

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to weapons and firearms; providing a
3 short title; creating s. 790.0653, F.S.; providing
4 definitions; requiring a background check on every
5 sale or other transfer of a firearm; requiring
6 background checks on all persons involved in firearm
7 sales or other transfers; requiring firearm sales or
8 other transfers to be conducted through, and processed
9 by, a licensed dealer; authorizing a fee; providing
10 exceptions; providing criminal penalties; requiring
11 the investing law enforcement agency to report certain
12 violations to the Attorney General; providing
13 applicability; amending s. 790.174, F.S.; revising
14 requirements for the safe storage of firearms;
15 providing and revising definitions; revising criminal
16 penalties for violations; providing exceptions;
17 amending s. 790.175, F.S.; requiring firearms to be
18 sold by dealers with trigger locks or gun cases;
19 providing exceptions; revising warnings to be posted
20 in gun dealerships; requiring certain materials to be
21 given to gun purchasers; requiring a purchaser to sign
22 a specified statement; providing record retention
23 requirements for dealers; providing construction;
24 providing criminal penalties; creating s. 790.223,
25 F.S.; providing definitions; prohibiting specified

26 acts involving unfinished firearm frames or receivers;
 27 providing criminal penalties; providing applicability;
 28 prohibiting certain actions leading to the assembly of
 29 a firearm; prohibiting certain activities involving a
 30 three-dimensional printer or computer numerical
 31 control milling machine that has the primary or
 32 intended function of manufacturing or assembling
 33 firearms or related items; providing exceptions;
 34 providing construction; creating the Veteran's Firearm
 35 Suicide Reduction Task Force; providing requirements
 36 for the task force; providing membership; providing
 37 for staff support; providing requirements for
 38 meetings; specifying duties and powers of the task
 39 force; authorizing the task force to seek assistance
 40 from state agencies; requiring a report; providing for
 41 repeal of the task force; providing an effective date.

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43 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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45 **Section 1.** This act may be cited as the "Responsible Gun
 46 Ownership Act."

47 **Section 2. Section 790.0653, Florida Statutes, is created**
 48 **to read:**

49 790.0653 Transfers of firearms; transfer through licensed
 50 dealer required.-

51 (1) As used in this section, the term:

52 (a) "Background check" means the process described in 18
 53 U.S.C. s. 922(t) and s. 790.065 of using the National Instant
 54 Criminal Background Check System and other systems to determine
 55 that a person is not prohibited from possessing or receiving a
 56 firearm under federal or state law.

57 (b) "Family member" means a spouse, whether by
 58 consanguinity, adoption, or step-relation or any of the
 59 following relations:

- 60 1. Parent;
- 61 2. Child;
- 62 3. Sibling;
- 63 4. Grandparent; or
- 64 5. Grandchild.

65 (c) "Firearm" has the same meaning as in s. 790.001 and
 66 includes any handgun, rifle, or shotgun or any completed or
 67 unfinished frame or receiver.

68 (d) "Licensed dealer" means a person who holds a federal
 69 firearms license issued pursuant to 18 U.S.C. s. 923(a).

70 (e) "Person" means any individual, corporation, trust,
 71 company, firm, partnership, association, club, organization,
 72 society, joint stock company, or other legal entity.

73 (f) "Purchaser or other transferee" means an unlicensed
 74 person who wishes or intends to receive a firearm from another
 75 unlicensed person.

76 (g) "Sale" means the sale, delivery, or passing of
77 ownership or control of a firearm for a fee or other
78 consideration.

79 (h) "Seller or other transferor" means an unlicensed
80 person who wishes or intends to transfer a firearm to another
81 unlicensed person.

82 (i) "Transfer" means to furnish, give, lend, deliver, or
83 otherwise provide, with or without consideration.

84 (j) "Unfinished frame or receiver" means a forging,
85 casting, printing, extrusion, machined body, or similar item
86 that is:

87 1. Designed to or may readily be completed, assembled, or
88 otherwise converted to function as a frame or receiver; or

89 2. Marketed or sold to the public to become or be used as
90 the frame or receiver of a functional firearm, rifle, or shotgun
91 once completed, assembled, or otherwise converted.

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93 However, the term does not include a component designed and
94 intended for use in an antique weapon.

