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SENATE BILL DRS45200-ML-95

Short Title: Seized Weapons Security Act. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Garrett, Robinson, and Chaudhuri (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO DESTROY
3 UNCLAIMED FIREARMS AND FIREARMS CONFISCATED AFTER CONVICTION
4 OF CERTAIN OFFENSES.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 15-11.1(b1)(3) reads as rewritten:

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

12 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 15-11.2(d)(1) reads as rewritten:

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

18 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 14-269.1(4) reads as rewritten:

19 "(4) By ordering such weapon turned over to the sheriff of the county in which the
20 trial is held or his duly authorized agent to be ~~destroyed if the firearm does not~~
21 ~~have a legible, unique identification number or is unsafe for use because of~~
22 ~~wear, damage, age, or modification.~~ destroyed. The sheriff shall maintain a
23 record of the destruction thereof."

24 **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2023, and applies to any firearm
25 found or received by a local law enforcement agency on or after that date.

