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Introduced by:  
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**AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN FIREARMS DEFINITIONS AND CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF LARGE CAPACITY MAGAZINES AND ASSAULT WEAPONS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 53a-3 of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes  
2 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2026*):

4 Except where different meanings are expressly specified, the  
5 following terms have the following meanings when used in this title:

6 (1) "Person" means a human being, and, where appropriate, a public  
7 or private corporation, a limited liability company, an unincorporated  
8 association, a partnership, a government or a governmental  
9 instrumentality;

10 (2) "Possess" means to have physical possession or otherwise to  
11 exercise dominion or control over tangible property;

12 (3) "Physical injury" means impairment of physical condition or pain;

13 (4) "Serious physical injury" means physical injury which creates a  
14 substantial risk of death, or which causes serious disfigurement, serious  
15 impairment of health or serious loss or impairment of the function of  
16 any bodily organ;

17 (5) "Deadly physical force" means physical force which can be  
18 reasonably expected to cause death or serious physical injury;

19 (6) "Deadly weapon" means any weapon, whether loaded or  
20 unloaded, from which a shot may be discharged, or a switchblade knife,  
21 gravity knife, billy, blackjack, bludgeon, or metal knuckles. The  
22 definition of "deadly weapon" in this subdivision shall be deemed not  
23 to apply to section 29-38 or 53-206 and does not include an electronic  
24 defense weapon when used by a peace officer;

25 (7) "Dangerous instrument" means any instrument, article or  
26 substance which, under the circumstances in which it is used or  
27 attempted or threatened to be used, is capable of causing death or  
28 serious physical injury, and includes a "vehicle" as that term is defined  
29 in this section and includes a dog that has been commanded to attack,  
30 except a dog owned by a law enforcement agency of the state or any  
31 political subdivision thereof or of the federal government when such  
32 dog is in the performance of its duties under the direct supervision, care  
33 and control of an assigned law enforcement officer;

34 (8) "Vehicle" means a "motor vehicle" as defined in section 14-1, a  
35 snowmobile, any aircraft, or any vessel equipped for propulsion by  
36 mechanical means or sail;

37 (9) "Peace officer" means a member of the Division of State Police  
38 within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection or  
39 an organized local police department, a chief inspector or inspector in  
40 the Division of Criminal Justice, a state marshal while exercising  
41 authority granted under any provision of the general statutes, a judicial  
42 marshal in the performance of the duties of a judicial marshal, a  
43 conservation officer or special conservation officer, as defined in section

44 26-5, a constable who performs criminal law enforcement duties, a  
45 special policeman appointed under section 29-18, 29-18a, 29-18b or 29-  
46 19, an adult probation officer, an official of the Department of Correction  
47 authorized by the Commissioner of Correction to make arrests in a  
48 correctional institution or facility, any investigator in the investigations  
49 unit of the office of the State Treasurer, an inspector of motor vehicles in  
50 the Department of Motor Vehicles, who is certified under the provisions  
51 of sections 7-294a to 7-294e, inclusive, a United States marshal or deputy  
52 marshal, any special agent of the federal government authorized to  
53 enforce the provisions of Title 21 of the United States Code, or a member  
54 of a law enforcement unit of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe or the  
55 Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut created and governed by a  
56 memorandum of agreement under section 47-65c who is certified as a  
57 police officer by the Police Officer Standards and Training Council  
58 pursuant to sections 7-294a to 7-294e, inclusive;

59 (10) "Firefighter" means any agent of a municipality whose duty it is  
60 to protect life and property therein as a member of a duly constituted  
61 fire department whether professional or volunteer;

62 (11) A person acts "intentionally" with respect to a result or to conduct  
63 described by a statute defining an offense when his conscious objective  
64 is to cause such result or to engage in such conduct;

65 (12) A person acts "knowingly" with respect to conduct or to a  
66 circumstance described by a statute defining an offense when he is  
67 aware that his conduct is of such nature or that such circumstance exists;

68 (13) A person acts "recklessly" with respect to a result or to a  
69 circumstance described by a statute defining an offense when he is  
70 aware of and consciously disregards a substantial and unjustifiable risk  
71 that such result will occur or that such circumstance exists. The risk  
72 must be of such nature and degree that disregarding it constitutes a  
73 gross deviation from the standard of conduct that a reasonable person  
74 would observe in the situation;