95 (k) "Unlicensed person" means a person who is not a
96 licensed dealer.

97 (2) All persons involved in firearm sales or other
98 transfers, in whole or in part, are subject to background checks
99 unless specifically exempted by state or federal law. If the
100 person involved in the firearm sale or other transfer, in whole

101 or in part, is a corporation or any entity other than an
102 individual person, the principal individual or individuals
103 involved in such sale or other transfer on behalf of the
104 corporation or other entity is subject to background checks
105 unless specifically exempted by federal law. A person may not
106 sell or otherwise transfer a firearm unless:

107 (a) The person is a licensed dealer;
108 (b) The purchaser or other transferee is a licensed
109 dealer; or

110 (c) The requirements of subsection (3) are met.

111 (3) If neither party to a prospective firearm sale or
112 other transfer is a licensed dealer, the parties to the
113 transaction shall complete the sale or other transfer through a
114 licensed dealer as follows:

115 (a) The seller or other transferor and the purchaser or
116 other transferee shall appear jointly with the firearm at a
117 licensed dealer and request that the licensed dealer conduct a
118 background check on the purchaser or other transferee.

119 (b) A licensed dealer who agrees to facilitate a
120 background check under this section shall process the sale or
121 other transfer as if he or she were transferring the firearm
122 from the licensed dealer's own inventory to the purchaser or
123 other transferee, complying with all requirements of federal and
124 state law that would apply if he or she were the seller or other
125 transferor of the firearm, including all background checks and

126 recordkeeping requirements.

127 (c) The seller or other transferor and the purchaser or
128 other transferee shall each complete, sign, and submit all state
129 and federal forms necessary to process the background check and
130 otherwise complete the sale or other transfer pursuant to this
131 section, and the licensed dealer shall indicate on the forms
132 that the sale or other transfer is between unlicensed persons.

133 (d) This section does not prevent the seller or other
134 transferor from removing the firearm from the premises of the
135 licensed dealer while the background check is being conducted or
136 during the applicable waiting period, provided that the seller
137 or other transferor returns to the business premises of the
138 licensed dealer and delivers the firearm to the licensed dealer
139 before completion of the sale or other transfer.

140 (e) A licensed dealer or a seller or other transferor may
141 not sell or otherwise transfer a firearm to a purchaser or other
142 transferee if the results of the background check indicate that
143 the purchaser or other transferee is prohibited from possessing
144 or receiving a firearm under federal or state law.

145 (f) A licensed dealer who agrees to conduct a background
146 check may charge a reasonable fee not to exceed the
147 administrative costs incurred by the licensed dealer for
148 facilitating the sale or other transfer of the firearm, plus
149 applicable fees pursuant to federal and state law.

150 (4) Subsections (2) and (3) do not apply to the following:

151 (a) A law enforcement officer, as defined in s. 943.10(1)
152 or corrections agency, or a law enforcement officer or
153 correctional officer, as defined in s. 943.10(1) and (2),
154 respectively, vested with the authority to bear arms, acting
155 within the course and scope of his or her employment or official
156 duties.

157 (b) A United States Marshals Service officer, United
158 States Armed Forces or National Guard member, or federal
159 official vested with the authority to bear arms, acting within
160 the course and scope of his or her employment or official
161 duties.

162 (c) A gunsmith who receives a firearm solely for the
163 purposes of service or repair who returns the firearm to its
164 lawful owner.

165 (d) A common carrier, warehouseman, or other person
166 engaged in the business of transportation or storage, to the
167 extent that the receipt of any firearm is in the ordinary course
168 of business and not for the personal use of any such person.

169 (e) A person who is not prohibited from possessing or
170 receiving a firearm under state or federal law who has
171 temporarily transferred a firearm:

172 1. Solely for the purpose of shooting at targets, if the
173 transfer occurs on the premises of a sport shooting range
174 authorized by the governing body of the jurisdiction in which
175 the range is located, or, if no such authorization is required,

176 operated consistently with local law in such jurisdiction, and
177 the firearm is at all times kept within the premises of the
178 sport shooting range;

179 2. While the person is accompanying the lawful owner of
180 the firearm and using the firearm for lawful hunting purposes,
181 if hunting is legal in all places where the person possesses the
182 firearm and the person holds all licenses and permits required
183 for such hunting;

184 3. While participating in a lawfully organized competition
185 involving the use of a firearm; or

186 4. While in the presence of the seller or other
187 transferor.

