

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 875

Short Title: No Firearm Possession After DV Misdemeanors. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Murdock, Theodros, and Bradley (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

April 29, 2026

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT A PERSON CONVICTED OF A MISDEMEANOR CRIME OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSE FROM PURCHASING OR POSSESSING A FIREARM, TO ADD INTIMATE PARTNERS TO THE MISDEMEANOR CRIME OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE STATUTE, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR ESTABLISHING A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE EDUCATION PROGRAM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1.(a) Article 35 of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 14-269.9. Purchase or possession of firearms by person convicted of misdemeanor crime of domestic violence.

(a) Offense. – It is unlawful for a person to possess, purchase, or receive or attempt to possess, purchase, or receive a firearm, as defined in G.S. 14-409.39, machine gun, ammunition, or permits to purchase or carry concealed firearms if the person has been adjudicated guilty of or received a prayer for judgment continued or suspended sentence for an offense (i) under G.S. 14-32.5 or (ii) in another state that, if committed in this State, is substantially similar to an offense under G.S. 14-32.5.

(b) Punishment. – A person violating the provisions of this section is guilty of a Class A1 misdemeanor."

SECTION 1.(b) This section becomes effective December 1, 2026, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

SECTION 2.(a) G.S. 14-32.5 reads as rewritten:

"§ 14-32.5. Misdemeanor crime of domestic violence.

(a) Offense and Punishment. – A person is guilty of a Class A1 misdemeanor if that person uses or attempts to use physical force, or threatens the use of a deadly weapon, against another person and the person who commits the offense is:

(1) A current or former spouse, parent, or guardian of the victim.

(1a) A current or former intimate partner of the victim.

(2) A person with whom the victim shares a child in common.

(3) A person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse, parent, or guardian.

(4) A person similarly situated to a spouse, parent, or guardian of the victim.

(5) A person who has a current or recent former dating relationship with the victim.

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1 **SECTION 2.(b)** This section becomes effective December 1, 2026, and applies to
2 offenses committed on or after that date.

3 **SECTION 3.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the North Carolina
4 Department of Administration, Domestic Violence Commission, the sum of one million dollars
5 (\$1,000,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2026-2027 fiscal year to establish an educational
6 program on domestic violence.

7 **SECTION 4.** Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes
8 law.