75 (14) A person acts with "criminal negligence" with respect to a result  
76 or to a circumstance described by a statute defining an offense when he  
77 fails to perceive a substantial and unjustifiable risk that such result will  
78 occur or that such circumstance exists. The risk must be of such nature  
79 and degree that the failure to perceive it constitutes a gross deviation  
80 from the standard of care that a reasonable person would observe in the  
81 situation;

82 (15) "Machine gun" means a weapon of any description, irrespective  
83 of size, by whatever name known, loaded or unloaded, from which a  
84 number of shots or bullets may be rapidly or automatically discharged  
85 from a magazine with one continuous pull of the trigger and includes a  
86 submachine gun;

87 (16) "Rifle" means a weapon designed or redesigned, made or  
88 remade, and intended to be fired from the shoulder and designed or  
89 redesigned and made or remade to use the energy of the explosive in a  
90 fixed metallic cartridge to fire only a single projectile through a rifled  
91 bore for each single pull of the trigger;

92 (17) "Shotgun" means a weapon designed or redesigned, made or  
93 remade, and intended to be fired from the shoulder and designed or  
94 redesigned and made or remade to use the energy of the explosive in a  
95 fixed shotgun shell to fire through a smooth bore either a number of ball  
96 shot or a single projectile for each single pull of the trigger;

97 (18) "Pistol" or "revolver" means any firearm having a barrel less than  
98 twelve inches;

99 (19) "Firearm" means any sawed-off shotgun, machine gun, rifle,  
100 shotgun, pistol, revolver, major firearm component, unfinished frame  
101 or lower receiver, as defined in section 53-206j, as amended by this act,  
102 or other weapon, whether loaded or unloaded from which a shot may  
103 be discharged;

104 (20) "Electronic defense weapon" means a weapon which by

105 electronic impulse or current is capable of immobilizing a person  
106 temporarily, including a stun gun or other conductive energy device;

107 (21) "Martial arts weapon" means a nunchaku, kama, kasari-fundo,  
108 octagon sai, tonfa or chinese star;

109 (22) "Employee of an emergency medical service organization" means  
110 an ambulance driver, emergency medical technician or paramedic as  
111 defined in section 19a-175;

112 (23) "Railroad property" means all tangible property owned, leased  
113 or operated by a railroad carrier including, but not limited to, a right-of-  
114 way, track, roadbed, bridge, yard, shop, station, tunnel, viaduct, trestle,  
115 depot, warehouse, terminal or any other structure or appurtenance or  
116 equipment owned, leased or used in the operation of a railroad carrier  
117 including a train, locomotive, engine, railroad car, signals or safety  
118 device or work equipment or rolling stock;

119 (24) "Serious firearm offense" means a violation of section 29-36, 29-  
120 36a or 53-202w, as amended by this act, possession of a stolen firearm or  
121 a firearm that is altered in a manner that renders the firearm unlawful,  
122 or any crime of which an essential element is that the person discharged,  
123 used or was armed with and threatened the use of a firearm; [and]

124 (25) "Serious firearm offender" means a person who has (A) two  
125 convictions for a serious firearm offense, (B) a conviction for a serious  
126 firearm offense and was previously convicted of a violation of section  
127 29-36, 29-36a, subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 53a-217 or  
128 subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 53a-217c, or (C) a conviction  
129 for a serious firearm offense and was previously convicted of two or  
130 more additional felony offenses; and

131 (26) "Major firearm component" means the barrel, slide or cylinder or  
132 frame or receiver of a firearm.

133 Sec. 2. Subsection (i) of section 53-206j of the general statutes is

134 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
135 *1, 2026*):

136 (i) For purposes of this section, "unfinished frame or lower receiver"  
137 means a blank, casting, [or machined body intended to be turned into  
138 the frame or lower receiver of a firearm, as defined in section 53a-3, with  
139 additional machining, and which has been formed or machined to the  
140 point where most major machining operations have been completed to  
141 turn the blank, casting or machined body into a frame or lower receiver  
142 of a firearm, even if the fire-control cavity area of such blank, casting or  
143 machined body is still completely solid and unmachined. An  
144 "unfinished frame or lower receiver" is not a firearm, as defined in 18  
145 USC 921(a), as amended from time to time] forging, printing, extrusion,  
146 machined body or similar item that (1) has reached a stage in  
147 manufacture where it may readily be completed, assembled or  
148 converted to be used as the frame or receiver of a functional firearm; or  
149 (2) is marketed or sold to the public to become or be used as the frame  
150 or receiver of a functional firearm once completed, assembled or  
151 converted.