188 (f) A family member of the seller or other transferor.
189 This paragraph does not apply if the lawful owner or family
190 member knows or has reasonable cause to believe that federal or
191 state law prohibits the family member from purchasing or
192 possessing a firearm, or the seller or other transferor knows or
193 has reasonable cause to believe that the family member is likely
194 to use the firearm for unlawful purposes.

195 (g) An executor, administrator, trustee, or personal
196 representative of an estate or trust that occurs by operation of
197 law upon the death of the former lawful owner of the firearm.

198 (h) The temporary transfer of a firearm if such transfer
199 is to prevent immediate or imminent death or great bodily harm
200 to one's self or others, provided that the person to whom the

201 firearm is transferred is not prohibited from possessing a
 202 firearm under state or federal law and the temporary transfer
 203 lasts no longer than necessary to prevent such immediate or
 204 imminent death or great bodily harm.

205 (i) The sale or other transfer of an antique firearm.

206 (5) A person who violates this section commits a felony of
 207 the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.
 208 775.083, or s. 775.084.

209 (6) In addition to any other penalty or remedy, the
 210 investigating law enforcement agency shall report any violation
 211 of this section committed by a licensed dealer to the Attorney
 212 General.

213 (7) This section does not apply to any firearm modified to
 214 render it permanently inoperable.

215 **Section 3. Section 790.174, Florida Statutes, is amended**
 216 **to read:**

217 790.174 Safe storage of firearms required.—

218 (1)(a) A person who stores or leaves, on a premise under
 219 his or her control, a ~~loaded~~ firearm, as defined in s. 790.001,
 220 and who knows or reasonably should know that a minor is likely
 221 to gain access to the firearm without the lawful permission of
 222 the minor's parent or the person having charge of the minor, or
 223 without the supervision required by law, shall keep the firearm
 224 in a securely locked box or container ~~or in a location which a~~
 225 ~~reasonable person would believe to be secure or shall secure it~~

226 with a trigger lock, except when the person is carrying the
227 firearm on his or her body or within such close proximity
228 thereto that he or she can retrieve and use it as easily and
229 quickly as if he or she carried it on his or her body.

230 (b) A person who stores or leaves, on a premise under his
231 or her control, a firearm, as defined in s. 790.001, and who
232 knows or reasonably should know that a prohibited user is likely
233 to gain access to the firearm, shall keep the firearm in a
234 securely locked box or container or shall secure it with a
235 trigger lock, except when the person is carrying the firearm on
236 his or her body or within such close proximity thereto that he
237 or she can retrieve and use the firearm as easily and quickly as
238 if he or she carried it on his or her body. For the purposes of
239 this section, the term "prohibited user" means any person who is
240 prohibited by state or federal law from possessing the firearm.

241 (2) Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c), ~~It is a~~
242 ~~misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s.~~
243 ~~775.082 or s. 775.083,~~ if a person violates subsection (1):

244 (a) It is a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable
245 as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

246 (b) If, as a result of the violation, ~~by failing to store~~
247 ~~or leave a firearm in the required manner And as a result~~
248 ~~thereof a~~ prohibited user or a minor gains access to the
249 firearm, without the lawful permission of the minor's parent or
250 the person having charge of the minor, and possesses or exhibits

251 it, without the supervision required by law:

252 1.~~(a)~~ In a public place; or

253 2.~~(b)~~ In a rude, careless, angry, or threatening manner in
254 violation of s. 790.10.

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256 A person who violates subsection (1) commits misdemeanor of the
257 first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s.
258 775.083.

259 (c) The penalties provided in this section do not apply if
260 the prohibited user or the minor obtains the firearm: This
261 subsection does not apply

262 1. If the minor obtains the firearm As a result of an
263 unlawful entry by any person.

264 2. While lawfully acting in self-defense or defense of
265 another.

266 3. With the permission of the minor's parent or guardian
267 and the minor uses or possesses the firearm during the minor's
268 employment; ranching or farming; or target practice, hunting, or
269 instruction in the safe use of a firearm.

