

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to weapons and firearms; providing a
3 short title; creating s. 790.0653, F.S.; providing
4 definitions; requiring a background check on every
5 sale or other transfer of a firearm; requiring
6 background checks on all persons involved in firearm
7 sales or other transfers; requiring firearm sales or
8 other transfers to be conducted through, and processed
9 by, a licensed dealer; authorizing a fee; providing
10 exceptions; providing criminal penalties; requiring
11 the investing law enforcement agency to report certain
12 violations to the Attorney General; providing
13 applicability; amending s. 790.174, F.S.; revising
14 requirements for the safe storage of firearms;
15 providing and revising definitions; revising criminal
16 penalties for violations; providing exceptions;
17 amending s. 790.175, F.S.; requiring firearms to be
18 sold by dealers with trigger locks or gun cases;
19 providing exceptions; revising warnings to be posted
20 in gun dealerships; requiring certain materials to be
21 given to gun purchasers; requiring a purchaser to sign
22 a specified statement; providing record retention
23 requirements for dealers; providing construction;
24 providing criminal penalties; creating s. 790.223,
25 F.S.; providing definitions; prohibiting specified

26 acts involving unfinished firearm frames or receivers;
 27 providing criminal penalties; providing applicability;
 28 prohibiting certain actions leading to the assembly of
 29 a firearm; prohibiting certain activities involving a
 30 three-dimensional printer or computer numerical
 31 control milling machine that has the primary or
 32 intended function of manufacturing or assembling
 33 firearms or related items; providing exceptions;
 34 providing construction; providing an effective date.

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36 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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38 Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Responsible Gun
 39 Ownership Act."

40 Section 2. Section 790.0653, Florida Statutes, is created
 41 to read:

42 790.0653 Transfers of firearms; transfer through licensed
 43 dealer required.-

44 (1) As used in this section, the term:

45 (a) "Background check" means the process described in 18
 46 U.S.C. s. 922(t) and s. 790.065 of using the National Instant
 47 Criminal Background Check System and other systems to determine
 48 that a person is not prohibited from possessing or receiving a
 49 firearm under federal or state law.

50 (b) "Family member" means a spouse, whether by

51 consanguinity, adoption, or step-relation or any of the
52 following relations:

- 53 1. Parent;
54 2. Child;
55 3. Sibling;
56 4. Grandparent; or
57 5. Grandchild.

58 (c) "Firearm" has the same meaning as in s. 790.001 and
59 includes any handgun, rifle, or shotgun or any completed or
60 unfinished frame or receiver.

61 (d) "Licensed dealer" means a person who holds a federal
62 firearms license issued pursuant to 18 U.S.C. s. 923(a).

63 (e) "Person" means any individual, corporation, trust,
64 company, firm, partnership, association, club, organization,
65 society, joint stock company, or other legal entity.

66 (f) "Purchaser or other transferee" means an unlicensed
67 person who wishes or intends to receive a firearm from another
68 unlicensed person.

69 (g) "Sale" means the sale, delivery, or passing of
70 ownership or control of a firearm for a fee or other
71 consideration.

72 (h) "Seller or other transferor" means an unlicensed
73 person who wishes or intends to transfer a firearm to another
74 unlicensed person.

75 (i) "Transfer" means to furnish, give, lend, deliver, or

76 otherwise provide, with or without consideration.

77 (j) "Unfinished frame or receiver" means a forging,
78 casting, printing, extrusion, machined body, or similar item
79 that is:

80 1. Designed to or may readily be completed, assembled, or
81 otherwise converted to function as a frame or receiver; or

82 2. Marketed or sold to the public to become or be used as
83 the frame or receiver of a functional firearm, rifle, or shotgun
84 once completed, assembled, or otherwise converted.

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86 However, the term does not include a component designed and
87 intended for use in an antique weapon.

88 (k) "Unlicensed person" means a person who is not a
89 licensed dealer.

