

THE FLORIDA SENATE  
2018 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED  
**Committee on Judiciary**

**CS/HB 55 — Sale of Firearms**

by Oversight, Transparency and Administration Subcommittee and Rep. White and others  
(CS/SB 152 by Judiciary Committee and Senators Steube, Grimsley, Simpson and Perry)

The bill requires the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) to provide additional payment options to licensed firearm dealers, importers, and manufactures when paying for criminal history record checks. Currently, the only payment methods authorized by administrative rule are personal checks, money orders, or cashier's checks. The bill requires FDLE to establish, by rule, procedures that permit electronic payment or transmittal by debit cards, credit cards, or electronic funds transfers, but the payment methods are not limited solely to those options.

The bill also expands how firearms dealers may submit requests to FDLE for criminal history record checks. Currently, the law allows a licensed importer, manufacturer or dealer to submit requests by a toll-free telephone call. The bill allows a licensed importer, manufacturer or dealer to submit requests to FDLE by electronic means.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect October 1, 2018.

*Vote: Senate 36-0; House 110-2*