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**HOUSE BILL 23-1230**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING PROHIBITIONS ON CERTAIN FIREARMS USED IN PUBLIC**  
102 **MASS SHOOTINGS.**

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**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 defines the term "assault weapon" and prohibits a person from manufacturing, importing, purchasing, selling, offering to sell, or transferring ownership of an assault weapon. The bill further prohibits a person from possessing a rapid-fire trigger activator. A violation is a class 2 misdemeanor.

The prohibition does not apply to:

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.*  
*Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.*

- A member of the United States armed forces, a peace officer, or other government officer or agent, to the extent that such person is otherwise authorized to acquire or possess an assault weapon and does so while acting within the scope of the person's duties;
- The manufacture, sale, or transfer of an assault weapon by a licensed firearms manufacturer to any branch of the United States armed forces or to an entity that employs peace officers for use by that agency or its employees;
- The sale or transfer of an assault weapon to a licensed firearms dealer or gunsmith for the purposes of maintenance, repair, or modification, and the subsequent return of the assault weapon to the lawful owner;
- Any federal, state, or local historical society, museum, or institutional collection that is open to the public, provided that the assault weapon is securely housed and unloaded;
- A forensic laboratory, or any authorized agent or employee of the laboratory, for use exclusively in the course and scope of authorized activities;
- An entity that operates an armored vehicle business and an authorized employee of such entity while in the course and scope of employment;
- A licensed gun dealer who has remaining inventory of assault weapons as of July 1, 2023, and sells or transfers the remaining inventory only to a non-Colorado resident and the sale or transfer takes place out-of-state; or
- A peace officer.

The bill provides civil penalties for individuals and for gun show vendors and licensed firearms dealers who violate the law.

The bill creates the crime of possessing, manufacturing, importing, purchasing, selling, offering to sell, or transferring ownership of a rapid-fire trigger activator. A violation is a class 2 misdemeanor.

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

2             **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** part 6 to article  
3     12 of title 18 as follows:

4   PART 6

5   ASSAULT WEAPONS

6             **18-12-601. Legislative declaration.** (1) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
7     FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:

1 (a) MASS SHOOTINGS ARE AN AMERICAN EPIDEMIC THAT NO OTHER  
2 INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRY EXPERIENCES AT REMOTELY THE SAME LEVEL;

3 (b) STATISTICS SHOW THAT IN EACH OF THE YEARS 2019, 2020,  
4 2021, AND 2022, THERE WAS, ON AVERAGE, MORE THAN ONE MASS  
5 SHOOTING PER DAY;

6 (c) BETWEEN 2009 AND 2020, THE FIVE DEADLIEST MASS  
7 SHOOTING INCIDENTS IN THE UNITED STATES ALL INVOLVED THE USE OF  
8 ASSAULT WEAPONS OR HIGH-CAPACITY MAGAZINES. THESE MASS  
9 SHOOTINGS OCCURRED IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA; ORLANDO, FLORIDA;  
10 NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT; SUTHERLAND SPRINGS, TEXAS; AND EL PASO,  
11 TEXAS.

12 (d) COLORADO HAS BEEN THE LOCATION OF SEVERAL MASS  
13 SHOOTINGS PERPETRATED WITH AN ASSAULT WEAPON, INCLUDING  
14 COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL, COLORADO SPRINGS PLANNED PARENTHOOD,  
15 AURORA CENTURY 16 THEATER, COLORADO SPRINGS HALLOWEEN EVE,  
16 BOULDER KING SOOPERS, AND COLORADO SPRINGS CLUB Q;

17 (e) ASSAULT WEAPONS AND HIGH-CAPACITY MAGAZINES WERE  
18 DISPROPORTIONATELY USED IN PUBLIC MASS SHOOTINGS. OF THESE  
19 SHOOTINGS WITH KNOWN WEAPON TYPES, SEVENTY-SIX PERCENT OF THOSE  
20 INVOLVED AN ASSAULT WEAPON OR HIGH-CAPACITY MAGAZINE,  
21 COMPARED TO FORTY-FOUR PERCENT OF THOSE THAT INVOLVED A  
22 HANDGUN.

23 (f) ASSAULT WEAPONS IN CIVILIAN HANDS ENDANGER COLORADO'S  
24 STREETS, STORES, RESTAURANTS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, MUSIC VENUES,  
25 SCHOOLS, MOVIE THEATERS, AND COMMUNITIES AT LARGE. WITH AN  
26 ASSAULT WEAPON, EVEN A FIREARMS NOVICE CAN PERPETRATE A MASS  
27 CASUALTY INCIDENT.