270 (3) As used in this section ~~act~~, the term:

271 (a) "Locked box or container" means a secure container
272 that is fully enclosed and locked by a padlock, key lock,
273 combination lock, or similar locking device.

274 (b) "Locking device" means a trigger lock, cable lock, or
275 similar lock that prevents an unloaded firearm from discharging

276 when properly engaged so as to render such weapon inoperable by
 277 any person other than the owner or other lawfully authorized
 278 user.

279 (c) "Minor" means any person under the age of 18 ~~16~~.

280 **Section 4. Section 790.175, Florida Statutes, is amended**
 281 **to read:**

282 790.175 Transfer or sale of firearms; required warnings;
 283 penalties.—

284 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), a licensed
 285 dealer may not sell a firearm in this state unless the sale
 286 includes one of the following:

287 (a) A commercially available trigger lock or other device
 288 designed to disable the firearm and prevent the discharge of the
 289 firearm.

290 (b) A commercially available gun case or storage container
 291 that can be secured to prevent unauthorized access to the
 292 firearm.

293 (2)(1) Upon the retail commercial sale or retail transfer
 294 of any firearm, the licensed dealer ~~seller or transferor~~ shall
 295 deliver:

296 (a) A written warning to the purchaser or transferee,
 297 which warning states, in block letters not less than 1/4 inch in
 298 height:

299 "IT IS UNLAWFUL, AND PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT AND FINE,
 300 FOR ANY ADULT TO STORE OR LEAVE A FIREARM IN ANY PLACE

301 WITHIN THE REACH OR EASY ACCESS OF A MINOR UNDER 18 YEARS
302 OF AGE OR TO KNOWINGLY SELL OR OTHERWISE TRANSFER OWNERSHIP
303 OR POSSESSION OF A FIREARM TO A MINOR OR A PERSON OF
304 UNSOUND MIND. YOU MAY BE CRIMINALLY AND CIVILLY LIABLE FOR
305 ANY HARM CAUSED BY A MINOR WHO LAWFULLY GAINS UNSUPERVISED
306 ACCESS TO YOUR FIREARM IF UNLAWFULLY STORED."

307 (b) A brochure or pamphlet that includes safety
308 information on the use and storage of the firearm in a home
309 environment.

310 (c) A written warning informing the purchaser of the
311 penalties for failing to store or leave a firearm in the manner
312 required under s. 790.174.

313 (3)-(2) Any licensed dealer ~~retail or wholesale store,~~
314 ~~shop, or sales outlet which sells firearms~~ must conspicuously
315 post at each purchase counter the following warning in block
316 letters not less than 1 inch in height:

317 "IT IS UNLAWFUL TO STORE OR LEAVE A FIREARM IN ANY
318 PLACE WITHIN THE REACH OR EASY ACCESS OF A MINOR UNDER
319 18 YEARS OF AGE OR TO KNOWINGLY SELL OR OTHERWISE
320 TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OR POSSESSION OF A FIREARM TO A
321 MINOR OR A PERSON OF UNSOUND MIND."

322 (4) This section does not apply to any of the following:

323 (a) The sale of a firearm to a law enforcement officer, as
324 defined in s. 943.10(1), or an employing agency, as defined in
325 s. 943.10(4).

326 (b) The sale of a firearm to a person who presents to the
327 licensed dealer one of the following:

328 1. A trigger lock or other device designed to disable the
329 firearm and prevent the discharge of the firearm together with a
330 copy of the purchase receipt for the licensed dealer to keep. A
331 separate trigger lock or device and a separate purchase receipt
332 are required for each firearm purchased.

333 2. A gun case or storage container that can be secured to
334 prevent unauthorized access to the firearm together with a copy
335 of the purchase receipt for the licensed dealer to keep. A
336 separate gun case or storage container and a separate purchase
337 receipt are required for each firearm purchased.

338 (c) The sale of an antique firearm.

339 (5) Upon the sale of a firearm, a licensed dealer shall
340 sign a statement and require the purchaser to sign a statement
341 stating that the sale is in compliance with subsections (1),
342 (3), and (4). The dealer shall retain a copy of the signed
343 statements and, if applicable, a copy of the receipt prescribed
344 in paragraph (4) (b), for at least 6 years.

