

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 1397

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE NEWMAN.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 571, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to firearm purchases.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 571, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 571.700, to read as follows:

**571.700. 1. (1) Prior to any firearm purchase in this state, a prospective firearm
2 purchaser shall, at least seventy-two hours prior to the initial request to purchase a firearm
3 from a licensed firearm dealer located at least one hundred twenty miles from such
4 purchaser's legal residence, confer and discuss with a licensed physician the indicators and
5 contraindicators and risk factors, including any physical, psychological, or situational
6 factors, that may arise with the proposed firearm purchase. Such physician shall then
7 evaluate the prospective firearm purchaser for such indicators and contraindicators and
8 risk factors and determine if such firearm purchase would increase such purchaser's risk
9 of experiencing an adverse physical, emotional, or other health reaction.**

10 **(2) At the conclusion of the conference required under subdivision 1 of this
11 subsection, if the prospective firearm purchaser chooses to proceed with the firearm
12 purchase, the licensed physician conducting such conference shall sign and require the
13 prospective firearm purchaser to sign a written statement that such purchaser is fully
14 aware of all physical, psychological, or situational factors of such purchase.**

15 **2. No firearm purchase shall be allowed without voluntary, informed consent, given
16 freely and without coercion.**

17 **3. A licensed firearm dealer shall orally inform the purchaser of a firearm the
18 following, and reduce it to writing:**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

- 19 **(1) The name and license number of the licensed firearm dealer;**
20 **(2) The immediate and long-term medical risks associated with firearms, along with**
21 **medical descriptions and photographs of fatal firearm injuries, as collected by emergency**
22 **pediatric medical professionals, law enforcement, and prosecutors' offices;**
23 **(3) Alternatives to purchasing a firearm, which shall include materials about**
24 **peaceful and nonviolent conflict resolution;**
25 **(4) A statement that the dealer is available to answer any questions concerning the**
26 **purchase of a firearm, together with the telephone number of the dealer that the dealer**
27 **may be reached to answer any questions the purchaser may have.**
28 **4. The prospective firearm purchaser shall obtain written consent of his or her**
29 **parents in order to qualify for the purchase of any firearm.**
30 **5. Prior to the sale of any firearm, a purchaser shall:**
31 **(1) Be required to view a thirty minute video on fatal firearm injuries, as collected**
32 **by urban medical professionals, law enforcement, and local prosecutors, and verify in**
33 **writing he or she viewed the entire video in the presence of a licensed firearm dealer. Such**
34 **video shall be approved by the department of public safety;**
35 **(2) Verify in writing by a licensed physician that the purchaser has toured an**
36 **emergency trauma center in the nearest qualified urban hospital on a weekend between**
37 **the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. when gun violence victims are present.**
38 **6. Within seventy-two hours of a firearm purchase, the prospective firearm**
39 **purchaser shall meet with at least two families who have been victims of violence involving**
40 **a firearm and two local faith leaders who have officiated, within the past year, a funeral**
41 **of a victim of violence involving a firearm who was under the age of eighteen.**

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