

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2023**

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**SENATE BILL 450**

Short Title: Seized Weapons Security Act. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Garrett, Robinson, and Chaudhuri (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

April 3, 2023

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO DESTROY  
3 UNCLAIMED FIREARMS AND FIREARMS CONFISCATED AFTER CONVICTION  
4 OF CERTAIN OFFENSES.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 15-11.1(b1)(3) reads as rewritten:

7 "(3) By ordering the firearm turned over to be destroyed by the sheriff of the county  
8 in which the firearm was seized or by his duly authorized ~~agent if the firearm~~  
9 ~~does not have a legible, unique identification number or is unsafe for use~~  
10 ~~because of wear, damage, age, or modification.~~ agent. The sheriff shall  
11 maintain a record of the destruction of the firearm."

12 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 15-11.2(d)(1) reads as rewritten:

13 "(1) By having the firearm destroyed if the firearm ~~does not have a legible, unique~~  
14 ~~identification number or is unsafe for use because of wear, damage, age, or~~  
15 ~~modification~~ and will not be disposed of pursuant to subdivision (3) of this  
16 subsection. The head or chief of the law enforcement agency shall maintain a  
17 record of the destruction of the firearm."

18 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 14-269.1(4) reads as rewritten:

19 "(4) By ordering such weapon turned over to the sheriff of the county in which the  
20 trial is held or his duly authorized agent to be ~~destroyed if the firearm does not~~  
21 ~~have a legible, unique identification number or is unsafe for use because of~~  
22 ~~wear, damage, age, or modification.~~ destroyed. The sheriff shall maintain a  
23 record of the destruction thereof."

24 **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2023, and applies to any firearm  
25 found or received by a local law enforcement agency on or after that date.