90 (2) All persons involved in firearm sales or other
91 transfers, in whole or in part, shall be subject to background
92 checks unless specifically exempted by state or federal law. If
93 the person involved in the firearm sale or other transfer, in
94 whole or in part, is a corporation or any entity other than an
95 individual person, the principal individual or individuals
96 involved in such sale or other transfer on behalf of the
97 corporation or other entity shall be subject to background
98 checks unless specifically exempted by federal law. A person may
99 not sell or otherwise transfer a firearm unless:

100 (a) The person is a licensed dealer;

101 (b) The purchaser or other transferee is a licensed
102 dealer; or

103 (c) The requirements of subsection (3) are met.

104 (3) If neither party to a prospective firearm sale or
105 other transfer is a licensed dealer, the parties to the
106 transaction shall complete the sale or other transfer through a
107 licensed dealer as follows:

108 (a) The seller or other transferor and the purchaser or
109 other transferee shall appear jointly with the firearm at a
110 licensed dealer and request that the licensed dealer conduct a
111 background check on the purchaser or other transferee.

112 (b) A licensed dealer who agrees to facilitate a
113 background check pursuant to this section shall process the sale
114 or other transfer as if he or she were transferring the firearm
115 from the licensed dealer's own inventory to the purchaser or
116 other transferee, complying with all requirements of federal and
117 state law that would apply if he or she were the seller or other
118 transferor of the firearm, including all background checks and
119 recordkeeping requirements.

120 (c) The seller or other transferor and the purchaser or
121 other transferee shall each complete, sign, and submit all state
122 and federal forms necessary to process the background check and
123 otherwise complete the sale or other transfer pursuant to this
124 section, and the licensed dealer shall indicate on the forms
125 that the sale or other transfer is between unlicensed persons.

126 (d) This section does not prevent the seller or other
127 transferor from removing the firearm from the premises of the
128 licensed dealer while the background check is being conducted or
129 during the applicable waiting period, provided that the seller
130 or other transferor returns to the business premises of the
131 licensed dealer and delivers the firearm to the licensed dealer
132 before completion of the sale or other transfer.

133 (e) A licensed dealer or a seller or other transferor may
134 not sell or otherwise transfer a firearm to a purchaser or other
135 transferee if the results of the background check indicate that
136 the purchaser or other transferee is prohibited from possessing
137 or receiving a firearm under federal or state law.

138 (f) A licensed dealer who agrees to conduct a background
139 check may charge a reasonable fee not to exceed the
140 administrative costs incurred by the licensed dealer for
141 facilitating the sale or other transfer of the firearm, plus
142 applicable fees pursuant to federal and state law.

143 (4) Subsections (2) and (3) do not apply to the following:

144 (a) A law enforcement officer, as defined in s. 943.10(1)
145 or corrections agency, or a law enforcement officer or
146 correctional officer, as defined in s. 943.10(1) and (2),
147 respectively, vested with the authority to bear arms, acting
148 within the course and scope of his or her employment or official
149 duties.

150 (b) A United States Marshals Service officer, United

151 States Armed Forces or National Guard member, or federal
152 official vested with the authority to bear arms, acting within
153 the course and scope of his or her employment or official
154 duties.

155 (c) A gunsmith who receives a firearm solely for the
156 purposes of service or repair who returns the firearm to its
157 lawful owner.

158 (d) A common carrier, warehouseman, or other person
159 engaged in the business of transportation or storage, to the
160 extent that the receipt of any firearm is in the ordinary course
161 of business and not for the personal use of any such person.

