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HOUSE BILL DRH10046-ML-28

Short Title: Gun Violence Prevention Act. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Clark, Morey, Harrison, and Willingham (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE A PERMIT FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN ASSAULT WEAPON OR  
3 LONG GUN; TO REQUIRE A 72-HOUR WAITING PERIOD BEFORE A PURCHASED  
4 FIREARM MAY BE DELIVERED OR OTHERWISE POSSESSED; TO PROHIBIT THE  
5 SALE OF AN ASSAULT WEAPON OR LONG GUN TO PERSONS UNDER A CERTAIN  
6 AGE; TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OR POSSESSION OF A BUMP STOCK OR TRIGGER  
7 CRANK; TO REQUIRE THE SAFE STORAGE OF A FIREARM; TO REVISE  
8 RECIPROCITY LAW FOR A CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT; TO REQUIRE THE  
9 REPORTING OF A LOST OR STOLEN FIREARM; TO REQUIRE ANY PERSON WHO  
10 OWNS A FIREARM TO CARRY FIREARM LIABILITY INSURANCE; TO LIMIT THE  
11 SIZE OF AMMUNITION MAGAZINES; TO REPEAL THE PREEMPTION OF LOCAL  
12 REGULATION OF FIREARMS; AND TO ALLOW THE DESTRUCTION OF A SEIZED  
13 FIREARM.

14 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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16 **PART I. PERMIT REQUIRED FOR PURCHASE OF ASSAULT WEAPON OR LONG**  
17 **GUN AND WAITING PERIOD REQUIRED BETWEEN PURCHASE AND DELIVERY**

18 **SECTION 1.(a)** G.S. 14-402 reads as rewritten:

19 **"§ 14-402. Sale of certain weapons without permit forbidden.**

20 (a) It is unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation in this State to sell, give away, or  
21 transfer, or to purchase or receive, at any place within this State from any other place within or  
22 without the State any ~~pistol~~-pistol, assault weapon, or long gun unless: (i) a license or permit is  
23 first obtained under this Article by the purchaser or receiver from the sheriff of the county in  
24 which the purchaser or receiver resides; or (ii) a valid North Carolina concealed handgun permit  
25 is held under Article 54B of this Chapter by the purchaser or receiver who must be a resident of  
26 the State at the time of the purchase. Additionally, it is unlawful for any person in this State to  
27 receive a pistol, assault weapon, or long gun unless a period of 72 hours has passed from the date  
28 of purchase, or agreement to give away or transfer, the pistol, assault weapon, or long gun.

29 It is unlawful for any person or persons to receive from any postmaster, postal clerk,  
30 employee in the parcel post department, rural mail carrier, express agent or employee, railroad  
31 agent or employee within the State of North Carolina any ~~pistol~~-pistol, assault weapon, or long  
32 gun without having in his or their possession and without exhibiting at the time of the delivery  
33 of the same and to the person delivering the same the permit from the sheriff as provided in  
34 G.S. 14-403. Any person violating the provisions of this section is guilty of a Class 2  
35 misdemeanor.

36 (b) This section does not apply to an antique firearm or an historic edged weapon.



1 (c) The following definitions apply in this Article:

2 (1) Antique firearm. – Defined in G.S. 14-409.11.

3 (1a) Assault weapon. – The term includes all of the following:

4 a. Any selective-fire firearm capable of semiautomatic or burst fire at the  
5 option of the user. The term also includes all of the following  
6 semiautomatic firearms:

7 1. Algimec Agmi.

8 2. Armalite AR-180.

9 3. Australian Automatic Arms SAP Pistol.

10 4. Auto-Ordnance Thompson type.

11 5. Avtomat Kalashnikov Ak-47 type.

12 6. Barrett Light-Fifty model 82A1.

13 7. Beretta AR-70.

14 8. Bushmaster Auto Rifle and Auto Pistol.

15 9. Calico models M-900, M-950, and 100-P.

16 10. Chartered Industries of Singapore SR-88.

17 11. Colt AR-15 and Sporter.

18 12. Daewoo K-1, K-2, Max-1, and Max-2.

19 13. Encom MK-IV, MP-9, and MP-45.

20 14. Fabrique Nationale FN/FAL, FN/LAR, and FN/FNC.

21 15. FAMAS MAS 223.

22 16. Feather AT-9 and Mini-AT.

23 17. Federal XC-900 and XC-450.

24 18. Franchi SPAS-12 and LAW-12.

25 19. Galil AR and ARM.

26 20. Goncz High-Tech Carbine and High-Tech Long Pistol.

27 21. Heckler & Koch HK-91, HK-93, HK-94, and SP-89.

28 22. Holmes MP-83.