1 (g) ASSAULT WEAPONS ARE UNIQUELY LETHAL DUE TO TACTICAL  
2 FEATURES THAT ARE DESIGNED FOR THE BATTLEFIELD IN ORDER TO INJURE  
3 OR KILL LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE QUICKLY AND EFFICIENTLY. THESE  
4 TACTICAL FEATURES DIFFERENTIATE ASSAULT WEAPONS FROM OTHER  
5 FIREARMS. THESE FEATURES INCLUDE DETACHABLE MAGAZINES, BARREL  
6 SHROUDS, PISTOL GRIPS, FORWARD GRIPS, AND TELESCOPING STOCKS,  
7 WHICH ALLOW A SHOOTER TO EITHER CONCEAL THE WEAPON OR MAKE IT  
8 EASIER TO FIRE A HIGH VOLUME OF AMMUNITION IN A SHORT PERIOD OF  
9 TIME WHILE MAINTAINING ACCURACY.

10 (h) THE DESIGN, FEATURES, AND PURPOSE OF AN ASSAULT WEAPON  
11 MAKE IT THE FIREARM OF CHOICE FOR MASS SHOOTERS;

12 (i) THE TYPICAL ASSAULT WEAPON BULLET LEAVES THE BARREL OF  
13 THE GUN THREE TIMES FASTER THAN A TYPICAL HANDGUN BULLET AND IS  
14 DESIGNED TO FRAGMENT AND TUMBLE. THE HIGH VELOCITY OF THE  
15 TYPICAL ASSAULT WEAPON BULLET DAMAGES AND DESTROYS TISSUE AS  
16 IT TRAVELS THROUGH THE BODY, CAUSING ORGANS TO BECOME LIQUEFIED  
17 AND CAUSING CATASTROPHIC INTERNAL BLEEDING.

18 (j) AN ANALYSIS OF MASS SHOOTINGS BETWEEN 2009 TO 2018  
19 SHOWS THAT IN SHOOTINGS WHEN ASSAULT WEAPONS WERE USED, SIX  
20 TIMES AS MANY PEOPLE WERE SHOT COMPARED TO THOSE WITHOUT  
21 ASSAULT WEAPONS;

22 (k) RESEARCH SHOWS THAT BANNING ASSAULT WEAPONS LEADS  
23 TO A DROP IN MASS SHOOTINGS AND GUN MASSACRES;

24 (l) IN THE TEN YEARS THAT THE FEDERAL ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN  
25 WAS IN PLACE, GUN MASSACRES DROPPED THIRTY-SEVEN PERCENT. AFTER  
26 THE FEDERAL ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN EXPIRED IN 2004, GUN MASSACRES  
27 SKYROCKETED BY ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE PERCENT.

1 (m) STATE PROHIBITIONS OF ASSAULT WEAPONS ARE ASSOCIATED  
2 WITH A LOWER LIKELIHOOD OF A MASS SHOOTING EVENT, LOWER  
3 LIKELIHOOD OF DEATH DUE TO A MASS SHOOTING EVENT, AND LOWER GUN  
4 DEATH RATES OVERALL.

5 (2) THEREFORE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DETERMINES THAT A  
6 BAN ON KNOWINGLY MANUFACTURING, IMPORTING, PURCHASING, SELLING,  
7 OFFERING TO SELL, OR TRANSFERRING OWNERSHIP OF AN ASSAULT  
8 WEAPON, OR KNOWINGLY CAUSING THE MANUFACTURE, IMPORTATION,  
9 PURCHASE, SALE, OFFER TO SELL OR TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF ASSAULT  
10 WEAPONS IN COLORADO IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CITIZENS OF OUR  
11 STATE.

12 **18-12-602. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS PART 6, UNLESS THE  
13 CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

14 (1) (a) ".50 CALIBER RIFLE" MEANS EITHER:

15 (I) A RIFLE CAPABLE OF FIRING A CENTER-FIRE CARTRIDGE IN .50  
16 BROWNING MACHINE GUN CALIBER, INCLUDING A 12.7-MILLIMETER  
17 EQUIVALENT OF .50 BROWNING MACHINE GUN AND ANY OTHER METRIC  
18 EQUIVALENT. AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION (1)(a)(I), THE TERM  
19 "CARTRIDGE IN .50 BROWNING MACHINE GUN CALIBER" DOES NOT INCLUDE  
20 ANY MEMORABILIA OR DISPLAY ITEM THAT IS FILLED WITH A PERMANENT  
21 INERT SUBSTANCE OR THAT IS OTHERWISE PERMANENTLY ALTERED IN A  
22 MANNER THAT PREVENTS READY MODIFICATION FOR USE AS LIVE  
23 AMMUNITION OR SHOTGUN AMMUNITION.