345 (6) (a) This section does not create a civil action or
346 liability for damages arising from the use or misuse of a
347 firearm or ammunition for a person, other than a licensed
348 dealer, who produces a firearm or ammunition.

349 (b) A licensed dealer is not liable for damages arising
350 from the use or misuse of a firearm if the sale complies with

351 this section, any other applicable law of this state, and
 352 applicable federal law.

353 (7)-(3) Any person or business knowingly violating a
 354 requirement to provide warning under this section commits:

355 (a) For a first violation, a misdemeanor of the second
 356 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

357 (b) For a second violation, a misdemeanor of the first
 358 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

359 (c) For a third or subsequent violation, a felony of the
 360 third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083,
 361 or s. 775.084.

362 (8) As used in this section, the term "licensed dealer"
 363 means a person who holds a license as a dealer in firearms
 364 issued pursuant to 18 U.S.C. s. 923(a).

365 **Section 5. Section 790.223, Florida Statutes, is created**
 366 **to read:**

367 790.223 Unfinished firearms.—

368 (1) As used in this section, the term:

369 (a) "Federal licensee authorized to serialize firearms"
 370 means a person, firm, corporation, or other entity that holds
 371 any valid federal license that authorizes the person, firm,
 372 corporation, or other entity to imprint serial numbers onto
 373 firearms and completed or unfinished frames or receivers
 374 pursuant to chapter 44 of Title 18 of the United States Code, 18
 375 U.S.C. ss. 921 et seq., and regulations issued pursuant thereto.

376 (b) "Federally licensed gunsmith, manufacturer, or
377 importer" means a person, firm, corporation, or other entity
378 that holds a valid gunsmith license, or license to manufacture
379 or import firearms issued pursuant to chapter 44 of Title 18 of
380 the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. ss. 921 et seq., and
381 regulations issued pursuant thereto.

382 (c) "Firearms importer or manufacturer" means a person
383 licensed to import or manufacture firearms pursuant to 18 U.S.C.
384 chapter 44.

385 (d) "Frame" has the meaning attributed to it in chapter 44
386 of Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. ss. 921 et
387 seq., and regulations issued pursuant thereto.

388 (e) "Law enforcement agency" has the same meaning as in s.
389 23.1225(1)(d).

390 (f) "License to manufacture firearms" means a valid
391 license to manufacture firearms issued pursuant to chapter 44 of
392 Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. ss. 921 et seq.,
393 and regulations issued pursuant thereto.

394 (g) "Manufacture or assemble" means to fabricate,
395 construct, make, fit together component parts of, or otherwise
396 produce, a firearm or completed or unfinished frame or receiver,
397 including through additive, subtractive, or other processes to
398 form, produce, or construct by manual labor or machinery.

399 (h) "Receiver" has the meaning attributed to it in chapter
400 44 of Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. ss. 921 et

401 seq., and regulations issued pursuant thereto.

402 (i) "Security exemplar" has the meaning attributed to it
403 in chapter 44 of Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C.
404 ss. 921 et seq., and regulations issued pursuant thereto.

405 (j) "Undetectable firearm" means a firearm manufactured,
406 assembled, or otherwise comprised entirely of nonmetal
407 substances, if one of the following is true:

408 1. After the removal of grips, stocks, and magazines, the
409 firearm is not detectable as a security exemplar by a walk-
410 through metal detector calibrated to detect the security
411 exemplar; or

412 2. The firearm includes a major component that, if
413 subjected to inspection by the type of X-ray machines commonly
414 used at airports, would not generate an image that accurately
415 depicts the shape of the component.

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417 As used in this paragraph, the term "major component" has the
418 meaning attributed to it in 18 U.S.C. s. 922.

419 (k) "Unfinished frame or receiver" has the same meaning as
420 provided in s. 790.0653(1)(j).

421 (l) "Valid serial number" means a serial number that has
422 been imprinted by a federal licensee authorized to serialize
423 firearms in accordance with federal law, or that has otherwise
424 been assigned to a firearm or completed or unfinished frame or
425 receiver pursuant to the laws of any state or pursuant to

426 chapter 53 of Title 26 of the United States Code, 26 U.S.C. ss
427 5801 et seq., and the regulations issued pursuant thereto.