29 23. MAC-10, MAC-11, and MAC-11 Carbine type.

30 24. Intratec TEC-9 and Scorpion.

31 25. Iver Johnson Enforcer model 3000.

32 26. Ruger Mini-14/5F folding stock model.

33 27. Scarab Skorpion.

34 28. SIG 57 AMT and 500 series.

35 29. Spectre Auto Carbine and Auto Pistol.

36 30. Springfield Armory BM59, SAR-48, and G-3.

37 31. Sterling MK-6 and MK-7.

38 32. Steyr AUG.

39 33. Street Sweeper and Striker 12 revolving cylinder shotguns.

40 34. USAS-12.

41 35. UZI Carbine, Mini-Carbine, and Pistol.

42 36. Weaver Arms Nighthawk.

43 37. Wilkinson "Linda" Pistol.

44 b. All of the following semiautomatic centerfire rifles, or copies or  
45 duplicates with the capability of the rifles:

46 1. AK-47.

47 2. AK-74.

48 3. AKM.

49 4. AKS-74U.

50 5. ARM.

51 6. MAADI AK47.

- 1                   7.     MAK90.
- 2                   8.     MISR.
- 3                   9.     NHM90 and NHM91.
- 4                   10.    Norinco 56, 56S, 84S, and 86S.
- 5                   11.    Poly Technologies AKS and AK47.
- 6                   12.    SA 85.
- 7                   13.    SA 93.
- 8                   14.    VEPR.
- 9                   15.    WASR-10.
- 10                  16.    WUM.
- 11                  17.    Rock River Arms LAR-47.
- 12                  18.    Vector Arms AK-47.
- 13                  19.    AR-10.
- 14                  20.    AR-15.
- 15                  21.    Bushmaster Carbon 15, Bushmaster XM15, Bushmaster ACR
- 16                  Rifles, and Bushmaster MOE Rifles.
- 17                  22.    Colt Match Target Rifles.
- 18                  23.    Armalite M15.
- 19                  24.    Olympic Arms AR-15, A1, CAR, PCR, K3B, K30R, K16,
- 20                  K48, K8, and K9 Rifles.
- 21                  25.    DPMS Tactical Rifles.
- 22                  26.    Smith and Wesson M&P15 Rifles.
- 23                  27.    Rock River Arms LAR-15.
- 24                  28.    Doublestar AR Rifles.
- 25                  29.    Barrett REC7.
- 26                  30.    Beretta Storm.
- 27                  31.    Calico Liberty 50, 50 Tactical, 100, 100 Tactical, I, I Tactical,
- 28                  II, and II Tactical Rifles.
- 29                  32.    Hi-Point Carbine Rifles.
- 30                  33.    HK-PSG-1.
- 31                  34.    Kel-Tec Sub-2000, SU Rifles, and RFB.
- 32                  35.    Remington Tactical Rifle Model 7615.
- 33                  36.    SAR-8, SAR-4800, and SR9.
- 34                  37.    SLG 95.
- 35                  38.    SLR 95 and 96.
- 36                  39.    TNW M230 and M2HB.
- 37                  40.    Vector Arms UZI.
- 38                  41.    Galil and Galil Sporter.
- 39                  42.    Daewoo AR 100 and AR 110C.
- 40                  43.    Fabrique Nationale/FN 308 Match and L1A1 Sporter.
- 41                  44.    HK USC.
- 42                  45.    IZHMASH Saiga AK.
- 43                  46.    SIG Sauer 551-A1, 556, 516, 716, and M400 Rifles.
- 44                  47.    Valmet M62S, M71S, and M78S.
- 45                  48.    Wilkinson Arms Linda Carbine.
- 46                  49.    Barrett M107A1.
- 47                  c.     All of the following semiautomatic centerfire pistols, or copies or
- 48                  duplicates with the capability of the pistols:
- 49                    1.     Centurion 39 AK.
- 50                    2.     Draco AK-47.
- 51                    3.     HCR AK-47.