152 Sec. 3. Subsection (c) of section 53-206g of the 2026 supplement to the  
153 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
154 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

155 (c) For purposes of this section, "firearm" means firearm as defined in  
156 section 53a-3, as amended by this act, and "rate of fire enhancement"  
157 means any device, component, part, combination of parts, attachment  
158 or accessory that: (1) Uses energy from the recoil of a firearm to generate  
159 a reciprocating action that causes repeated function of the trigger,  
160 including, but not limited to, a bump stock; (2) repeatedly pulls the  
161 trigger of a firearm through the use of a crank, lever or other part,  
162 including, but not limited to, a trigger crank; [or] (3) causes a  
163 semiautomatic firearm to fire more than one round per operation of the  
164 trigger, where the trigger pull and reset constitute a single operation of  
165 the trigger, including, but not limited to, a binary trigger system; (4)

166 includes a trigger that forcibly resets into the firing position after each  
167 round is fired, such as a forced reset trigger; (5) applies force to a  
168 firearm's trigger bar to prevent the trigger bar from limiting the firearm  
169 to firing only one round each time the trigger is depressed, such as an  
170 auto-sear; or (6) is unnecessary for the function of a firearm and that,  
171 when built into, installed in or attached to a firearm, increases the rate  
172 of fire above the rate at which a person could otherwise fire such  
173 firearm.

174 Sec. 4. Section 53-202w of the general statutes is repealed and the  
175 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

176 (a) As used in this section and section 53-202x:

177 (1) "Large capacity magazine" means any firearm magazine, belt,  
178 drum, feed strip or similar device that has the capacity of, or can be  
179 readily restored or converted to accept, more than ten rounds of  
180 ammunition, but does not include: (A) A feeding device that has been  
181 permanently altered so that it cannot accommodate more than ten  
182 rounds of ammunition, (B) a .22 caliber tube ammunition feeding  
183 device, (C) a tubular magazine that is contained in a lever-action  
184 firearm, or (D) a magazine that is permanently inoperable;

185 (2) "Lawfully possesses", with respect to a large capacity magazine,  
186 means that a person has (A) actual and lawful possession of the large  
187 capacity magazine, (B) constructive possession of the large capacity  
188 magazine pursuant to a lawful purchase of a firearm that contains a  
189 large capacity magazine that was transacted prior to or on April 4, 2013,  
190 regardless of whether the firearm was delivered to the purchaser prior  
191 to or on April 4, 2013, which lawful purchase is evidenced by a writing  
192 sufficient to indicate that (i) a contract for sale was made between the  
193 parties prior to or on April 4, 2013, for the purchase of the firearm, or (ii)  
194 full or partial payment for the firearm was made by the purchaser to the  
195 seller of the firearm prior to or on April 4, 2013, or (C) actual possession  
196 under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, or constructive possession

197 under subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, as evidenced by a written  
198 statement made under penalty of false statement on such form as the  
199 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection prescribes;  
200 and

201 (3) "Licensed gun dealer" means a person who has a federal firearms  
202 license and a permit to sell firearms pursuant to section 29-28.

203 (b) Except as provided in this section, on and after April 5, 2013, any  
204 person who, within this state, distributes, imports into this state, keeps  
205 for sale, offers or exposes for sale, or purchases a large capacity  
206 magazine shall be guilty of a class D felony. On and after April 5, 2013,  
207 any person who, within this state, transfers a large capacity magazine,  
208 except as provided in subsection (f) of this section, shall be guilty of a  
209 class D felony.

210 (c) Except as provided in this section and section 53-202x, any person  
211 who possesses a large capacity magazine shall be guilty of a (1) class D  
212 felony if such person is ineligible to possess a firearm under state or  
213 federal law, or (2) class A misdemeanor if such person is not ineligible  
214 to possess a firearm under state or federal law.