428 (2) It is unlawful to knowingly manufacture or assemble,
429 cause to be manufactured or assembled, import, purchase, sell,
430 offer for sale, or transfer ownership of any firearm that is not
431 imprinted with a valid serial number.

432 (3) It is unlawful to knowingly import, purchase, sell,
433 offer for sale, or transfer ownership of any completed or
434 unfinished frame or receiver, unless the completed or unfinished
435 frame or receiver:

436 (a) Is deemed to be a firearm pursuant to chapter 44 of
437 Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. ss. 921 et seq.,
438 and regulations issued pursuant thereto.

439 (b) Is imprinted with a valid serial number.

440 (4) Beginning January 1, 2026, it is unlawful to knowingly
441 possess a firearm or any completed or unfinished frame or
442 receiver that is not imprinted with a valid serial number.

443 (5) A person may not knowingly manufacture or assemble or
444 cause to be manufactured or assembled, import, sell, offer for
445 sale, transfer, or possess any undetectable firearm.

446 (6) It is unlawful to use a three-dimensional printer or
447 CNC milling machine to manufacture or assemble any firearm or
448 completed or unfinished frame or receiver within the state
449 without a valid license to manufacture firearms.

450 (7) It is unlawful to sell, offer to sell, transfer,

451 purchase, or receive a three-dimensional printer or CNC milling
452 machine that has the primary or intended function of
453 manufacturing or assembling firearms or completed or unfinished
454 frames or receivers, if the recipient does not have a valid
455 license to manufacture firearms.

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457 There is a presumption that a three-dimensional printer or CNC
458 milling machine has the primary or intended function of
459 manufacturing or assembling firearms or completed or unfinished
460 frame or receivers, if the printer or machine is marketed or
461 sold in a manner that advertises that it may be used to
462 manufacture or assemble firearms or completed or unfinished
463 frame or receivers, or in a manner that foreseeably promotes the
464 printer or machine's use in manufacturing or assembling such
465 weapons, regardless of whether the printer or machine is
466 otherwise described or classified as having other functions or
467 as a general-purpose printer or machine.

468 (8) Except by operation of law, it is unlawful for a
469 person who does not have a valid license to manufacture or
470 assemble firearms to sell or transfer ownership of a firearm if:

471 (a) The person manufactured or assembled the firearm
472 without a valid license to manufacture firearms;

473 (b) The person knowingly caused the firearm to be
474 manufactured or assembled by another person who does not have a
475 valid license to manufacture firearms; or

476 (c) The person is aware that the firearm was manufactured
477 or assembled by another person who does not have a valid license
478 to manufacture firearms.

479 (9) A person who violates this section commits:

480 (a) For the first offense, a misdemeanor of the first
481 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

482 (b) For a second or subsequent offense, a felony of the
483 third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083,
484 or s. 775.084

485 (10) This section does not apply to any of the following:

486 (a) A firearm or any completed or unfinished frame or
487 receiver that is an antique firearm, as defined in 27 C.F.R. s.
488 479.11, or that has been rendered permanently inoperable.

489 (b) The sale, offer for sale, or transfer of ownership of
490 a firearm or any completed or unfinished frame or receiver, to a
491 law enforcement agency.

492 (c) The manufacture or assembly, importation, purchase,
493 transfer, or possession of a firearm or any completed or
494 unfinished frame or receiver, by a law enforcement agency for
495 law enforcement purposes.

496 (d) The sale or transfer of ownership of a firearm or any
497 completed or unfinished frame or receiver, to a federally
498 licensed gunsmith, manufacturer, or importer, or to any other
499 federal licensee authorized to serialize firearms.

500 (e) The manufacture or assembly, importation, purchase, or

501 possession of a firearm or any completed or unfinished frame or
502 receiver, by a federally licensed gunsmith, manufacturer, or
503 importer, or by any other federal licensee authorized to
504 serialize firearms.

505 (f) A member of the United States Armed Forces or the
506 National Guard, while on duty and acting within the scope and
507 course of employment, or any law enforcement agency or forensic
508 laboratory.