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4. IO Inc. Hellpup AK-47.
  5. Mini-Draco AK-47.
  6. Yugo Krebs Krink.
  7. American Spirit AR-15.
  8. Bushmaster Carbon 15.
  9. Doublestar Corporation AR.
  10. DPMS AR-15.
  11. Olympic Arms AR-15.
  12. Rock River Arms LAR 15.
  13. Calico Liberty III and III Tactical Pistols.
  14. Masterpiece Arms MPA Pistols and Velocity Arms VMA Pistols.
  15. Intratec TEC-DC9 and AB-10.
  16. Colefire Magnum.
  17. German Sport 522 PK and Chiappa Firearms Mfour-22.
  18. DSA SA58 PKP FAL.
  19. I.O. Inc. PPS-43C.
  20. Kel-Tec PLR 16 Pistol.
  21. Sig Sauer P516 and P556 Pistols.
  22. Thompson TA5 Pistols.
- d. All IZHMAASH Saiga 12 Shotguns, or copies or duplicates with the capability of the shotguns.
- e. All semiautomatic firearms that meet any of the following criteria:
1. A semiautomatic, centerfire rifle that has the ability to accept a detachable magazine and has at least one of the following:
    - I. A folding or telescoping stock.
    - II. Any grip of the weapon, including a pistol grip, a thumbhole stock, or any other stock, the use of which would allow an individual to grip the weapon, resulting in any finger on the trigger hand in addition to the trigger finger being directly below any portion of the action of the weapon when firing.
    - III. A forward pistol grip.
    - IV. A flash suppressor.
    - V. A grenade launcher or flare launcher.
  2. A semiautomatic, centerfire rifle that has a fixed magazine with the ability to accept more than 10 rounds.
  3. A semiautomatic, centerfire rifle that has an overall length of less than 30 inches.
  4. A semiautomatic pistol that has an ability to accept a detachable magazine and has at least one of the following:
    - I. An ability to accept a detachable ammunition magazine that attaches at some location outside of the pistol grip.
    - II. A threaded barrel capable of accepting a flash suppressor, forward pistol grip, or silencer.
    - III. A shroud that is attached to, or partially or completely encircles, the barrel and that permits the shooter to fire the firearm without being burned, except a slide that encloses the barrel.
    - IV. A second hand grip.



1 permitted in this Article does not violate a condition of the pardon or  
2 restoration of firearms rights."

3 **SECTION 1.(d)** G.S. 14-408.1(a)(2) reads as rewritten:

4 "(2) Firearm. – A handgun, assault weapon, shotgun, or rifle which expels a  
5 projectile by action of an explosion."

6 **SECTION 1.(e)** This section becomes effective December 1, 2019, and applies to  
7 the sale, giving away, transfer, purchase, or receiving of a pistol, assault weapon, or long gun on  
8 or after that date.

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10 **PART II. PROHIBIT SALE OF ASSAULT WEAPONS OR LONG GUNS TO PERSONS**  
11 **UNDER A CERTAIN AGE**

12 **SECTION 2.(a)** G.S. 14-269.7 reads as rewritten:

13 **"§ 14-269.7. Prohibitions on handguns for minors.**

14 (a) Any minor who willfully and intentionally possesses or carries a ~~handgun~~handgun,  
15 long gun, or assault weapon is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

16 (b) This section does not apply:

17 (1) To officers and enlisted personnel of the Armed Forces of the United States  
18 when in discharge of their official duties or acting under orders requiring them  
19 to carry ~~handguns~~handguns, long guns, or assault weapons.

20 (2) To a minor who possesses a ~~handgun~~handgun, long gun, or assault weapon  
21 for educational or recreational purposes while the minor is supervised by an  
22 adult who is present.

23 (3) To an emancipated minor who possesses such ~~handgun~~handgun, long gun, or  
24 assault weapon inside his or her residence.

25 (4) To a minor who possesses a ~~handgun~~handgun, long gun, or assault weapon  
26 while hunting or trapping outside the limits of an incorporated municipality if  
27 he has on his person written permission from a parent, guardian, or other  
28 person standing in loco parentis.

29 (c) The following definitions apply in this section:

30 (1) Assault weapon. – As defined in G.S. 14-402.

31 (1a) Handgun. – A firearm that has a short stock and is designed to be fired by the  
32 use of a single hand, or any combination of parts from which such a firearm  
33 can be assembled.

34 (1b) Long gun. – As defined in G.S. 14-402.

35 (2) Minor. – Any For possessing or carrying a handgun or long gun, any person  
36 under 18 years of age. For possessing or carrying an assault weapon, any  
37 person under the age of 21."

38 **SECTION 2.(b)** G.S. 14-315 reads as rewritten:

39 **"§ 14-315. Selling or giving weapons to minors.**

40 (a) Sale of Weapons Other Than ~~Handguns~~Handguns, Long Guns, and Assault  
41 Weapons. – If a person sells, offers for sale, gives, or in any way transfers to a minor any pistol  
42 cartridge, brass knucks, bowie knife, dirk, shurikin, leaded cane, or slungshot, the person is guilty  
43 of a Class 1 misdemeanor and, in addition, shall forfeit the proceeds of any sale made in violation  
44 of this section.

