

By Senator Collins

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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to firearm purchase or transfer;
 3 amending s. 790.065, F.S.; reducing the minimum age at
 4 which a person may purchase a firearm; reducing the
 5 minimum age of purchasers to whom specified licensees
 6 are prohibited from selling or transferring a firearm;
 7 repealing an exception; amending s. 790.0655, F.S.;
 8 revising an exception to the mandatory waiting period
 9 for the purchase of rifles or shotguns; providing an
 10 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. Subsection (13) of section 790.065, Florida
 15 Statutes, is amended to read:

16 790.065 Sale and delivery of firearms.—

17 (13) A person younger than 18 ~~21~~ years of age may not
 18 purchase a firearm. The sale or transfer of a firearm to a
 19 person younger than 18 ~~21~~ years of age may not be made or
 20 facilitated by a licensed importer, licensed manufacturer, or
 21 licensed dealer. A person who violates this subsection commits a
 22 felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s.
 23 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. ~~The prohibitions of this~~
 24 ~~subsection do not apply to the purchase of a rifle or shotgun by~~
 25 ~~a law enforcement officer or correctional officer, as those~~
 26 ~~terms are defined in s. 943.10(1), (2), (3), (6), (7), (8), or~~
 27 ~~(9), or a servicemember as defined in s. 250.01.~~

28 Section 2. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section
 29 790.0655, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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30 790.0655 Purchase and delivery of firearms; mandatory
31 waiting period; exceptions; penalties.-

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

34 (c) To the purchase of a rifle or shotgun, upon a person's
35 successful completion of a background check under s. 790.065
36 ~~successfully completing a minimum of a 16-hour hunter safety~~
37 ~~course and possessing a hunter safety certification card issued~~
38 ~~under s. 379.3581. A person who is exempt from the hunter safety~~
39 ~~course requirements under s. 379.3581 and holds a valid Florida~~
40 ~~hunting license is exempt from the mandatory waiting period~~
41 ~~under this section for the purchase of a rifle or shotgun.~~

42 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.