162 (e) A person who is not prohibited from possessing or
163 receiving a firearm under state or federal law who has
164 temporarily transferred a firearm:

165 1. Solely for the purpose of shooting at targets, if the
166 transfer occurs on the premises of a sport shooting range
167 authorized by the governing body of the jurisdiction in which
168 the range is located, or, if no such authorization is required,
169 operated consistently with local law in such jurisdiction, and
170 the firearm is at all times kept within the premises of the
171 sport shooting range;

172 2. While the person is accompanying the lawful owner of
173 the firearm and using the firearm for lawful hunting purposes,
174 if hunting is legal in all places where the person possesses the
175 firearm and the person holds all licenses and permits required

176 for such hunting;

177 3. While participating in a lawfully organized competition
178 involving the use of a firearm; or

179 4. While in the presence of the seller or other
180 transferor.

181 (f) A family member of the seller or other transferor.

182 This paragraph does not apply if the lawful owner or family
183 member knows or has reasonable cause to believe that federal or
184 state law prohibits the family member from purchasing or
185 possessing a firearm, or the seller or other transferor knows or
186 has reasonable cause to believe that the family member is likely
187 to use the firearm for unlawful purposes.

188 (g) An executor, administrator, trustee, or personal
189 representative of an estate or trust that occurs by operation of
190 law upon the death of the former lawful owner of the firearm.

191 (h) The temporary transfer of a firearm if such transfer
192 is to prevent immediate or imminent death or great bodily harm
193 to one's self or others, provided that the person to whom the
194 firearm is transferred is not prohibited from possessing a
195 firearm under state or federal law and the temporary transfer
196 lasts no longer than necessary to prevent such immediate or
197 imminent death or great bodily harm.

198 (i) The sale or other transfer of an antique firearm.

199 (5) A person who violates this section commits a felony of
200 the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.

201 775.083, or s. 775.084.

202 (6) In addition to any other penalty or remedy, the
 203 investigating law enforcement agency shall report any violation
 204 of this section committed by a licensed dealer to the Attorney
 205 General.

206 (7) This section does not apply to any firearm modified to
 207 render it permanently inoperable.

208 Section 3. Section 790.174, Florida Statutes, is amended
 209 to read:

210 790.174 Safe storage of firearms required.—

211 (1)(a) A person who stores or leaves, on a premise under
 212 his or her control, a ~~loaded~~ firearm, as defined in s. 790.001,
 213 and who knows or reasonably should know that a minor is likely
 214 to gain access to the firearm without the lawful permission of
 215 the minor's parent or the person having charge of the minor, or
 216 without the supervision required by law, shall keep the firearm
 217 in a securely locked box or container ~~or in a location which a~~
 218 ~~reasonable person would believe to be secure~~ or shall secure it
 219 with a trigger lock, except when the person is carrying the
 220 firearm on his or her body or within such close proximity
 221 thereto that he or she can retrieve and use it as easily and
 222 quickly as if he or she carried it on his or her body.

223 (b) A person who stores or leaves, on a premise under his
 224 or her control, a firearm, as defined in s. 790.001, and who
 225 knows or reasonably should know that a prohibited user is likely

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226 to gain access to the firearm, shall keep the firearm in a
227 securely locked box or container or shall secure it with a
228 trigger lock, except when the person is carrying the firearm on
229 his or her body or within such close proximity thereto that he
230 or she can retrieve and use the firearm as easily and quickly as
231 if he or she carried it on his or her body. For the purposes of
232 this section, the term "prohibited user" means any person who is
233 prohibited by state or federal law from possessing the firearm.

234 (2) Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c), ~~It is a~~
235 ~~misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s.~~
236 ~~775.082 or s. 775.083,~~ if a person violates subsection (1):

237 (a) It is a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable
238 as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

239 ~~(b) by failing to store or leave a firearm in the required~~
240 ~~manner And as a result thereof~~ If, as a result of the violation,
241 a prohibited user or a minor gains access to the firearm,
242 without the lawful permission of the minor's parent or the
243 person having charge of the minor, and possesses or exhibits it,
244 without the supervision required by law:

245 1.(a) In a public place; or

246 2.(b) In a rude, careless, angry, or threatening manner in
247 violation of s. 790.10.

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249 A person who violates subsection (1) commits misdemeanor of the
250 first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s.