45 (a1) Sale of ~~Handguns~~Handguns, Long Guns, and Assault Weapons. – If a person sells,  
46 offers for sale, gives, or in any way transfers to a minor any ~~handgun as defined in G.S. 14-269.7,~~  
47 handgun, long gun, or assault weapon, the person is guilty of a Class H felony and, in addition,  
48 shall forfeit the proceeds of any sale made in violation of this section. This section does not apply  
49 in any of the following circumstances:

50 (1) The ~~handgun~~handgun, long gun, or assault weapon is lent to a minor for  
51 temporary use if the minor's possession of the ~~handgun~~handgun, long gun, or

1 assault weapon is lawful under G.S. 14-269.7 and G.S. 14-316 and is not  
2 otherwise unlawful.

- 3 (2) The ~~handgun~~ handgun, long gun, or assault weapon is transferred to an adult  
4 custodian pursuant to Chapter 33A of the General Statutes, and the minor does  
5 not take possession of the ~~handgun~~ handgun, long gun, or assault weapon  
6 except that the adult custodian may allow the minor temporary possession of  
7 the ~~handgun~~ handgun, long gun, or assault weapon in circumstances in which  
8 the minor's possession of the ~~handgun~~ handgun, long gun, or assault weapon  
9 is lawful under G.S. 14-269.7 and G.S. 14-316 and is not otherwise unlawful.
- 10 (3) The ~~handgun~~ handgun, long gun, or assault weapon is a devise and is  
11 distributed to a parent or guardian under G.S. 28A-22-7, and the minor does  
12 not take possession of the ~~handgun~~ handgun, long gun, or assault weapon  
13 except that the parent or guardian may allow the minor temporary possession  
14 of the ~~handgun~~ handgun, long gun, or assault weapon in circumstances in  
15 which the minor's possession of the ~~handgun~~ handgun, long gun, or assault  
16 weapon is lawful under G.S. 14-269.7 and G.S. 14-316 and is not otherwise  
17 unlawful.

18 For purposes of this subsection, the terms "assault weapon," "long gun," "handgun," and  
19 "minor" are as defined in G.S. 14-269.7.

20 ...."

21 **SECTION 2.(c)** This section becomes effective December 1, 2019, and applies to  
22 the possession, carrying, sale, offer for sale, giving, or transfer of an assault weapon or long gun  
23 on or after that date.

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## 25 **PART III. PROHIBIT THE SALE OR POSSESSION OF BUMP STOCKS OR TRIGGER** 26 **CRANKS**

27 **SECTION 3.(a)** Article 52A of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by  
28 adding a new section to read:

### 29 **"§ 14-409A. Bump stocks and trigger cranks prohibited.**

30 (a) Definitions. – The following definitions apply in this section:

- 31 (1) Bump stock. – Any device or instrument for a firearm that increases the rate  
32 of fire achievable with the firearm by using energy from the recoil of the  
33 firearm to generate a reciprocating action that facilitates repeated activation  
34 of the trigger.
- 35 (2) Firearm. – As defined in G.S. 14-409.39.
- 36 (3) Trigger crank. – Any device or instrument to be attached to a firearm that  
37 repeatedly activates the trigger of the firearm through the use of a lever or  
38 other part that is turned in a circular motion. The term does not include any  
39 weapon initially designed and manufactured to fire through the use of a crank  
40 or lever.

41 (b) Prohibition. – It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to manufacture,  
42 sell, give away, transfer, use, or possess bump stocks, trigger cranks, or any other similar device  
43 or instrument added to a firearm by a person other than the manufacturer that is designed to  
44 increase the rate of fire achievable by the firearm.

45 (c) Punishment. – Any person violating this section is guilty of a Class I felony."

46 **SECTION 3.(b)** This section becomes effective December 1, 2019, and applies to  
47 the sale, giving away, transfer, use, or possession of bump stocks, trigger cranks, or other similar  
48 devices and instruments added to a firearm by a person other than the manufacturer that is  
49 designed to increase the rate of fire achievable by the firearm on or after that date.

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## 51 **PART IV. REQUIRE SAFE STORAGE OF FIREARMS**

1           **SECTION 4.(a)** G.S. 14-315.1 is repealed.

2           **SECTION 4.(b)** Article 53B of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by  
3 adding a new section to read:

4           "§ 14-409.44. Require safe storage of firearms.

5           (a) Requirement. – Except when being carried or used by the owner or another lawfully  
6 authorized user, a person in possession or control of a firearm shall store or keep the firearm in a  
7 locked container. For purposes of this subsection, the term "firearm" includes weapons regulated  
8 under G.S. 14-409. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as authorizing the possession  
9 of a firearm otherwise prohibited under State or federal law.

10          (b) Penalty. – A person who violates subsection (a) of this section is guilty of a Class A1  
11 misdemeanor.