24 (II) A COPY OR DUPLICATE OF ANY RIFLE DESCRIBED IN  
25 SUBSECTION (1)(a)(I) OF THIS SECTION IF THE RIFLE IS CAPABLE OF FIRING  
26 A PROJECTILE THAT ATTAINS A MUZZLE ENERGY OF TWELVE THOUSAND  
27 FOOT-POUNDS OR GREATER IN ANY COMBINATION OF BULLET,

1 PROPELLANT, CASE, OR PRIMER.

2 (b) ".50 CALIBER RIFLE" DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY ANTIQUE  
3 FIREARM; ANY SHOTGUN, INCLUDING A SHOTGUN THAT HAS A RIFLE  
4 BARREL; OR ANY MUZZLE-LOADER THAT USES BLACK POWDER FOR  
5 HUNTING OR HISTORICAL REENACTMENTS.

6 (2) (a) "ASSAULT WEAPON", EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION  
7 (2)(b) OF THIS SECTION, MEANS:

8 (I) A SEMIAUTOMATIC RIFLE THAT HAS THE CAPACITY TO ACCEPT  
9 A DETACHABLE MAGAZINE, OR THAT MAY BE READILY MODIFIED TO  
10 ACCEPT A DETACHABLE MAGAZINE, AND HAS ONE OR MORE OF THE  
11 FOLLOWING CHARACTERISTICS:

12 (A) A PISTOL GRIP;

13 (B) ANY FEATURE CAPABLE OF FUNCTIONING AS A PROTRUDING  
14 GRIP THAT CAN BE HELD BY THE NON-TRIGGER HAND;

15 (C) A FOLDING, TELESCOPING, THUMBHOLE, OR DETACHABLE  
16 STOCK THAT IS OTHERWISE FOLDABLE OR ADJUSTABLE IN A MANNER THAT  
17 OPERATES TO REDUCE THE LENGTH, SIZE, OR ANY OTHER DIMENSION, OR  
18 OTHERWISE ENHANCES THE ABILITY TO CONCEAL THE WEAPON;

19 (D) A FLASH SUPPRESSOR;

20 (E) A FUNCTIONAL GRENADE LAUNCHER;

21 (F) A SHROUD ATTACHED TO THE BARREL, OR THAT PARTIALLY OR  
22 COMPLETELY ENCIRCLES THE BARREL, ALLOWING THE BEARER TO HOLD  
23 THE FIREARM WITH THE NON-TRIGGER HAND WITHOUT BEING BURNED, BUT  
24 EXCLUDING A SLIDE THAT ENCLOSSES THE BARREL; OR

25 (G) A THREADED BARREL;

26 (II) A SEMIAUTOMATIC RIFLE THAT HAS A FIXED LARGE-CAPACITY  
27 MAGAZINE, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 18-12-301;

- 1 (III) A .50 CALIBER RIFLE;
- 2 (IV) A SEMIAUTOMATIC PISTOL THAT HAS THE CAPACITY TO  
3 ACCEPT A DETACHABLE MAGAZINE, OR THAT MAY BE READILY MODIFIED  
4 TO ACCEPT A DETACHABLE MAGAZINE, IF THE SEMIAUTOMATIC PISTOL HAS  
5 ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING FEATURES:
- 6 (A) A THREADED BARREL;
- 7 (B) A SECOND PISTOL GRIP OR ADDITIONAL FEATURE CAPABLE OF  
8 FUNCTIONING AS A PROTRUDING GRIP THAT CAN BE HELD BY THE  
9 NON-TRIGGER HAND;
- 10 (C) A SHROUD ATTACHED TO THE BARREL, OR THAT PARTIALLY OR  
11 COMPLETELY ENCIRCLES THE BARREL, ALLOWING THE BEARER TO HOLD  
12 THE FIREARM WITH THE NON-TRIGGER HAND WITHOUT BEING BURNED, BUT  
13 EXCLUDING A SLIDE THAT ENCLOSES THE BARREL;
- 14 (D) A FLASH SUPPRESSOR;
- 15 (E) THE CAPACITY TO ACCEPT A DETACHABLE  
16 AMMUNITION-FEEDING DEVICE AT SOME LOCATION OUTSIDE OF THE PISTOL  
17 GRIP;
- 18 (F) A MANUFACTURED WEIGHT OF FIFTY OUNCES OR MORE WHEN  
19 UNLOADED; OR
- 20 (G) A BUFFER TUBE, ARM BRACE, OR OTHER PART THAT  
21 PROTRUDES HORIZONTALLY BEHIND THE PISTOL GRIP;
- 22 (V) A SEMIAUTOMATIC PISTOL THAT HAS A FIXED  
23 LARGE-CAPACITY MAGAZINE, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 18-12-301;
- 24 (VI) A SHOTGUN WITH A REVOLVING CYLINDER;
- 25 (VII) A SEMIAUTOMATIC SHOTGUN THAT HAS ONE OR MORE OF THE  
26 FOLLOWING FEATURES:
- 27 (A) A PISTOL GRIP;