215 (d) A large capacity magazine may be possessed, purchased or  
216 imported by:

217 (1) The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection,  
218 police departments, the Department of Correction, the Division of  
219 Criminal Justice, the Department of Motor Vehicles, the Department of  
220 Energy and Environmental Protection or the military or naval forces of  
221 this state or of the United States;

222 (2) A sworn and duly certified member of an organized police  
223 department, the Division of State Police within the Department of  
224 Emergency Services and Public Protection or the Department of  
225 Correction, a chief inspector or inspector in the Division of Criminal  
226 Justice, a salaried inspector of motor vehicles designated by the

227 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, a conservation officer or special  
228 conservation officer appointed by the Commissioner of Energy and  
229 Environmental Protection pursuant to section 26-5, or a constable who  
230 is certified by the Police Officer Standards and Training Council and  
231 appointed by the chief executive authority of a town, city or borough to  
232 perform criminal law enforcement duties, for use by such sworn  
233 member, inspector, officer or constable in the discharge of such sworn  
234 member's, inspector's, officer's or constable's official duties or when off  
235 duty;

236 (3) A member of the military or naval forces of this state or of the  
237 United States;

238 (4) A nuclear facility licensed by the United States Nuclear  
239 Regulatory Commission for the purpose of providing security services  
240 at such facility, or any contractor or subcontractor of such facility for the  
241 purpose of providing security services at such facility;

242 (5) Any person who is sworn and acts as a policeman on behalf of an  
243 armored car service pursuant to section 29-20 in the discharge of such  
244 person's official duties; or

245 (6) Any person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of  
246 manufacturing large capacity magazines in this state that manufactures,  
247 purchases, tests or transports large capacity magazines in this state for  
248 sale within this state to persons specified in subdivisions (1) to (5),  
249 inclusive, of this subsection or for sale outside this state, or a federally-  
250 licensed firearm manufacturer engaged in the business of  
251 manufacturing firearms or large capacity magazines in this state that  
252 manufactures, purchases, tests or transports firearms or large capacity  
253 magazines in this state for sale within this state to persons specified in  
254 subdivisions (1) to (5), inclusive, of this subsection or for sale outside  
255 this state.

256 (e) A large capacity magazine may be possessed by:

257 (1) A licensed gun dealer;

258 (2) A gunsmith who is in a licensed gun dealer's employ, who  
259 possesses such large capacity magazine for the purpose of servicing or  
260 repairing a lawfully possessed large capacity magazine;

261 (3) A person, firm, corporation or federally-licensed firearm  
262 manufacturer described in subdivision (6) of subsection (d) of this  
263 section that possesses a large capacity magazine that is lawfully  
264 possessed by another person for the purpose of servicing or repairing  
265 the large capacity magazine;

266 (4) Any person who has declared possession of the magazine  
267 pursuant to section 53-202x; or

268 (5) Any person who is the executor or administrator of an estate that  
269 includes a large capacity magazine, or the trustee of a trust that includes  
270 a large capacity magazine, the possession of which has been declared to  
271 the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection pursuant  
272 to section 53-202x, which is disposed of as authorized by the Probate  
273 Court, if the disposition is otherwise permitted by this section and  
274 section 53-202x.

275 (f) Subsection (b) of this section shall not prohibit:

276 (1) The transfer of a large capacity magazine, the possession of which  
277 has been declared to the Department of Emergency Services and Public  
278 Protection pursuant to section 53-202x, by bequest or intestate  
279 succession, or, upon the death of a testator or settlor: (A) To a trust, or  
280 (B) from a trust to a beneficiary;

281 (2) The transfer of a large capacity magazine to a police department  
282 or the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection;

283 (3) The transfer of a large capacity magazine to a licensed gun dealer  
284 in accordance with section 53-202x; [or]

285 (4) The transfer of a large capacity magazine prior to October 1, 2013,  
286 from a licensed gun dealer, pawnbroker licensed under section 21-40, or  
287 consignment shop operator, as defined in section 21-39a, to any person  
288 who (A) possessed the large capacity magazine prior to or on April 4,  
289 2013, (B) placed a firearm that such person legally possessed, with the  
290 large capacity magazine included or attached, in the possession of such  
291 dealer, pawnbroker or operator prior to or on April 4, 2013, pursuant to  
292 an agreement between such person and such dealer, pawnbroker or  
293 operator for the sale of the firearm to a third person, and (C) is eligible  
294 to possess the firearm on the date of such transfer; or

295 (5) The transfer of a large capacity magazine within this state between  
296 any of the persons specified in subdivisions (1) to (5), inclusive, of  
297 subsection (e) of this section.