12          (c) Punitive Damages. – A violation of subsection (a) of this section constitutes wanton  
13 conduct within the meaning of G.S. 1D-5 and subjects the violator to punitive damages in any  
14 civil action that may be filed as a result of the violator's actions."

15           **SECTION 4.(c)** G.S. 14-315.2 reads as rewritten:

16           "§ 14-315.2. Warning upon sale or transfer of firearm to protect minor; firearm to safely  
17 store firearm.

18          (a) Upon the retail commercial sale or transfer of any firearm, the seller or transferor shall  
19 deliver a written copy of ~~G.S. 14-315.1~~ G.S. 14-409.44 to the purchaser or transferee.

20          (b) Any retail or wholesale store, shop, or sales outlet that sells firearms shall  
21 conspicuously post at each purchase counter the following warning in block letters not less than  
22 one inch in height the phrase: "~~IF EXCEPT WHEN BEING CARRIED OR USED BY THE~~  
23 OWNER OR ANOTHER LAWFULLY AUTHORIZED USER, IT IS UNLAWFUL TO STORE  
24 OR LEAVE KEEP A FIREARM THAT CAN BE DISCHARGED IN A MANNER THAT A  
25 REASONABLE PERSON SHOULD KNOW IS ACCESSIBLE TO A MINOR. IN ANY  
26 PLACE OTHER THAN A LOCKED CONTAINER."

27          (c) A violation of subsection (a) or (b) of this section is a Class 1 misdemeanor."

28           **SECTION 4.(d)** This section becomes effective December 1, 2019, and applies to  
29 offenses committed on or after that date.

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31 **PART V. REVISE RECIPROCITY LAW FOR CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMITS**

32           **SECTION 5.** G.S. 14-415.24 reads as rewritten:

33           "§ 14-415.24. Reciprocity; out-of-state handgun permits.

34          ~~(a) A valid concealed handgun permit or license issued by another state is valid in North~~  
35 ~~Carolina.~~

36          (b) Repealed by Session Laws 2011-268, s. 22(a), effective December 1, 2011.

37          (c) Every 12 months after the effective date of this subsection, the Department of Justice  
38 shall make written inquiry of the concealed handgun permitting authorities in each other state as  
39 to: (i) whether a North Carolina resident may carry a concealed handgun in their state based upon  
40 having a valid North Carolina concealed handgun ~~permit and permit,~~ (ii) whether a North  
41 Carolina resident may apply for a concealed handgun permit in that state based upon having a  
42 valid North Carolina concealed handgun ~~permit.~~ permit, and (iii) what the criteria are in that state  
43 for the issuance of a concealed handgun permit. The Department of Justice shall attempt to secure  
44 from each state permission for North Carolina residents who hold a valid North Carolina  
45 concealed handgun permit to carry a concealed handgun in that state, either on the basis of the  
46 North Carolina permit or on the basis that the North Carolina permit is sufficient to permit the  
47 issuance of a similar license or permit by the other state.

48          (d) The Department of Justice shall identify and compile a list of the states that issue a  
49 concealed handgun permit that requires compliance with criteria that is at least as stringent as the  
50 criteria required for a concealed handgun in this State. A valid concealed handgun permit or



1 license issued by any state on the list compiled pursuant to this subsection is valid in North  
2 Carolina."

#### 4 **PART VI. REQUIRE THE REPORTING OF LOST OR STOLEN FIREARMS**

5 **SECTION 6.(a)** Article 53A of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by  
6 adding a new section to read:

7 "**§ 14-409.13. Report of loss or theft of firearm.**

8 (a) Any owner of a firearm as defined in G.S. 14-408.1(a) shall report the loss or theft of  
9 the firearm within 48 hours after the discovery of the loss or theft to either (i) the local law  
10 enforcement agency having jurisdiction over the location where the loss or theft of the firearm  
11 occurred or (ii) the State Bureau of Investigation.

12 (b) A violation of this section is a Class 3 misdemeanor; however, a second or subsequent  
13 violation of this section is a Class I felony."

14 **SECTION 6.(b)** This section becomes effective December 1, 2019, and applies to  
15 offenses committed on or after that date.

#### 17 **PART VII. REQUIRE ANY PERSON WHO OWNS A FIREARM TO CARRY FIREARM** 18 **LIABILITY INSURANCE**

19 **SECTION 7.(a)** G.S. 14-404(a) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

20 "(1a) Verified, before the issuance of a permit, that the person has firearm liability  
21 insurance pursuant to G.S. 14-409.44A."

