

HOUSE BILL No. 1221

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 35-47-2.5-4.

Synopsis: Antique firearms. Provides that certain requirements regarding the sale, rental, trade, or transfer of a handgun do not apply to an item defined as an antique firearm.

Effective: July 1, 2026.

Bascom, Smaltz, Manning, Lawson

January 5, 2026, read first time and referred to Committee on Courts and Criminal Code.



Introduced

Second Regular Session of the 124th General Assembly (2026)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2025 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 35-47-2.5-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.190-2006,
2 SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) **This section does not apply to an item**
4 **defined as an antique firearm pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 921(a)(16).**

5 (b) A dealer may not sell, rent, trade, or transfer from the dealer's
6 inventory a handgun to a person until the dealer has done all of the
7 following:

8 (1) Obtained from the prospective purchaser a completed and
9 signed Form 4473 as specified in section 3 of this chapter.

10 (2) Contacted NICS:

11 (A) by telephone; or
12 (B) electronically;

13 to request a background check on the prospective purchaser.

14 (3) Received authorization from NICS to transfer the handgun to
15 the prospective purchaser.

16 (b) (c) The dealer shall record the NICS transaction number on
17 Form 4473 and retain Form 4473 for auditing purposes.

