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Introduced by:
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING MICROSTAMPING-ENABLED PISTOLS,
RAISING THE AGE TO PURCHASE AMMUNITION AND RESTRICTING
THE SALE AND POSSESSION OF BODY ARMOR.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) As used in this section and
2 sections 2 and 3 of this act:

3 (1) "Microstamp" means a unique alphanumeric or geometric code
4 that identifies the make, model and serial number of a firearm;

5 (2) "Microstamping component" means a component part of a
6 semiautomatic pistol that will produce a microstamp on at least one
7 location of the expended cartridge case each time the pistol is fired; and

8 (3) "Microstamping-enabled pistol" means a semiautomatic pistol
9 that contains a microstamping component.

10 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than one hundred
11 eighty days after the effective date of this section, the Commissioner of
12 Emergency Services and Public Protection or the commissioner's

13 designee shall complete an investigation of the technological viability of
14 microstamping-enabled pistols. Such investigation shall include, but
15 not be limited to, the use of live-fire testing evidence. Immediately after
16 the conclusion of such investigation, the commissioner or the
17 commissioner's designee shall certify the technology of microstamping-
18 enabled pistols, or, if the commissioner or the commissioner's designee
19 finds such technology is not viable, the commissioner or the
20 commissioner's designee may decline to certify such technology. The
21 commissioner or the commissioner's designee shall post a notice of any
22 such certification or declination to certify on the Department of
23 Emergency Services and Public Protection's Internet web site.

24 (b) Following certification pursuant to subsection (a) of this section,
25 if applicable, the commissioner or the commissioner's designee shall: (1)
26 Not later than one year following such certification, establish
27 performance standards, qualifying criteria and testing protocols
28 applicable to the examination and verification of microstamping-
29 enabled pistols and microstamping components; and (2) not later than
30 two years following such certification, (A) establish and implement
31 verification processes for microstamping-enabled pistols and
32 microstamping components, (B) establish processes and standards for
33 the training and licensure of persons, associations, partnerships,
34 corporations or other entities for the purpose of engaging in the business
35 of servicing semiautomatic pistols and their components to ensure
36 compliance with the requirements of this section, and (C) establish a
37 division within the Division of State Police to service semiautomatic
38 pistols and their components to ensure compliance with the
39 requirements of this section.

40 (c) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection
41 shall adopt regulations in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54
42 of the general statutes to carry out the provisions of this section.

43 Sec. 3. (NEW) *(Effective four years after notice of certification is posted on*
44 *the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection's Internet web*
45 *site pursuant to subsection (a) of section 2 of this act, or one year after the first*

46 *person, association, partnership, corporation or other entity is licensed in*
47 *accordance with standards developed pursuant to subparagraph (B) of*
48 *subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 2 of this act, whichever is earlier) (a)*
49 *No licensed gun dealer, as defined in subsection (f) of section 53-202f of*
50 *the general statutes, shall sell, offer for sale, exchange, give, transfer or*
51 *deliver any semiautomatic pistol unless such pistol has been verified as*
52 *a microstamping-enabled pistol. A pistol may be verified as a*
53 *microstamping-enabled pistol if it contains a microstamping component*
54 *installed by the manufacturer of such pistol or by a person, association,*
55 *partnership, corporation or other entity licensed in accordance with*
56 *standards developed pursuant to subparagraph (B) of subdivision (2) of*
57 *subsection (b) of section 2 of this act. The provisions of this subsection*
58 *shall not apply to a pistol manufactured prior to the effective date of this*
59 *section.*

60 (b) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection
61 or the commissioner's designee shall post on the Department of
62 Emergency Services and Public Protection's Internet web site the
63 effective date of this section at least one year prior to such effective date.

64 Sec. 4. Subsection (b) of section 29-38m of the general statutes is
65 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
66 *passage*):

67 (b) No person, firm or corporation shall sell ammunition or an
68 ammunition magazine to any person under [~~eighteen~~] twenty-one years
69 of age.