22 **SECTION 7.(b)** Article 53B of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by  
23 adding a new section to read:

24 "**§ 14-409.44A. Liability insurance required for gun owners.**

25 (a) Any person in this State who intends to own a firearm shall, prior to the ownership of  
26 the firearm, obtain, and during ownership continuously maintain, a policy of liability insurance  
27 in an amount not less than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) specifically covering any  
28 damages resulting from any negligent or willful acts involving the use of the firearm while it is  
29 owned by the person. No firearm shall be transferred in this State unless the transferee at the time  
30 of the transfer provides proof that the transferee has complied with the provisions of this section.

31 (b) For purposes of this section, a person is deemed to own a firearm if the firearm is lost  
32 or stolen until the loss or theft is reported pursuant to G.S. 14-409.13.

33 (c) Any person who owns a firearm on December 1, 2019, shall obtain the insurance  
34 required by this section by January 15, 2020.

35 (d) This section does not apply to any law enforcement officer authorized to carry a  
36 firearm.

37 (e) The Department of Insurance shall adopt rules to implement this section."

38 **SECTION 7.(c)** Subsection (a) of this section is effective when it becomes law, and  
39 applies to permit applications received on or after that date.

#### 41 **PART VIII. LIMIT THE SIZE OF AMMUNITION MAGAZINES**

42 **SECTION 8.(a)** Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new  
43 Article to read:

44 "Article 53D.

45 "Regulation of Large-Capacity Ammunition Magazines.

46 "**§ 14-409.60. Definition.**

47 For purposes of this Article, the term "large-capacity magazine" includes all of the following:  
48 (i) a fixed or detachable magazine box, drum, feed strip, or similar device capable of accepting,  
49 or that is designed to be readily converted to accept, more than 15 rounds of ammunition; (ii) a  
50 fixed or detachable magazine that is capable of accepting more than eight shotgun shells; and  
51 (iii) a detachable magazine, tube, box, drum, feed strip, or similar device that is capable of

1 accepting more than eight shotgun shells when combined with a fixed magazine. The term does  
2 not include any of the following: (i) a feeding device that has been permanently altered so that it  
3 cannot accommodate more than 15 rounds of ammunition; (ii) an attached tubular device  
4 designed to accept and capable of operating only with .22 caliber rimfire ammunition; or (iii) a  
5 tubular magazine that is contained in a lever-action firearm.

6 **"§ 14-409.61. Large-capacity magazines prohibited; penalties; exceptions.**

7 (a) It is unlawful for a person to sell, transfer, or possess a large-capacity magazine. A  
8 violation of this subsection is a Class 2 misdemeanor; provided, however, that a second or  
9 subsequent violation of this subsection is a Class 1 misdemeanor.

10 (b) Any person who violates subsection (a) of this section commits a Class I felony under  
11 this section if the person possessed a large-capacity magazine during the commission of a felony.

12 (c) A person may possess a large-capacity magazine if the person:

13 (1) Owens the large-capacity magazine on December 1, 2019; and

14 (2) Maintains continuous possession of the large-capacity magazine.

15 (d) If a person who is alleged to have violated subsection (a) of this section asserts that  
16 the person is permitted to legally possess a large-capacity magazine pursuant to subsection (c) of  
17 this section, the prosecution has the burden of proof to refute the assertion.

18 (e) The offense described in subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to any of the  
19 following:

20 (1) An entity, or any employee thereof engaged in the employee's employment  
21 duties, that manufactures large-capacity magazines within North Carolina  
22 exclusively for transfer or any federally licensed gun dealer, or any employee  
23 thereof engaged in his or her official employment duties, that sells  
24 large-capacity magazines exclusively to any of the following:

25 a. A branch of the Armed Forces of the United States.

26 b. A department, agency, or political subdivision of the State of North  
27 Carolina, any other state, or of the United States government.

28 c. A firearms retailer for the purpose of firearms sales conducted outside  
29 the State.

30 d. A foreign national government that has been approved for such  
31 transfers by the United States government.

32 e. An out-of-state transferee who may legally possess a large-capacity  
33 magazine.

34 (2) An employee of any of the following agencies who bears a firearm in the  
35 course of the employee's official duties:

36 a. A branch of the Armed Forces of the United States.

37 b. A department, agency, or political subdivision of the State of North  
38 Carolina, any other state, or of the United States government.

39 (3) A person who possesses the magazine for the sole purpose of transporting the  
40 magazine to an out-of-state entity on behalf of a manufacturer of  
41 large-capacity magazines within North Carolina.

42 **"§ 14-409.62 Identification markings for large-capacity magazines; rules.**

43 (a) A large-capacity magazine that is manufactured in North Carolina on or after  
44 December 1, 2019, must include a permanent stamp or marking indicating that the large-capacity  
45 magazine was manufactured or assembled after that date. The stamp or marking must be legibly  
46 and conspicuously engraved or cast upon the outer surface of the large-capacity magazine.