251 775.083.

252 (c) The penalties provided in this section do not apply if
 253 the prohibited user or the minor obtains the firearm: This
 254 subsection does not apply

255 1. If the minor obtains the firearm As a result of an
 256 unlawful entry by any person.

257 2. While lawfully acting in self-defense or defense of
 258 another.

259 3. With the permission of the minor's parent or guardian
 260 and the minor uses or possesses the firearm during the minor's
 261 employment; ranching or farming; or target practice, hunting, or
 262 instruction in the safe use of a firearm.

263 (3) As used in this section ~~act~~, the term:

264 (a) "Locked box or container" means a secure container
 265 that is fully enclosed and locked by a padlock, key lock,
 266 combination lock, or similar locking device.

267 (b) "Locking device" means a trigger lock, cable lock, or
 268 similar lock that prevents an unloaded firearm from discharging
 269 when properly engaged so as to render such weapon inoperable by
 270 any person other than the owner or other lawfully authorized
 271 user.

272 (c) "Minor" means any person under the age of 18 ~~16~~.

273 Section 4. Section 790.175, Florida Statutes, is amended
 274 to read:

275 790.175 Transfer or sale of firearms; required warnings;

276 penalties.—

277 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), a licensed
 278 dealer may not sell a firearm in this state unless the sale
 279 includes one of the following:

280 (a) A commercially available trigger lock or other device
 281 designed to disable the firearm and prevent the discharge of the
 282 firearm.

283 (b) A commercially available gun case or storage container
 284 that can be secured to prevent unauthorized access to the
 285 firearm.

286 (2)~~(1)~~ Upon the retail commercial sale or retail transfer
 287 of any firearm, the licensed dealer ~~seller or transferor~~ shall
 288 deliver:

289 (a) A written warning to the purchaser or transferee,
 290 which warning states, in block letters not less than 1/4 inch in
 291 height:

292 "IT IS UNLAWFUL, AND PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT AND FINE,
 293 FOR ANY ADULT TO STORE OR LEAVE A FIREARM IN ANY PLACE
 294 WITHIN THE REACH OR EASY ACCESS OF A MINOR UNDER 18 YEARS
 295 OF AGE OR TO KNOWINGLY SELL OR OTHERWISE TRANSFER OWNERSHIP
 296 OR POSSESSION OF A FIREARM TO A MINOR OR A PERSON OF
 297 UNSOUND MIND. YOU MAY BE CRIMINALLY AND CIVILLY LIABLE FOR
 298 ANY HARM CAUSED BY A MINOR WHO LAWFULLY GAINS UNSUPERVISED
 299 ACCESS TO YOUR FIREARM IF UNLAWFULLY STORED."

300 (b) A brochure or pamphlet that includes safety

301 information on the use and storage of the firearm in a home
 302 environment.

303 (c) A written warning informing the purchaser of the
 304 penalties for failing to store or leave a firearm in the manner
 305 required under s. 790.174.

306 (3)-(2) Any licensed dealer retail or wholesale store,
 307 shop, or sales outlet which sells firearms must conspicuously
 308 post at each purchase counter the following warning in block
 309 letters not less than 1 inch in height:

310 "IT IS UNLAWFUL TO STORE OR LEAVE A FIREARM IN ANY PLACE WITHIN
 311 THE REACH OR EASY ACCESS OF A MINOR UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE OR TO
 312 KNOWINGLY SELL OR OTHERWISE TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OR POSSESSION OF
 313 A FIREARM TO A MINOR OR A PERSON OF UNSOUND MIND."

314 (4) This section does not apply to any of the following:

315 (a) The sale of a firearm to a law enforcement officer, as
 316 defined in s. 943.10(1), or an employing agency, as defined in
 317 s. 943.10(4).