298 (g) The court may order suspension of prosecution in addition to any  
299 other diversionary programs available to the defendant, if the court  
300 finds that a violation of this section is not of a serious nature and that  
301 the person charged with such violation (1) will probably not offend in  
302 the future, (2) has not previously been convicted of a violation of this  
303 section, and (3) has not previously had a prosecution under this section  
304 suspended pursuant to this subsection, it may order suspension of  
305 prosecution in accordance with the provisions of subsection (i) of section  
306 29-33.

307 Sec. 5. Section 53-202d of the general statutes is repealed and the  
308 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

309 (a) (1) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision,  
310 any person who lawfully possesses an assault weapon, as defined in  
311 subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of section 53-202a, prior to October  
312 1, 1993, shall apply by October 1, 1994, or, if such person is a member of  
313 the military or naval forces of this state or of the United States and is  
314 unable to apply by October 1, 1994, because such member is or was on  
315 official duty outside of this state, shall apply within ninety days of

316 returning to the state to the Department of Emergency Services and  
317 Public Protection, for a certificate of possession with respect to such  
318 assault weapon.

319 (B) No person who lawfully possesses an assault weapon pursuant to  
320 subdivision (1), (2) or (4) of subsection (b) of section 53-202c shall be  
321 required to obtain a certificate of possession pursuant to this subdivision  
322 with respect to an assault weapon used for official duties, except that  
323 any person described in subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 53-  
324 202c who purchases an assault weapon, as defined in subparagraph (A)  
325 of subdivision (1) of section 53-202a, for use in the discharge of official  
326 duties who retires or is otherwise separated from service shall apply  
327 within ninety days of such retirement or separation from service to the  
328 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection for a  
329 certificate of possession with respect to such assault weapon.

330 (2) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision,  
331 any person who lawfully possesses an assault weapon, as defined in any  
332 provision of subparagraphs (B) to (F), inclusive, of subdivision (1) of  
333 section 53-202a, on April 4, 2013, under the provisions of sections 53-  
334 202a to 53-202k, inclusive, in effect on January 1, 2013, or any person  
335 who regains possession of an assault weapon as defined in any  
336 provision of said subparagraphs pursuant to subsection (e) of section  
337 53-202f, or any person who lawfully purchases a firearm on or after  
338 April 4, 2013, but prior to June 18, 2013, that meets the criteria set forth  
339 in subdivision (3) or (4) of subsection (a) of section 53-202a of the general  
340 statutes, revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 2013, shall apply by  
341 January 1, 2014, or, if such person is a member of the military or naval  
342 forces of this state or of the United States and is unable to apply by  
343 January 1, 2014, because such member is or was on official duty outside  
344 of this state, shall apply within ninety days of returning to the state to  
345 the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection for a  
346 certificate of possession with respect to such assault weapon. Any  
347 person who lawfully purchases a semiautomatic pistol that is defined as  
348 an assault weapon in any provision of subparagraphs (B) to (F),

349 inclusive, of subdivision (1) of section 53-202a that the Commissioner of  
350 Emergency Services and Public Protection designates as being designed  
351 expressly for use in target shooting events at the Olympic games  
352 sponsored by the International Olympic Committee pursuant to  
353 regulations adopted under subdivision (4) of subsection (b) of section  
354 53-202b shall apply within ninety days of such purchase to the  
355 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection for a  
356 certificate of possession with respect to such assault weapon.

357 (B) No person who lawfully possesses an assault weapon pursuant to  
358 subdivision (1), (2) or (4) of subsection (b) of section 53-202c shall be  
359 required to obtain a certificate of possession pursuant to this subdivision  
360 with respect to an assault weapon used for official duties, except that  
361 any person described in subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 53-  
362 202c who purchases an assault weapon, as defined in any provision of  
363 subparagraphs (B) to (F), inclusive, of subdivision (1) of section 53-202a  
364 for use in the discharge of official duties who retires or is otherwise  
365 separated from service shall apply within ninety days of such retirement  
366 or separation from service to the Department of Emergency Services and  
367 Public Protection for a certificate of possession with respect to such  
368 assault weapon.