47 (b) The SBI may adopt rules to implement the provisions of this section, including rules  
48 requiring a large-capacity magazine that is manufactured in this State on or after December 1,  
49 2019, to bear identifying information in addition to the identifying information described in  
50 subsection (a) of this section.

1 (c) A person who manufactures a large-capacity magazine in North Carolina in violation  
2 of subsection (a) of this section commits a Class 2 misdemeanor."

3 **SECTION 8.(b)** This section becomes effective December 1, 2019, and applies to  
4 offenses committed on or after that date.

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6 **PART IX. REPEAL PREEMPTION OF LOCAL FIREARM REGULATIONS**

7 **SECTION 9.** G.S. 14-409.40 is repealed.

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9 **PART X. ALLOW DESTRUCTION OF SEIZED FIREARMS**

10 **SECTION 10.(a)** G.S. 15-11.1(b1)(3) reads as rewritten:

11 "(3) By ordering the firearm turned over to be destroyed by the sheriff of the county  
12 in which the firearm was seized or by his duly authorized ~~agent if the firearm~~  
13 ~~does not have a legible, unique identification number or is unsafe for use~~  
14 ~~because of wear, damage, age, or modification.~~ agent. The sheriff shall  
15 maintain a record of the destruction of the firearm."

16 **SECTION 10.(b)** G.S. 15-11.2(d)(1) reads as rewritten:

17 "(1) By having the firearm ~~destroyed if the firearm does not have a legible, unique~~  
18 ~~identification number or is unsafe for use because of wear, damage, age, or~~  
19 ~~modification and will not be disposed of pursuant to subdivision (3) of this~~  
20 ~~subsection.~~ destroyed. The head or chief of the law enforcement agency shall  
21 maintain a record of the destruction of the firearm."

22 **SECTION 10.(c)** G.S. 14-269.1(4) reads as rewritten:

23 "(4) By ordering ~~such weapon any firearm~~ turned over to the sheriff of the county  
24 in which the trial is held or his duly authorized agent to be ~~destroyed if the~~  
25 ~~firearm does not have a legible, unique identification number or is unsafe for~~  
26 ~~use because of wear, damage, age, or modification.~~ destroyed. The sheriff  
27 shall maintain a record of the destruction thereof."  
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29 **PART XI. REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO DEVELOP A**  
30 **ROSTER OF HANDGUNS THAT MEET CERTAIN DESIGN AND SAFETY**  
31 **STANDARDS AND PROHIBIT THE SALE, TRANSFER, OWNERSHIP, OR**  
32 **POSSESSION OF HANDGUNS THAT ARE NOT INCLUDED ON THE ROSTER**

33 **SECTION 11.(a)** Article 52A of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by  
34 adding a new section to read:

35 **"§ 14-406.2. Prohibition on sale, transfer, ownership, or possession of unsafe handgun.**

36 (a) Findings. – The General Assembly finds all of the following:

37 (1) There is a lack of design and safety standards imposed on pistols under federal  
38 and State law.

39 (2) A lack of design and safety standards results in the sale of poorly constructed  
40 pistols, which can lead to unintentional shootings and other harms.

41 (3) Multiple states have utilized the following design and safety tests performed  
42 by independent handgun testing laboratories to develop rosters of handguns  
43 that satisfy the tests and are approved for sale within the state's jurisdiction:

44 a. Firing tests.

45 b. Drop tests.

46 c. Melting point tests.

47 (4) It is in the public interest to ensure, in a timely manner, that handguns that do  
48 not meet design and safety standards are not sold, transferred, owned, or  
49 possessed in this State.

1           (5)    The most efficient and expeditious method for ensuring unsafe handguns are  
2           not sold in this State is to develop a roster of approved handguns for sale in  
3           this State that is based off the rosters developed in other states.

4       (b)    Definitions. – The following definitions apply in this section:

5           (1)    Antique firearm. – As defined in G.S. 14-409.11.

6           (2)    California Roster of Handguns Certified for Sale. – A roster compiled by the  
7           Department of Justice for the State of California pursuant to California Penal  
8           Code § 12131 that lists all of the pistols, revolvers, and other firearms that  
9           have been tested by a certified testing laboratory and determined not to be  
10          unsafe.

11          (3)    Dealer. – As defined in G.S. 14-409.39.

12          (4)    Department. – The Department of Public Safety.

13          (5)    Handgun. – As defined in G.S. 14-269.7.

