

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to exemption from the mandatory  
3       waiting period for firearms purchases by law  
4       enforcement officers, correctional officers,  
5       correctional probation officers, and servicemembers;  
6       amending s. 790.0655, F.S.; revising exemptions from  
7       the mandatory waiting period between the purchase and  
8       delivery of a firearm; defining the term "holder of a  
9       concealed weapons or concealed firearms license";  
10      providing an effective date.

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

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14       **Section 1.   Section 790.0655, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
15   **to read:**

16       790.0655   Purchase and delivery of firearms; mandatory  
17   waiting period; exceptions; penalties.—

18       (1)(a)   A mandatory waiting period is imposed between the  
19   purchase and delivery of a firearm. The mandatory waiting period  
20   is 3 days, excluding weekends and legal holidays, or expires  
21   upon the completion of the records checks required under s.  
22   790.065, whichever occurs later. ~~"Purchase" means the transfer~~  
23   ~~of money or other valuable consideration to the retailer.~~  
24   ~~"Retailer" means and includes a licensed importer, licensed~~  
25   ~~manufacturer, or licensed dealer engaged in the business of~~

26 ~~making firearm sales at retail or for distribution, or use, or~~  
27 ~~consumption, or storage to be used or consumed in this state, as~~  
28 ~~defined in s. 212.02(13).~~

29 (b) Records of firearm sales must be available for  
30 inspection by any law enforcement agency, as defined in s.  
31 934.02, during normal business hours.

32 (2) The waiting period does not apply in the following  
33 circumstances:

34 (a) When a firearm is being purchased by a holder of a  
35 concealed weapons or concealed firearms license ~~issued under s.~~  
36 ~~790.06.~~

37 (b) To a trade-in of another firearm.

38 (c) To the purchase of a rifle or shotgun, upon a person's  
39 successfully completing a minimum of a 16-hour hunter safety  
40 course and possessing a hunter safety certification card issued  
41 under s. 379.3581. A person who is exempt from the hunter safety  
42 course requirements under s. 379.3581 and holds a valid Florida  
43 hunting license is exempt from the mandatory waiting period  
44 under this section for the purchase of a rifle or shotgun.

45 ~~(d) When a rifle or shotgun is being purchased by a law~~  
46 ~~enforcement officer or correctional officer, as those terms are~~  
47 ~~defined in s. 943.10(1), (2), (3), (6), (7), (8), or (9), or a~~  
48 ~~servicemember as defined in s. 250.01.~~

49 (3) It is a felony of the third degree, punishable as  
50 provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084:

51 (a) For any retailer, or any employee or agent of a  
52 retailer, to deliver a firearm before the expiration of the  
53 waiting period, subject to the exceptions provided in subsection  
54 (2).

55 (b) For a purchaser to obtain delivery of a firearm by  
56 fraud, false pretense, or false representation.

57 (4) For purposes of this section, the term:

58 (a) "Holder of a concealed weapons or concealed firearms  
59 license" includes all of the following:

60 1. A person who holds a valid license issued under s.  
61 790.06.

62 2. A law enforcement officer, correctional officer, or  
63 correctional probation officer as those terms are defined in s.  
64 943.10(1), (2), (3), (6), (7), (8), or (9).

65 3. A servicemember as defined in s. 250.01.

66 (b) "Purchase" means the transfer of money or other  
67 valuable consideration to the retailer.

68 (c) "Retailer" means and includes a licensed importer,  
69 licensed manufacturer, or licensed dealer engaged in the  
70 business of making firearm sales at retail or for distribution,  
71 or use, or consumption, or storage to be used or consumed in  
72 this state, as defined in s. 212.02(13).

73 **Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.