369 (3) Any person who obtained a certificate of possession for an assault  
370 weapon, as defined in subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of section 53-  
371 202a, prior to April 5, 2013, that is defined as an assault weapon  
372 pursuant to any provision of subparagraphs (B) to (F), inclusive, of  
373 subdivision (1) of section 53-202a shall be deemed to have obtained a  
374 certificate of possession for such assault weapon for the purposes of  
375 sections 53-202a to 53-202k, inclusive, and shall not be required to obtain  
376 a subsequent certificate of possession for such assault weapon.

377 (4) (A) Except as provided in subparagraphs (B) and (C) of this  
378 subdivision, any person who lawfully possesses a 2023 assault weapon  
379 on June 5, 2023, under the provisions of sections 53-202a to 53-202k,  
380 inclusive, in effect on January 1, 2023, or any person who regains

381 possession of a 2023 assault weapon pursuant to subdivision (2) of  
382 subsection (e) of section 53-202f, shall apply by May 1, 2024, or, if such  
383 person is a member of the military or naval forces of this state or of the  
384 United States and is unable to apply by May 1, 2024, because such  
385 member is or was on official duty outside of this state, shall apply within  
386 ninety days of returning to the state to the Department of Emergency  
387 Services and Public Protection for a certificate of possession with respect  
388 to such assault weapon. The Department of Emergency Services and  
389 Public Protection shall accept applications both in paper and electronic  
390 form, to the extent practicable, and shall not require such applications  
391 be notarized.

392 (B) No person who lawfully possesses an assault weapon pursuant to  
393 subdivision (1), (2) or (4) of subsection (b) of section 53-202c shall be  
394 required to obtain a certificate of possession pursuant to this subdivision  
395 with respect to an assault weapon used for official duties, except that  
396 any person described in subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 53-  
397 202c who purchases a 2023 assault weapon for use in the discharge of  
398 official duties who retires or is otherwise separated from service shall  
399 apply within ninety days of such retirement or separation from service  
400 to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection for a  
401 certificate of possession with respect to such assault weapon.

402 (C) Any person who lawfully possesses a 2023 assault weapon  
403 pursuant to the provisions of subsection (f) of section 53-202c and whose  
404 Form 1 application to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and  
405 Explosives has not yet been processed may, instead of following the  
406 procedure specified in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, apply by  
407 May 1, 2024, to the Department of Emergency Services and Public  
408 Protection for a temporary certificate of possession with respect to such  
409 assault weapon. Such temporary certificate of possession shall expire on  
410 the earlier of January 1, 2027, and the date seven days succeeding a  
411 denial of the Form 1 application. When the Form 1 application is  
412 approved with respect to such assault weapon, such person may apply  
413 to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection to

414 convert such temporary certificate of possession into a certificate of  
415 possession with respect to such assault weapon. If a complete  
416 application to convert is received, the Commissioner of Emergency  
417 Services and Public Protection shall approve the application. For the  
418 purposes of this subparagraph, a full and complete Form 1 application  
419 submitted to the Department of Emergency Services and Public  
420 Protection in a form and manner determined by the department shall be  
421 sufficient to constitute a complete application for a temporary certificate  
422 of possession, and a copy of the notice that a Form 1 application has  
423 been approved shall constitute a complete application to convert a  
424 temporary certificate of possession into a certificate of possession. The  
425 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall accept  
426 applications under this subparagraph both in paper and electronic form,  
427 to the extent practicable, and shall not require such applications to be  
428 notarized.

429 (5) Any person who obtained a certificate of possession for an assault  
430 weapon, as defined in any provision of subparagraphs (A) to (F),  
431 inclusive, of subdivision (1) of section 53-202a prior to June 6, 2023, that  
432 is also a 2023 assault weapon shall be deemed to have obtained a  
433 certificate of possession for such assault weapon for the purposes of  
434 sections 53-202a to 53-202k, inclusive, and shall not be required to obtain  
435 a subsequent certificate of possession for such assault weapon.

436 (6) The certificate of possession shall contain a description of the  
437 firearm that identifies it uniquely, including all identification marks, the  
438 full name, address, date of birth and thumbprint of the owner, and any  
439 other information as the department may deem appropriate.