14       (c)    Development; Prohibition. – The Department shall develop a roster of handguns  
15       determined not to be unsafe based off the California Roster of Handguns Certified for Sale.  
16       Except as provided in subsections (d) and (e) of this section, it is unlawful for any person, firm,  
17       or corporation to (i) manufacture, sell, give, loan, import, or otherwise transfer a handgun that is  
18       not listed on the roster as of January 1 of the calendar year in which the handgun is to be sold,  
19       given, loaned, imported, or otherwise transferred or (ii) own or possess a handgun that is not  
20       listed on the roster as of January 1 of the applicable calendar year, unless the person, firm, or  
21       corporation lawfully owned or possessed the handgun prior to that date.

22       (d)    Disposition. – A person who is the lawful owner of a handgun that is not listed on the  
23       roster developed under subsection (c) of this section as of January 1 of the applicable calendar  
24       year may only sell or otherwise transfer the handgun to a dealer or the sheriff of the county in  
25       which the person resides. The sheriff may destroy the handgun or dispose of the handgun in  
26       accordance with subdivision (4b), (5), or (6) of G.S. 14-269.1. A dealer who retains in the dealer's  
27       inventory, or who otherwise lawfully acquires, a handgun not listed on the roster as of January 1  
28       of the applicable calendar year may sell or otherwise transfer the handgun only to another dealer.  
29       A person may not transfer a handgun not listed on the roster as of January 1 of the applicable  
30       calendar year by devise or bequest.

31       (e)    Exemptions. – This section does not apply to any of the following:

32           (1)    An antique firearm.

33           (2)    A handgun defined as curios or relics, as those terms are defined in Section  
34           478.11 of Title 27 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

35           (3)    A handgun that is designed expressly for use in Olympic target shooting  
36           events.

37           (4)    A handgun used solely as a prop during the course of a motion picture,  
38           television, or video production by an authorized participant in the course of  
39           making that production or event or by an authorized employee or agent of the  
40           entity producing that production or event.

41           (5)    The temporary transfer of a lawfully owned handgun for the purposes of  
42           cleaning, repairing, or servicing the handgun by a dealer.

43           (6)    The possession of a handgun by a nonresident of the State while temporarily  
44           traveling through the State.

45           (7)    A handgun exempted by the Department in accordance with subsection (g) of  
46           this section.

47       (f)    Testing. – The Department may test, or contract with an independent handgun testing  
48       laboratory to test, handguns (i) that the Department believes should be added to the roster  
49       required under subsection (c) of this section or (ii) that the Department believes, based on credible  
50       information received by the Department from at least two credible sources, should be removed  
51       from the roster required under subsection (c) of this section. The Department may only utilize

1 one of the tests described in subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of this section when testing  
2 handguns under this subsection. The Department may utilize the authority granted under  
3 subsection (g) of this section to add or remove handguns under this subsection from the roster  
4 required under subsection (c) of this section.

5 (g) Annual Update. – By January 1, the Department shall annually review the California  
6 Roster of Handguns Certified for Sale and update, by rule, the roster required under subsection  
7 (c) of this section and any exemptions authorized under subdivision (7) of subsection (e) of this  
8 section of approved pistols developed by other states and update the roster developed in  
9 accordance with this subsection accordingly. The Department may also utilize the rule-making  
10 authority granted under this subsection to update the roster required under subsection (c) of this  
11 section with any handguns tested under subsection (f) of this section and approved by the  
12 Department for sale in this State.

13 (h) Dissemination. – At least 30 days prior to the date a roster developed and updated in  
14 accordance with this section is to take effect, the Department shall publish the roster and any  
15 updates on its Web site.

16 (i) Penalty. – Any person violating the provisions of subsections (c) and (d) of this  
17 section is guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor."

18 **SECTION 11.(b)** The initial roster developed under G.S. 14-406.2(c), as enacted by  
19 subsection (a) of this section, shall be based on the California Roster of Handguns Certified for  
20 Sale as of January 1, 2020.

21 **SECTION 11.(c)** By January 15, 2020, the Department of Public Safety shall (i)  
22 submit a report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety  
23 detailing the development of the roster required under G.S. 14-406.2(c), as enacted by subsection  
24 (a) of this subsection, and the types of handguns that are included on the roster and (ii) publish  
25 the roster on its Web site in accordance with G.S. 14-406.2(c).

26 **SECTION 11.(d)** This section becomes effective January 1, 2020.  
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## 28 **PART XII. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE/SAVINGS CLAUSE/EFFECTIVE DATE**

29 **SECTION 12.(a)** If any provision of this act or its application is held invalid, the  
30 invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this act that can be given effect  
31 without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are  
32 severable.

33 **SECTION 12.(b)** Prosecutions for offenses committed before the effective date of  
34 this act are not abated or affected by this act, and the statutes that would be applicable but for  
35 this act remain applicable to those prosecutions.

36 **SECTION 12.(c)** Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes  
37 law.