1 (B) ANY FEATURE CAPABLE OF FUNCTIONING AS A PROTRUDING  
2 GRIP THAT CAN BE HELD BY THE NON-TRIGGER HAND;

3 (C) A FOLDING, TELESCOPING, OR THUMBHOLE STOCK;

4 (D) A FUNCTIONAL GRENADE LAUNCHER;

5 (E) A FIXED LARGE-CAPACITY MAGAZINE, AS DEFINED IN SECTION  
6 18-12-301; OR

7 (F) THE CAPACITY TO ACCEPT A DETACHABLE MAGAZINE;

8 (VIII) A SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARM THAT HAS THE CAPACITY TO  
9 ACCEPT A BELT AMMUNITION FEEDING DEVICE;

10 (IX) A SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARM THAT HAS BEEN MODIFIED TO BE  
11 OPERABLE AS AN ASSAULT WEAPON AS DEFINED IN THIS SUBSECTION (2);

12 OR

13 (X) ANY PART OR COMBINATION OF PARTS DESIGNED OR INTENDED  
14 TO CONVERT A FIREARM INTO AN ASSAULT WEAPON AS DEFINED IN THIS  
15 SUBSECTION (2), INCLUDING A RAPID-FIRE TRIGGER ACTIVATOR OR ANY  
16 COMBINATION OF PARTS FROM WHICH AN ASSAULT WEAPON MAY BE  
17 READILY ASSEMBLED IF THOSE PARTS ARE IN THE POSSESSION OR UNDER  
18 THE CONTROL OF THE SAME PERSON.

19 (b) "ASSAULT WEAPON" DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY FIREARM THAT  
20 HAS BEEN MADE PERMANENTLY INOPERABLE; AN ANTIQUE FIREARM  
21 MANUFACTURED BEFORE 1899; A REPLICA OF AN ANTIQUE FIREARM; A  
22 FIREARM THAT IS MANUALLY OPERATED BY BOLT, PUMP, LEVER, SLIDE  
23 ACTION, UNLESS THE FIREARM IS A SHOTGUN WITH A REVOLVING  
24 CYLINDER; OR A FIREARM THAT CAN ONLY FIRE RIMFIRE AMMUNITION.

25 (3) "DETACHABLE MAGAZINE" MEANS AN AMMUNITION-FEEDING  
26 DEVICE THAT MAY BE REMOVED FROM A FIREARM WITHOUT DISASSEMBLY  
27 OF THE FIREARM ACTION, INCLUDING AN AMMUNITION-FEEDING DEVICE

1 THAT MAY BE READILY REMOVED FROM A FIREARM WITH THE USE OF A  
2 BULLET, CARTRIDGE, ACCESSORY, OR OTHER TOOL, OR ANY OTHER OBJECT  
3 THAT FUNCTIONS AS A TOOL.

4 (4) "FIREARM" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH IN SECTION  
5 18-1-901.

6 (5) "FIXED MAGAZINE" MEANS AN AMMUNITION-FEEDING DEVICE  
7 THAT IS PERMANENTLY ATTACHED TO A FIREARM, OR CONTAINED IN AND  
8 NOT REMOVABLE FROM A FIREARM, OR THAT IS OTHERWISE NOT A  
9 DETACHABLE MAGAZINE. "FIXED MAGAZINE" DOES NOT INCLUDE AN  
10 ATTACHED TUBULAR DEVICE DESIGNED TO ACCEPT, AND CAPABLE OF  
11 OPERATING ONLY WITH, .22 CALIBER RIMFIRE AMMUNITION.