440 (7) The department shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the  
441 provisions of chapter 54, to establish procedures with respect to the  
442 application for and issuance of certificates of possession pursuant to this  
443 section. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 1-210 and 1-211, the  
444 name and address of a person issued a certificate of possession shall be  
445 confidential and shall not be disclosed, except such records may be

446 disclosed to (A) law enforcement agencies and employees of the United  
447 States Probation Office acting in the performance of their duties and  
448 parole officers within the Department of Correction acting in the  
449 performance of their duties, and (B) the Commissioner of Mental Health  
450 and Addiction Services to carry out the provisions of subsection (c) of  
451 section 17a-500.

452 (b) (1) No assault weapon, as defined in subparagraph (A) of  
453 subdivision (1) of section 53-202a, possessed pursuant to a certificate of  
454 possession issued under this section may be sold or transferred on or  
455 after January 1, 1994, to any person within this state other than to a  
456 licensed gun dealer, as defined in subsection (f) of section 53-202f, or as  
457 provided in section 53-202e, or as provided in subsection (g) of section  
458 53-202f, as amended by this act, or by bequest or intestate succession, or,  
459 upon the death of a testator or settlor: (A) To a trust, or (B) from a trust  
460 to a beneficiary who is eligible to possess the assault weapon.

461 (2) No assault weapon, as defined in any provision of subparagraphs  
462 (B) to (F), inclusive, of subdivision (1) of section 53-202a, possessed  
463 pursuant to a certificate of possession issued under this section may be  
464 sold or transferred on or after April 5, 2013, to any person within this  
465 state other than to a licensed gun dealer, as defined in subsection (f) of  
466 section 53-202f, or as provided in section 53-202e, or as provided in  
467 subsection (g) of section 53-202f, as amended by this act, or by bequest  
468 or intestate succession, or, upon the death of a testator or settlor: (A) To  
469 a trust, or (B) from a trust to a beneficiary who is eligible to possess the  
470 assault weapon.

471 (3) No 2023 assault weapon possessed pursuant to a certificate of  
472 possession issued under this section may be sold or transferred on or  
473 after June 6, 2023, to any person within this state other than to a licensed  
474 gun dealer, or as provided in section 53-202e, or as provided in  
475 subsection (g) of section 53-202f, as amended by this act, or by bequest  
476 or intestate succession, or, upon the death of a testator or settlor: (A) To  
477 a trust, or (B) from a trust to a beneficiary who is eligible to possess the

478 assault weapon.

479 (c) Any person who obtains title to an assault weapon for which a  
480 certificate of possession has been issued under this section by (1)  
481 transfer pursuant to subsection (g) of section 53-202f, as amended by  
482 this act, or (2) bequest or intestate succession shall, within ninety days  
483 of obtaining title, apply to the Department of Emergency Services and  
484 Public Protection for a certificate of possession as provided in subsection  
485 (a) of this section, render the assault weapon permanently inoperable,  
486 sell the assault weapon to a licensed gun dealer or remove the assault  
487 weapon from the state.

488 (d) Any person who moves into the state in lawful possession of an  
489 assault weapon, shall, within ninety days, either render the assault  
490 weapon permanently inoperable, sell the assault weapon to a licensed  
491 gun dealer or remove the assault weapon from this state, except that any  
492 person who is a member of the military or naval forces of this state or of  
493 the United States, is in lawful possession of an assault weapon and has  
494 been transferred into the state after October 1, 1994, may, within ninety  
495 days of arriving in the state, apply to the Department of Emergency  
496 Services and Public Protection for a certificate of possession with respect  
497 to such assault weapon.

498 (e) If an owner of an assault weapon sells or transfers the assault  
499 weapon to a licensed gun dealer, such dealer shall, at the time of  
500 delivery of the assault weapon, execute a certificate of transfer and cause  
501 the certificate of transfer to be mailed or delivered to the Commissioner  
502 of Emergency Services and Public Protection. The certificate of transfer  
503 shall contain: (1) The date of sale or transfer; (2) the name and address  
504 of the seller or transferor and the licensed gun dealer, their Social  
505 Security numbers or motor vehicle operator license numbers, if  
506 applicable; (3) the licensed gun dealer's federal firearms license number  
507 and seller's permit number; (4) a description of the assault weapon,  
508 including the caliber of the assault weapon and its make, model and  
509 serial number; and (5) any other information the commissioner

510 prescribes. The licensed gun dealer shall present such dealer's motor  
511 vehicle operator's license or Social Security card, federal firearms license  
512 and seller's permit to the seller or transferor for inspection at the time of  
513 purchase or transfer. The Commissioner of Emergency Services and  
514 Public Protection shall maintain a file of all certificates of transfer at the  
515 commissioner's central office.

