

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

26 definitions; prohibiting specified acts involving
 27 unfinished firearm frames or receivers; providing
 28 criminal penalties; providing applicability;
 29 prohibiting certain actions leading to the assembly of
 30 a firearm; prohibiting certain activities involving a
 31 three-dimensional printer or computer numerical
 32 control milling machine that has the primary or
 33 intended function of manufacturing or assembling
 34 firearms or related items; providing exceptions;
 35 providing construction; providing an effective date.
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37 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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39 **Section 1.** This act may be cited as the "Responsible Gun
 40 Ownership Act."

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

43 790.0653 Transfers of firearms; transfer through licensed
 44 dealer required.—

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

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

51 (b) "Family member" means a spouse, whether by
52 consanguinity, adoption, or step-relation or any of the
53 following relations:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

76 (i) "Transfer" means to furnish, give, lend, deliver, or
 77 otherwise provide, with or without consideration.

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 101 (a) The person is a licensed dealer;
- 102 (b) The purchaser or other transferee is a licensed
103 dealer; or
- 104 (c) The requirements of subsection (3) are met.
- 105 (3) If neither party to a prospective firearm sale or
106 other transfer is a licensed dealer, the parties to the
107 transaction shall complete the sale or other transfer through a
108 licensed dealer as follows:
- 109 (a) The seller or other transferor and the purchaser or
110 other transferee shall appear jointly with the firearm at a
111 licensed dealer and request that the licensed dealer conduct a
112 background check on the purchaser or other transferee.
- 113 (b) A licensed dealer who agrees to facilitate a
114 background check pursuant to this section shall process the sale
115 or other transfer as if he or she were transferring the firearm
116 from the licensed dealer's own inventory to the purchaser or
117 other transferee, complying with all requirements of federal and
118 state law that would apply if he or she were the seller or other
119 transferor of the firearm, including all background checks and
120 recordkeeping requirements.
- 121 (c) The seller or other transferor and the purchaser or
122 other transferee shall each complete, sign, and submit all state
123 and federal forms necessary to process the background check and
124 otherwise complete the sale or other transfer pursuant to this
125 section, and the licensed dealer shall indicate on the forms

126 that the sale or other transfer is between unlicensed persons.

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

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

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

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

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

151 (b) A United States Marshals Service officer, United
152 States Armed Forces or National Guard member, or federal
153 official vested with the authority to bear arms, acting within
154 the course and scope of his or her employment or official
155 duties.

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

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

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

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

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

176 firearm and the person holds all licenses and permits required
177 for such hunting;

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

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

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

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

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

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

200 (5) A person who violates this section commits a felony of

201 the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.
202 775.083, or s. 775.084.

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

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

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

211 790.174 Safe storage of firearms required.—

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

224 (b) A person who stores or leaves, on a premise under his
225 or her control, a firearm, as defined in s. 790.001, and who

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

235 (2) Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c), ~~It is a~~
 236 ~~misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s.~~
 237 ~~775.082 or s. 775.083,~~ if a person violates subsection (1):

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

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

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

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

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250 A person who violates subsection (1) commits misdemeanor of the

251 first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s.
252 775.083.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

276 790.175 Transfer or sale of firearms; required warnings;
 277 penalties.—

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

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

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

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

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

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

301 (b) A brochure or pamphlet that includes safety
302 information on the use and storage of the firearm in a home
303 environment.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

331 (c) The sale of an antique firearm.

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

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

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

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

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

350 (b) For a second violation, a misdemeanor of the first

351 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

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

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

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

360 790.223 Unfinished firearms.—

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

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

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

375 (c) "Firearms importer or manufacturer" means a person

376 licensed to import or manufacture firearms pursuant to 18 U.S.C.
377 chapter 44.

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

381 (e) "Law enforcement agency" has the same meaning as in s.
382 23.1225(1) (d).

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

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

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

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

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

401 1. After the removal of grips, stocks and magazines, the
402 firearm is not detectable as a security exemplar by a walk-
403 through metal detector calibrated to detect the security
404 exemplar; or

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

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

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

414 (1) "Valid serial number" means a serial number that has
415 been imprinted by a federal licensee authorized to serialize
416 firearms in accordance with federal law, or that has otherwise
417 been assigned to a firearm or completed or unfinished frame or
418 receiver pursuant to the laws of any state or pursuant to
419 chapter 53 of Title 26 of the United States Code, 26 U.S.C. ss
420 5801 et seq., and the regulations issued pursuant thereto.

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

425 (3) It is unlawful to knowingly import, purchase, sell,

426 offer for sale, or transfer ownership of any completed or
427 unfinished frame or receiver, unless the completed or unfinished
428 frame or receiver:

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

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

433 (4) Beginning January 1, 2026, it is unlawful to knowingly
434 possess a firearm or any completed or unfinished frame or
435 receiver that is not imprinted with a valid serial number.

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

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

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

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450 There shall be a presumption that a three-dimensional printer or

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

475 (b) For a second or subsequent offense, a felony of the

476 third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083,
477 or s. 775.084

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

479 (a) A firearm or any completed or unfinished frame or
480 receiver that is an antique firearm, as defined in 27 C.F.R. s.
481 479.11, or that has been rendered permanently inoperable.

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

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

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

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

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

501 laboratory.

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

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

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

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

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

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

526 (j) The possession or importation of a firearm or any
527 completed or unfinished frame or receiver by a nonresident of
528 the state who:

529 1. Is traveling with the firearm or completed or
530 unfinished frame or receiver in the state in accordance with the
531 18 U.S.C. s. 926A; or

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

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

544 **Section 6.** This act does not prohibit the sale of an
545 unfinished frame or receiver or firearm that is not imprinted
546 with a serial number to a firearms importer or manufacturer or a
547 licensed dealer before January 1, 2026. As used in this section,
548 the term "licensed dealer" means a person licensed as a dealer
549 in firearms issued pursuant to 18 U.S.C. s. 923(a).

550 **Section 7.** This act shall take effect October 1, 2025.