318 (b) The sale of a firearm to a person who that presents to
 319 the licensed dealer one of the following:

320 1. A trigger lock or other device designed to disable the
 321 firearm and prevent the discharge of the firearm together with a
 322 copy of the purchase receipt for the licensed dealer to keep. A
 323 separate trigger lock or device and a separate purchase receipt
 324 shall be is required for each firearm purchased.

325 2. A gun case or storage container that can be secured to

326 prevent unauthorized access to the firearm together with a copy
327 of the purchase receipt for the licensed dealer to keep. A
328 separate gun case or storage container and a separate purchase
329 receipt shall be is required for each firearm purchased.

330 (c) The sale of an antique firearm.

331 (5) Upon the sale of a firearm, a licensed dealer shall
332 sign a statement and require the purchaser to sign a statement
333 stating that the sale is in compliance with subsections (1),
334 (3), and (4). The dealer shall retain a copy of the signed
335 statements and, if applicable, a copy of the receipt prescribed
336 in paragraph (4)(b), for at least 6 years.

337 (6)(a) This section does not create a civil action or
338 liability for damages arising from the use or misuse of a
339 firearm or ammunition for a person, other than a licensed
340 dealer, who produces a firearm or ammunition.

341 (b) A licensed dealer is not liable for damages arising
342 from the use or misuse of a firearm if the sale complies with
343 this section, any other applicable law of this state, and
344 applicable federal law.

345 (7)~~(3)~~ Any person or business knowingly violating a
346 requirement to provide warning under this section commits:

347 (a) For a first violation, a misdemeanor of the second
348 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

349 (b) For a second violation, a misdemeanor of the first
350 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

351 (c) For a third or subsequent violation, a felony of the
 352 third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083,
 353 or s. 775.084.

354 (8) As used in this section, the term "licensed dealer"
 355 means a person who holds a license as a dealer in firearms
 356 issued pursuant to 18 U.S.C. s. 923(a).

357 Section 5. Section 790.223, Florida Statutes, is created
 358 to read:

359 790.223 Unfinished firearms.—

360 (1) As used in this section, the term:

361 (a) "Federal licensee authorized to serialize firearms"
 362 means a person, firm, corporation, or other entity that holds
 363 any valid federal license that authorizes the person, firm,
 364 corporation, or other entity to imprint serial numbers onto
 365 firearms and completed or unfinished frames or receivers
 366 pursuant to chapter 44 of Title 18 of the United States Code, 18
 367 U.S.C. ss. 921 et seq., and regulations issued pursuant thereto.

368 (b) "Federally licensed gunsmith, manufacturer, or
 369 importer" means a person, firm, corporation, or other entity
 370 that holds a valid gunsmith license, or license to manufacture
 371 or import firearms issued pursuant to chapter 44 of Title 18 of
 372 the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. ss. 921 et seq., and
 373 regulations issued pursuant thereto.

374 (c) "Firearms importer or manufacturer" means a person
 375 licensed to import or manufacture firearms pursuant to 18 U.S.C.

376 chapter 44.

377 (d) "Frame" has the meaning attributed to it in chapter 44
378 of Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. ss. 921 et
379 seq., and regulations issued pursuant thereto.

380 (e) "Law enforcement agency" has the same meaning as in s.
381 23.1225(1)(d).

382 (f) "License to manufacture firearms" means a valid
383 license to manufacture firearms issued pursuant to chapter 44 of
384 Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. ss. 921 et seq.,
385 and regulations issued pursuant thereto.

386 (g) "Manufacture or assemble" means to fabricate,
387 construct, make, fit together component parts of, or otherwise
388 produce, a firearm or completed or unfinished frame or receiver,
389 including through additive, subtractive, or other processes to
390 form, produce, or construct by manual labor or machinery.

391 (h) "Receiver" has the meaning attributed to it in chapter
392 44 of Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. ss. 921 et
393 seq., and regulations issued pursuant thereto.

394 (i) "Security exemplar" has the meaning attributed to it
395 in chapter 44 of Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C.
396 ss. 921 et seq., and regulations issued pursuant thereto.