516 (f) Any person who has been issued a certificate of possession for an  
517 assault weapon under this section may possess the assault weapon only  
518 under the following conditions:

519 (1) At that person's residence, place of business or other property  
520 owned by that person, or on property owned by another person with  
521 the owner's express permission;

522 (2) While on the premises of a target range of a public or private club  
523 or organization organized for the purpose of practicing shooting at  
524 targets;

525 (3) While on a target range which holds a regulatory or business  
526 license for the purpose of practicing shooting at that target range;

527 (4) While on the premises of a licensed shooting club;

528 (5) While attending any exhibition, display or educational project  
529 which is about firearms and which is sponsored by, conducted under  
530 the auspices of, or approved by a law enforcement agency or a  
531 nationally or state recognized entity that fosters proficiency in, or  
532 promotes education about, firearms;

533 (6) While transporting the assault weapon between any of the places  
534 set forth in this subsection, or to any licensed gun dealer, as defined in  
535 subsection (f) of section 53-202f, for servicing or repair pursuant to  
536 subsection (c) of section 53-202f, or for purposes of a transfer pursuant  
537 to subsection (g) of section 53-202f, as amended by this act, provided the  
538 assault weapon is transported as required by section 53-202f, as

539 amended by this act;

540 (7) With respect to a nonresident of this state, while transporting a  
541 semiautomatic pistol that is defined as an assault weapon in any  
542 provision of subparagraphs (B) to (F), inclusive, of subdivision (1) of  
543 section 53-202a that the Commissioner of Emergency Services and  
544 Public Protection designates as being designed expressly for use in  
545 target shooting events at the Olympic games sponsored by the  
546 International Olympic Committee pursuant to regulations adopted  
547 under subdivision (4) of subsection (b) of section 53-202b, into or  
548 through this state in order to attend any exhibition, display or  
549 educational project described in subdivision (5) of this subsection, or to  
550 participate in a collegiate, Olympic or target pistol shooting competition  
551 in this state which is sponsored by, conducted under the auspices of, or  
552 approved by a law enforcement agency or a nationally or state  
553 recognized entity that fosters proficiency in, or promotes education  
554 about, firearms, provided (A) such pistol is transported into or through  
555 this state not more than forty-eight hours prior to or after such  
556 exhibition, display, project or competition, (B) such pistol is unloaded  
557 and carried in a locked carrying case and the ammunition for such pistol  
558 is carried in a separate locked container, (C) such nonresident has not  
559 been convicted of a felony in this state or of an offense in another state  
560 that would constitute a felony if committed in this state, and (D) such  
561 nonresident has in his or her possession a pistol permit or firearms  
562 registration card if such permit or card is required for possession of such  
563 pistol under the laws of his or her state of residence.

564 Sec. 6. Section 53-202f of the general statutes is amended by adding  
565 subsection (g) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

566 (NEW) (g) (1) Any licensed gun dealer, as defined in subsection (f) of  
567 this section, may take possession of any assault weapon from any  
568 person to whom has been issued a certificate of possession for such  
569 weapon pursuant to sections 53-202a to 53-202k, inclusive, for purposes  
570 of transferring such assault weapon to another person pursuant to

571 subdivision (2) of this subsection.

572 (2) Any licensed gun dealer may transfer possession of any assault  
573 weapon received pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection to a  
574 person who lawfully possesses another assault weapon and to whom  
575 has previously been issued a certificate of possession for such weapon  
576 pursuant to sections 53-202a to 53-202k, inclusive.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |                        |            |
| Section 1   | <i>October 1, 2026</i> | 53a-3      |
| Sec. 2  | <i>October 1, 2026</i> | 53-206j(i) |
| Sec. 3  | <i>October 1, 2026</i> | 53-206g(c) |
| Sec. 4  | <i>July 1, 2026</i>    | 53-202w    |
| Sec. 5  | <i>July 1, 2026</i>    | 53-202d    |
| Sec. 6  | <i>July 1, 2026</i>    | 53-202f(g) |

**Statement of Purpose:**

To (1) amend certain definitions concerning firearms, and (2) allow the legal transfer of large capacity magazines possessed under a declaration of possession and assault weapons possessed under a certificate of possession between persons who are legally permitted to possess such magazine or weapon.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*