12 (6) "GUN SHOW VENDOR" MEANS ANY PERSON WHO EXHIBITS,  
13 SELLS, OFFERS FOR SALE, TRANSFERS, OR EXCHANGES ANY FIREARM,  
14 INCLUDING AN ASSAULT WEAPON, AT A GUN SHOW, REGARDLESS OF  
15 WHETHER THE PERSON ARRANGES WITH A GUN SHOW PROMOTER FOR A  
16 FIXED LOCATION FROM WHICH TO EXHIBIT, SELL, OFFER FOR SALE,  
17 TRANSFER, OR EXCHANGE ANY FIREARM, INCLUDING AN ASSAULT WEAPON.

18 (7) "LICENSED GUN DEALER" OR "LICENSED FIREARMS DEALER"  
19 MEANS ANY PERSON WHO IS A LICENSED IMPORTER, LICENSED  
20 MANUFACTURER, OR DEALER WHO IS LICENSED PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C.  
21 SEC. 923, AS AMENDED, AS A FEDERALLY LICENSED FIREARMS DEALER.

22 (8) "PEACE OFFICER" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH IN  
23 SECTION 16-2.5-101.

24 (9) "RAPID-FIRE TRIGGER ACTIVATOR" MEANS:

25 (a) ANY MANUAL, POWER-DRIVEN, OR ELECTRONIC DEVICE THAT  
26 IS DESIGNED AND FUNCTIONS TO INCREASE THE RATE OF FIRE OF A  
27 SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARM WHEN THE DEVICE IS ATTACHED TO THE

1 FIREARM;

2 (b) ANY PART OF A SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARM OR COMBINATION OF  
3 PARTS THAT IS DESIGNED AND FUNCTIONS TO INCREASE THE RATE OF FIRE  
4 OF A SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARM BY ELIMINATING THE NEED FOR THE  
5 OPERATOR OF THE FIREARM TO MAKE A SEPARATE MOVEMENT FOR EACH  
6 INDIVIDUAL FUNCTION OF THE TRIGGER; OR

7 (c) ANY OTHER DEVICE, PART, OR COMBINATION OF PARTS THAT IS  
8 DESIGNED AND FUNCTIONS TO SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE THE RATE OF  
9 FIRE OF A SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARM ABOVE THE STANDARD RATE OF FIRE  
10 FOR A SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARM THAT IS NOT EQUIPPED WITH THAT  
11 DEVICE, PART, OR COMBINATION OF PARTS.

12 **18-12-603. Unlawful manufacture, import, purchase, sale, and**  
13 **transfer of ownership of assault weapons prohibited - unlawful**  
14 **possession of rapid-fire trigger activators - exemptions.**

15 (1) (a) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS  
16 SECTION, A PERSON COMMITS THE CRIME OF UNLAWFULLY  
17 MANUFACTURING, IMPORTING, PURCHASING, SELLING, OR TRANSFERRING  
18 OWNERSHIP OF AN ASSAULT WEAPON, INCLUDING A RAPID-FIRE TRIGGER  
19 ACTIVATOR, IF THE PERSON KNOWINGLY MANUFACTURES, IMPORTS,  
20 PURCHASES, SELLS, OFFERS TO SELL, OR TRANSFERS OWNERSHIP OF, OR  
21 KNOWINGLY CAUSES THE MANUFACTURE, IMPORTATION, PURCHASE, SALE,  
22 OR TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF, AN ASSAULT WEAPON, INCLUDING A  
23 RAPID-FIRE TRIGGER ACTIVATOR.

24 (b) A PERSON COMMITS THE CRIME OF UNLAWFULLY POSSESSING  
25 A RAPID-FIRE TRIGGER ACTIVATOR IF THE PERSON KNOWINGLY POSSESSES  
26 A RAPID-FIRE TRIGGER ACTIVATOR.

