who is attending a hunters safety course or a firearms safety course or an adult who is supervising the child during the course.
- (2) A child engaging in practice in using a firearm for target shooting at an established range or in an area where the discharge of a firearm is not prohibited or is supervised by:
 - (A) a qualified firearms instructor; or
 - (B) an adult who is supervising the child while the child is at the range.
- (3) A child engaging in an organized competition involving the use of a firearm or participating in or practicing for a performance by an organized group under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code that uses firearms as a part of a performance or an adult who is involved in the competition or performance.
- (4) A child who is hunting or trapping under a valid license issued to the child under IC 14-22.
- (5) A child who is traveling with an unloaded firearm to or from an activity described in this section.
- (6) A child who:
 - (A) is on real property that is under the control of the child's parent, an adult family member of the child, or the child's legal guardian; and
 - (B) has permission from the child's parent or legal guardian to possess a firearm.

(b) A person who purchases a handgun with the intent to:

- (1) resell or otherwise provide the handgun to another person who the person knows or has reason to believe is ineligible for any reason to purchase or otherwise receive from a dealer a handgun; or
- (2) transport the handgun out of the state to be resold or otherwise



provided to another person who the transferor knows is ineligible to purchase or otherwise receive a firearm; commits a Level 6 felony:

(c) If the violation of this section involves a transfer of more than one (1) handgun, the offense is a Level 5 felony:

SECTION 5. IC 35-47-2.5-15 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]. Sec. 15. (a) A person who is ineligible to purchase or otherwise receive or possess a handgun in Indiana who knowingly or intentionally solicits, employs, or assists any person in violating section 14 of this chapter commits a Level 6 felony:

(b) If the violation involves a transfer of more than one (1) handgun, the offense is a Level 5 felony:

SECTION 6. IC 35-47-2.5-16 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: **Sec. 16. (a) This section does not apply to a person who complies with IC 35-47-10 (governing children and firearms).**

(b) A person who provides a firearm to an individual who the person knows:

- (1) is ineligible to purchase or otherwise receive or possess a firearm for any reason other than the person's age; or
- (2) intends to use the firearm to commit a crime;

commits criminal transfer of a firearm, a Level 5 felony. However, the offense is a Level 3 felony if the individual uses the firearm to commit murder (IC 35-42-1-1).

(c) It is a defense to a prosecution under subsection (b)(1) that:

- (1) the accused person (or dealer acting on the person's behalf) contacted NICS to request a background check on the individual before the accused person provided the firearm to the individual; and
- (2) the accused person (or dealer acting on the person's behalf) received authorization from NICS to provide the firearm to the individual.

SECTION 7. IC 35-47-10-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 1. (a) **This section does not apply to section 7 of this chapter.**

(b) **Except as provided in subsection (c),** this chapter does not apply to the following:

- (1) A child who is attending a hunters safety course or a firearms safety course or an adult who is supervising the child during the course.
- (2) A child engaging in practice in using a firearm for target



shooting at an established range or in an area where the discharge of a firearm is not prohibited or supervised by:

- (A) a qualified firearms instructor; or
 - (B) an adult who is supervising the child while the child is at the range.
- (3) A child engaging in an organized competition involving the use of a firearm or participating in or practicing for a performance by an organized group under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code that uses firearms as a part of a performance or an adult who is involved in the competition or performance.
- (4) A child who is hunting or trapping under a valid license issued to the child under IC 14-22.
- (5) A child who is traveling with an unloaded firearm to or from an activity described in this section.
- (6) A child who:
- (A) is on real property that is under the control of the child's parent, an adult family member of the child, or the child's legal guardian; and
 - (B) has permission from the child's parent or legal guardian to possess a firearm.
- (7) A child who:
- (A) is at the child's residence; and
 - (B) has the permission of the child's parent, an adult family member of the child, or the child's legal guardian to possess a firearm.

(c) This chapter applies to a child, and to a person who provides a firearm to a child, if the child:

- (1) is ineligible to purchase or possess a firearm for any reason other than the child's age; or**
- (2) if the child intends to use a firearm to commit a crime.**

SECTION 8. IC 35-47-10-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.158-2013, SECTION 602, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 5. **(a)** A child who knowingly, intentionally, or recklessly

- ~~(1) possesses a firearm for any purpose other than a purpose described in section 1 of this chapter or~~
- ~~(2) provides a firearm to another child with or without remuneration for any purpose other than a purpose described in section 1 of this chapter;~~

commits dangerous possession of a firearm, a Class A misdemeanor. However, the offense is a Level 5 felony if the child has a prior conviction under this section or has been adjudicated a delinquent for



an act that would be an offense under this section if committed by an adult.

(b) A child who knowingly or intentionally provides a firearm to another child whom the child knows:

(1) is ineligible for any reason to purchase or otherwise receive from a dealer a firearm; or

(2) intends to use the firearm to commit a crime; commits a Level 5 felony. However, the offense is a Level 3 felony if the other child uses the firearm to commit murder (IC 35-42-1-1).

SECTION 9. IC 35-47-10-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.158-2013, SECTION 603, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 6. An adult who knowingly or intentionally or recklessly provides a firearm to a child for any purpose other than those described in section † of this chapter, with or without remuneration; whom the adult knows:

(1) is ineligible for any reason to purchase or otherwise receive from a dealer a firearm; or

(2) intends to use the firearm to commit a crime;

commits dangerous control of a firearm, a Level 5 felony. However, the offense is a Level 4 felony if the adult has a prior conviction under this section, and a Level 3 felony if the child uses the firearm to commit murder (IC 35-42-1-1).

SECTION 10. IC 35-50-2-11, AS AMENDED BY P.L.158-2013, SECTION 665, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 11. (a) As used in this section, "firearm" has the meaning set forth in IC 35-47-1-5.

(b) As used in this section, "offense" means:

(1) a felony under IC 35-42 that resulted in death or serious bodily injury;

(2) kidnapping; or

(3) criminal confinement as a Level 2 or Level 3 felony.

(c) The state may seek, on a page separate from the rest of a charging instrument, to have a person who allegedly committed an offense sentenced to an additional fixed term of imprisonment if the state can show beyond a reasonable doubt that the person knowingly or intentionally used a firearm in the commission of the offense.

(d) If the person was convicted of the offense in a jury trial, the jury shall reconvene to hear evidence in the enhancement hearing. If the trial was to the court, or the judgment was entered on a guilty plea, the court alone shall hear evidence in the enhancement hearing.

(e) If the jury (if the hearing is by jury) or the court (if the hearing



is to the court alone) finds that the state has proved beyond a reasonable doubt that the person knowingly or intentionally used a firearm in the commission of the offense, the court may sentence the person to an additional fixed term of imprisonment of **between** five (5) **years and twenty (20)** years.



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