397 (j) "Undetectable firearm" means a firearm manufactured,
398 assembled, or otherwise comprised entirely of nonmetal
399 substances, if one of the following is true:

400 1. After the removal of grips, stocks and magazines, the

401 firearm is not detectable as a security exemplar by a walk-
402 through metal detector calibrated to detect the security
403 exemplar; or

404 2. The firearm includes a major component that, if
405 subjected to inspection by the type of X-ray machines commonly
406 used at airports, would not generate an image that accurately
407 depicts the shape of the component.

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409 As used in this paragraph, the term "major component" has the
410 meaning attributed to it in 18 U.S.C. s. 922.

411 (k) "Unfinished frame or receiver" has the same meaning as
412 provided in s. 790.0653(1)(j).

413 (1) "Valid serial number" means a serial number that has
414 been imprinted by a federal licensee authorized to serialize
415 firearms in accordance with federal law, or that has otherwise
416 been assigned to a firearm or completed or unfinished frame or
417 receiver pursuant to the laws of any state or pursuant to
418 chapter 53 of Title 26 of the United States Code, 26 U.S.C. ss
419 5801 et seq., and the regulations issued pursuant thereto.

420 (2) It is unlawful to knowingly manufacture or assemble,
421 cause to be manufactured or assembled, import, purchase, sell,
422 offer for sale, or transfer ownership of any firearm that is not
423 imprinted with a valid serial number.

424 (3) It is unlawful to knowingly import, purchase, sell,
425 offer for sale, or transfer ownership of any completed or

426 unfinished frame or receiver, unless the completed or unfinished
427 frame or receiver:

428 (a) Is deemed to be a firearm pursuant to chapter 44 of
429 Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. ss. 921 et seq.,
430 and regulations issued pursuant thereto; and

431 (b) Is imprinted with a valid serial number.

432 (4) Beginning January 1, 2025, it is unlawful to knowingly
433 possess a firearm or any completed or unfinished frame or
434 receiver that is not imprinted with a valid serial number.

435 (5) A person may not knowingly manufacture or assemble or
436 cause to be manufactured or assembled, import, sell, offer for
437 sale, transfer, or possess any undetectable firearm.

438 (6) It shall be unlawful to use a three-dimensional
439 printer or CNC milling machine to manufacture or assemble any
440 firearm or completed or unfinished frame or receiver within the
441 state without a valid license to manufacture firearms.

442 (7) It is unlawful to sell, offer to sell, transfer,
443 purchase, or receive a three-dimensional printer or CNC milling
444 machine that has the primary or intended function of
445 manufacturing or assembling firearms or completed or unfinished
446 frames or receivers, if the recipient does not have a valid
447 license to manufacture firearms.

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449 There shall be a presumption that a three-dimensional printer or
450 CNC milling machine has the primary or intended function of

451 manufacturing or assembling firearms or completed or unfinished
 452 frame or receivers, if the printer or machine is marketed or
 453 sold in a manner that advertises that it may be used to
 454 manufacture or assemble firearms or completed or unfinished
 455 frame or receivers, or in a manner that foreseeably promotes the
 456 printer or machine's use in manufacturing or assembling such
 457 weapons, regardless of whether the printer or machine is
 458 otherwise described or classified as having other functions or
 459 as a general-purpose printer or machine.

460 (8) Except by operation of law, it is unlawful for a
 461 person who does not have a valid license to manufacture or
 462 assemble firearms to sell or transfer ownership of a firearm if:

463 (a) The person manufactured or assembled the firearm
 464 without a valid license to manufacture firearms;

465 (b) The person knowingly caused the firearm to be
 466 manufactured or assembled by another person who does not have a
 467 valid license to manufacture firearms; or

468 (c) The person is aware that the firearm was manufactured
 469 or assembled by another person who does not have a valid license
 470 to manufacture firearms.