27 (2) THE PROHIBITION DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY

1 TO:

2 (a) A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES, TO THE  
3 EXTENT THAT SUCH PERSON IS OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED TO ACQUIRE AN  
4 ASSAULT WEAPON AND DOES SO WHILE ACTING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE  
5 PERSON'S DUTIES;

6 (b) THE MANUFACTURE, SALE, OR TRANSFER OF AN ASSAULT  
7 WEAPON BY A LICENSED FIREARMS MANUFACTURER TO ANY BRANCH OF  
8 THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES;

9 (c) THE TRANSFER OF AN ASSAULT WEAPON TO A LICENSED  
10 FIREARMS DEALER OR GUNSMITH FOR THE PURPOSES OF MAINTENANCE,  
11 REPAIR, OR MODIFICATION, AND THE SUBSEQUENT RETURN OF THE  
12 ASSAULT WEAPON TO THE LAWFUL OWNER;

13 (d) ANY FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY,  
14 MUSEUM, OR INSTITUTIONAL COLLECTION THAT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC,  
15 PROVIDED THAT THE ASSAULT WEAPON IS SECURELY HOUSED AND  
16 UNLOADED;

17 (e) A FORENSIC LABORATORY, OR ANY AUTHORIZED AGENT OR  
18 EMPLOYEE OF THE LABORATORY, FOR USE EXCLUSIVELY IN THE COURSE  
19 AND SCOPE OF AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES;

20 (f) AN ENTITY THAT OPERATES AN ARMORED VEHICLE BUSINESS  
21 AND AN AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEE OF SUCH ENTITY WHILE IN THE COURSE  
22 AND SCOPE OF EMPLOYMENT;

23 (g) A LICENSED GUN DEALER WHO HAS REMAINING INVENTORY OF  
24 ASSAULT WEAPONS ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2023, AND SELLS OR TRANSFERS  
25 THE REMAINING INVENTORY ONLY TO A NON-COLORADO RESIDENT AND  
26 THE SALE OR TRANSFER TAKES PLACE OUT-OF-STATE. A SALE OR  
27 TRANSFER OF INVENTORY REMAINING ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2023, TO A

1 COLORADO RESIDENT OR IN THIS STATE IS A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION.

2 (h) A PEACE OFFICER; AND

3 (i) AN ENTITY THAT EMPLOYS PEACE OFFICERS FOR USE BY THAT  
4 AGENCY OR ITS EMPLOYEES.

5 **18-12-604. Penalties - criminal - civil.** (1) A PERSON WHO  
6 VIOLATES SECTION 18-12-603 ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2023, COMMITS A  
7 CLASS 2 MISDEMEANOR.

8 (2) IN ADDITION TO THE CRIMINAL PENALTIES DESCRIBED IN  
9 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, A PERSON WHO VIOLATES SECTION  
10 18-12-603 SHALL BE ASSESSED A CIVIL PENALTY AS FOLLOWS:

11 (a) FOR VIOLATIONS OCCURRING BETWEEN JULY 1, 2023, AND  
12 DECEMBER 31, 2024, THE PERSON SHALL BE ASSESSED A ONE THOUSAND  
13 DOLLAR CIVIL PENALTY FOR EACH VIOLATION; AND

14 (b) FOR VIOLATIONS OCCURRING ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2025,  
15 THE PERSON SHALL BE ASSESSED A FIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR CIVIL  
16 PENALTY FOR EACH VIOLATION.

17 (3) A LICENSED GUN DEALER, LICENSED FIREARMS DEALER, GUN  
18 SHOW VENDOR, OR PERSON ATTEMPTING TO SELL AN ASSAULT WEAPON ON  
19 OR AFTER JULY 1, 2023, SHALL BE ASSESSED A CIVIL PENALTY IN THE  
20 AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THE FIRST  
21 ASSAULT WEAPON SOLD IN VIOLATION OF SECTION 18-12-603 AND FIVE  
22 HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION.

23 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-12-108.7, **amend**  
24 (3) as follows:

25 **18-12-108.7. Unlawfully providing or permitting a juvenile to**  
26 **possess a handgun - penalty - unlawfully providing a firearm other**  
27 **than a handgun to a juvenile - penalty.** (3) With regard to firearms

1 other than handguns, ~~no~~ INCLUDING ASSAULT WEAPONS, AS DEFINED IN  
2 SECTION 18-12-602, A person shall NOT sell, rent, or transfer ownership  
3 or allow unsupervised possession of a firearm, INCLUDING AN ASSAULT  
4 WEAPON AS PROHIBITED PURSUANT TO PART 6 OF THIS ARTICLE 12, with  
5 or without remuneration to any juvenile without the consent of the  
6 juvenile's parent or legal guardian. Unlawfully providing a firearm,  
7 INCLUDING AN ASSAULT WEAPON, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 18-12-602, other  
8 than a handgun to a juvenile in violation of this subsection (3) is a class  
9 1 misdemeanor.

10 **SECTION 3. Effective date.** This act takes effect upon passage.

11 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
12 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
13 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.