509 (g) A common carrier, motor carrier, air carrier, or
510 carrier affiliated with an air carrier through common
511 controlling interest that is subject to Title 49 of the United
512 States Code, or an authorized agent of any such carrier, when
513 acting in the course and scope of duties incident to the
514 receipt, processing, transportation, or delivery of property.

515 (h) An authorized representative of local, state, or
516 federal government that receives a firearm or any completed or
517 unfinished frame or receiver, as part of an authorized,
518 voluntary buyback program in which the governmental entity is
519 buying or receiving such weapons from private individuals.

520 (i) The possession and disposition of a firearm or any
521 completed or unfinished frame or receiver by a person who meets
522 all of the following:

523 1. The person is not prohibited by Florida or federal law
524 from possessing the weapon.

525 2. The person possessed the firearm or any completed or

526 unfinished frame or receiver no longer than was necessary to
527 deliver it to a law enforcement agency for that agency's
528 disposition according to law.

529 3. If the person is transporting the firearm or any
530 completed or unfinished frame or receiver, the person is
531 transporting it to a law enforcement agency in order to deliver
532 it to the agency for the agency's disposition according to law.

533 (j) The possession or importation of a firearm or any
534 completed or unfinished frame or receiver by a nonresident of
535 the state who:

536 1. Is traveling with the firearm or completed or
537 unfinished frame or receiver in the state in accordance with 18
538 U.S.C. s. 926A; or

539 2. Possesses or imports the firearm or completed or
540 unfinished frame or receiver in the state exclusively for use in
541 an organized sport shooting event or competition, and no longer
542 than reasonably necessary to participate in such an event or
543 competition.

544 (k) The possession or importation of a firearm or any
545 completed or unfinished frame or receiver by a new resident
546 moving into the state who, within 90 days after moving into the
547 state, causes the firearm or completed or unfinished frame or
548 receiver to be imprinted with a valid serial number, removes the
549 weapon from the state, or otherwise comes into compliance with
550 this section.

551 **Section 6.** This act does not prohibit the sale of an
552 unfinished frame or receiver or firearm that is not imprinted
553 with a serial number to a firearms importer or manufacturer or a
554 licensed dealer before January 1, 2026. As used in this section,
555 the term "licensed dealer" means a person licensed as a dealer
556 in firearms issued pursuant to 18 U.S.C. s. 923(a).

557 **Section 7.** Veteran's Firearm Suicide Reduction Task
558 Force.—

559 (1) The Veteran's Firearm Suicide Reduction Task Force, a
560 task force as defined in s. 20.03, is created within the
561 Department of Veterans' Affairs. Except as otherwise provided in
562 this section, the task force shall comply with the requirements
563 of s. 20.052.

564 (2) (a) The 10-member task force shall convene no later
565 than September 1, 2025, and must be composed of two members
566 appointed by each of the following: the Governor, the President
567 of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the Senate, the Speaker of
568 the House of Representatives, and the Minority Leader of the
569 House of Representatives. Appointments must be made by August 1,
570 2025. The Governor shall appoint a chair from among the members.
571 Members serve at the pleasure of the appointing officer. A
572 vacancy on the task force must be filled in the same manner as
573 the original appointment.

574 (b) The general counsel of the Department of Veterans'
575 Affairs shall serve as the general counsel for the task force.

576 (c) The chair shall assign staff from the Department of
577 Veterans' Affairs to assist the task force in performing its
578 duties.

579 (d) The task force shall meet at the call of the chair, as
580 necessary to conduct its work, at a time and location in this
581 state designated by the chair. The task force may conduct its
582 meetings through teleconferences or other similar means.

583 (3) The task force shall investigate the causes of suicide
584 by veterans, focusing on suicides involving firearms. In
585 addition, the task force shall report on strategies and
586 initiatives to reduce the rate of suicide among veterans with a
587 focus on firearm suicides.

588 (4) The task force may call upon appropriate state
589 agencies for such professional assistance as may be needed in
590 the discharge of its duties, and such agencies shall provide
591 such assistance in a timely manner.

592 (5) The task force shall submit a report on its findings
593 and recommendations to the Governor, the President of the
594 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by
595 January 1, 2026.

596 (7) This section is repealed upon submission of the task
597 force report.

598 **Section 8.** This act shall take effect October 1, 2025.