471 (9) A person who violates this section commits:

472 (a) For the first offense, a misdemeanor of the first
 473 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

474 (b) For a second or subsequent offense, a felony of the
 475 third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083,

476 or s. 775.084

477 (10) This section does not apply to any of the following:

478 (a) A firearm or any completed or unfinished frame or
 479 receiver that is an antique firearm, as defined in 27 C.F.R. s.
 480 479.11, or that has been rendered permanently inoperable.

481 (b) The sale, offer for sale, or transfer of ownership of
 482 a firearm or any completed or unfinished frame or receiver, to a
 483 law enforcement agency.

484 (c) The manufacture or assembly, importation, purchase,
 485 transfer, or possession of a firearm or any completed or
 486 unfinished frame or receiver, by a law enforcement agency for
 487 law enforcement purposes.

488 (d) The sale or transfer of ownership of a firearm or any
 489 completed or unfinished frame or receiver, to a federally
 490 licensed gunsmith, manufacturer, or importer, or to any other
 491 federal licensee authorized to serialize firearms.

492 (e) The manufacture or assembly, importation, purchase, or
 493 possession of a firearm or any completed or unfinished frame or
 494 receiver, by a federally licensed gunsmith, manufacturer, or
 495 importer, or by any other federal licensee authorized to
 496 serialize firearms.

497 (f) A member of the United States Armed Forces or the
 498 National Guard, while on duty and acting within the scope and
 499 course of employment, or any law enforcement agency or forensic
 500 laboratory.

501 (g) A common carrier, motor carrier, air carrier, or
 502 carrier affiliated with an air carrier through common
 503 controlling interest that is subject to Title 49 of the United
 504 States Code, or an authorized agent of any such carrier, when
 505 acting in the course and scope of duties incident to the
 506 receipt, processing, transportation, or delivery of property.

507 (h) An authorized representative of a local, state, or
 508 federal government that receives a firearm or any completed or
 509 unfinished frame or receiver, as part of an authorized,
 510 voluntary buyback program in which the governmental entity is
 511 buying or receiving such weapons from private individuals.

512 (i) The possession and disposition of a firearm or any
 513 completed or unfinished frame or receiver by a person who meets
 514 all of the following:

515 1. The person is not prohibited by Florida or federal law
 516 from possessing the weapon.

517 2. The person possessed the firearm or any completed or
 518 unfinished frame or receiver no longer than was necessary to
 519 deliver it to a law enforcement agency for that agency's
 520 disposition according to law.

521 3. If the person is transporting the firearm or any
 522 completed or unfinished frame or receiver, the person is
 523 transporting it to a law enforcement agency in order to deliver
 524 it to the agency for the agency's disposition according to law.

525 (j) The possession or importation of a firearm or any

526 completed or unfinished frame or receiver by a nonresident of
527 the state who:

528 1. Is traveling with the firearm or completed or
529 unfinished frame or receiver in the state in accordance with the
530 18 U.S.C. s. 926A; or

531 2. Possesses or imports the firearm or completed or
532 unfinished frame or receiver in the state exclusively for use in
533 an organized sport shooting event or competition, and no longer
534 than reasonably necessary to participate in such an event or
535 competition.

536 (k) The possession or importation of a firearm or any
537 completed or unfinished frame or receiver by a new resident
538 moving into the state who, within 90 days of moving into the
539 state, causes the firearm or completed or unfinished frame or
540 receiver to be imprinted with a valid serial number, removes the
541 weapon from the state, or otherwise comes into compliance with
542 this section.

543 Section 6. This act does not prohibit the sale of an
544 unfinished frame or receiver or firearm that is not imprinted
545 with a serial number to a firearms importer or manufacturer or a
546 licensed dealer before January 1, 2025. As used in this section,
547 the term "licensed dealer" means a person licensed as a dealer
548 in firearms issued pursuant to 18 U.S.C. s. 923(a).

549 Section 7. This act shall take effect October 1, 2024.