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**A BILL**

To enact section 2923.22 of the Revised Code to 1  
limit liability for federally licensed firearms 2  
dealers in regards to firearm hold agreements. 3

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That section 2923.22 of the Revised Code be 4  
enacted to read as follows: 5

**Sec. 2923.22.** (A) As used in this section: 6

(1) "Federally licensed firearms dealer" has the same 7  
meaning as in section 5502.63 of the Revised Code. 8

(2) "Firearm hold agreement" means a private agreement 9  
between a federally licensed firearms dealer and an individual 10  
firearm owner in which the dealer takes physical possession of 11  
the owner's lawfully possessed firearm at the owner's request, 12  
holds the firearm for an agreed period of time, and returns the 13  
firearm to the owner according to the terms of the agreement. 14

(3) "Indoor shooting range" means an indoor facility 15  
operated for the purpose of shooting with firearms that conforms 16  
to the generally accepted standards for shooting ranges adopted 17

by the chief of the division of wildlife under section 1533.84 18  
of the Revised Code. 19

(B) (1) No person has a cause of action against a federally 20  
licensed firearms dealer or the operator of an indoor shooting 21  
range for any act or omission arising from a firearm hold 22  
agreement and resulting in personal injury or death of any 23  
person, including the return of any firearms to the individual 24  
firearm owner at the termination of the agreement. 25

(2) This section does not apply to any action arising from 26  
a firearm hold agreement if such action was the result of 27  
otherwise unlawful conduct on the part of the federally licensed 28  
firearms dealer or the operator of an indoor shooting range. 29

(3) This section does not apply to agreements in which the 30  
owner of the firearm becomes prohibited from possessing firearms 31  
under state or federal law during the agreement period, and the 32  
federally licensed firearms dealer or the operator of an indoor 33  
shooting range knows or reasonably should know about the weapons 34  
disability. 35

(C) Nothing in this section requires a federally licensed 36  
firearms dealer or operator of an indoor shooting range to enter 37  
into a firearm hold agreement. 38