70 Sec. 5. Subsection (a) of section 29-38n of the general statutes is
71 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
72 *passage*):

73 (a) Any person who is [~~eighteen~~] twenty-one years of age or older
74 may request the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public
75 Protection to (1) conduct a state criminal history records check of such
76 person, in accordance with the provisions of section 29-17a, using such
77 person's name and date of birth only, and (2) issue an ammunition

78 certificate to such person in accordance with the provisions of this
79 section.

80 Sec. 6. Section 53-341b of the general statutes is repealed and the
81 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

82 (a) No person, firm or corporation shall sell or deliver body armor to
83 another person, [unless the transferee meets in person with the
84 transferor to accomplish the sale or delivery.]

85 (b) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to
86 the sale or delivery of body armor to (1) a sworn member or authorized
87 official of an organized local police department, the Division of State
88 Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public
89 Protection, the Division of Criminal Justice, the Department of
90 Correction, the Board of Pardons and Paroles or the Department of
91 Motor Vehicles, (2) an authorized official of a municipality or the
92 Department of Administrative Services that purchases body armor on
93 behalf of an organized local police department, the Division of State
94 Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public
95 Protection, the Division of Criminal Justice, the Department of
96 Correction, the Board of Pardons and Paroles or the Department of
97 Motor Vehicles, (3) an authorized official of the Judicial Branch who
98 purchases body armor on behalf of a probation officer or a judicial
99 marshal, or (4) a member of the National Guard or the armed forces
100 reserve.

101 (c) As used in this section, "body armor" means any material designed
102 to be worn on the body and to provide bullet penetration resistance.

103 (d) Any person, firm or corporation that violates the provisions of this
104 section shall be guilty of a class B misdemeanor.

105 Sec. 7. Section 53a-217d of the general statutes is repealed and the
106 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

107 (a) A person is guilty of criminal possession of body armor when he

108 possesses body armor. [and has been (1) convicted of a capital felony
109 under the provisions of section 53a-54b in effect prior to April 25, 2012,
110 a class A felony, except a conviction under section 53a-196a, a class B
111 felony, except a conviction under section 53a-86, 53a-122 or 53a-196b, a
112 class C felony, except a conviction under section 53a-87, 53a-152 or 53a-
113 153 or a class D felony under sections 53a-60 to 53a-60c, inclusive, 53a-
114 72a, 53a-72b, 53a-95, 53a-103, 53a-103a, 53a-114, 53a-136 or 53a-216, or
115 (2) convicted as delinquent for the commission of a serious juvenile
116 offense, as defined in section 46b-120.]

117 (b) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to
118 the possession of body armor by (1) a sworn member or authorized
119 official of an organized local police department, the Division of State
120 Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public
121 Protection, the Division of Criminal Justice, the Department of
122 Correction, the Board of Pardons and Paroles or the Department of
123 Motor Vehicles, (2) an authorized official of a municipality or the
124 Department of Administrative Services that possesses body armor on
125 behalf of an organized local police department, the Division of State
126 Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public
127 Protection, the Division of Criminal Justice, the Department of
128 Correction, the Board of Pardons and Paroles or the Department of
129 Motor Vehicles, (3) an authorized official of the Judicial Branch who
130 possesses body armor on behalf of a probation officer or a judicial
131 marshal, or (4) a member of the National Guard or the armed forces
132 reserve.

133 [(b)] (c) For the purposes of this section, "body armor" means any
134 material designed to be worn on the body and to provide bullet
135 penetration resistance and "convicted" means having a judgment of
136 conviction entered by a court of competent jurisdiction.

137 [(c)] (d) Criminal possession of body armor is a class A misdemeanor.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>four years after notice of certification is posted on the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection's Internet web site pursuant to subsection (a) of section 2 of this act, or one year after the first person, association, partnership, corporation or other entity is licensed in accordance with standards developed pursuant to subparagraph (B) of subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 2 of this act, whichever is earlier</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	29-38m(b)
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	29-38n(a)
Sec. 6	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	53-341b
Sec. 7	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	53a-217d

Statement of Purpose:

To require an investigation of the technological viability of and possible requirements concerning microstamping-enabled pistols, raise the age to purchase ammunition and restrict the sale and possession of body armor.

[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.]