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SENATE BILL DRS45478-NQa-57A

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

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

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT A PERSON CONVICTED OF A MISDEMEANOR CRIME OF
3 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSE FROM PURCHASING OR POSSESSING A
4 FIREARM, TO ADD INTIMATE PARTNERS TO THE MISDEMEANOR CRIME OF
5 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE STATUTE, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR
6 ESTABLISHING A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE EDUCATION PROGRAM.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

10 "**§ 14-269.9. Purchase or possession of firearms by person convicted of misdemeanor crime**
11 **of domestic violence.**

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

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

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

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

23 "**§ 14-32.5. Misdemeanor crime of domestic violence.**

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

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

28 (1a) A current or former intimate partner of the victim.

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

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

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

33 (5) A person who has a current or recent former dating relationship with the
34 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.