

# HOUSE BILL NO. 6185

November 26, 2024, Introduced by Reps. Breen, Puri, Brenda Carter, Young, Churches, Dievendorf, Brabec, Brixie, Hoskins, Rheingans, Byrnes, Hood, Steckloff, Hope, Morgan, McFall, Weiss, Pohutsky and Aiyash and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend 1927 PA 372, entitled

"An act to regulate and license the selling, purchasing, possessing, and carrying of certain firearms, gas ejecting devices, and electro-muscular disruption devices; to prohibit the buying, selling, or carrying of certain firearms, gas ejecting devices, and electro-muscular disruption devices without a license or other authorization; to provide for the forfeiture of firearms and electro-muscular disruption devices under certain circumstances; to provide for penalties and remedies; to provide immunity from civil liability under certain circumstances; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies; to prohibit certain conduct against individuals who apply for or receive a license to carry a concealed pistol; to make appropriations; to prescribe certain conditions for the appropriations; and to repeal all acts

and parts of acts inconsistent with this act,"

by amending section 15 (MCL 28.435), as amended by 2023 PA 17.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 15. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), a federally  
2 licensed firearms dealer shall not sell a firearm in this state  
3 unless the sale includes 1 of the following:

4           (a) A commercially available trigger lock or other device  
5 designed to disable the firearm and prevent the discharge of the  
6 firearm.

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

9           (2) This section does not apply to any of the following:

10          (a) The sale of a firearm to a police officer or a police  
11 agency.

12          (b) The sale of a firearm to a person that presents to the  
13 federally licensed firearms dealer 1 of the following:

14          (i) A trigger lock or other device designed to disable the  
15 firearm and prevent the discharge of the firearm together with a  
16 copy of the purchase receipt for the federally licensed firearms  
17 dealer to keep. A separate trigger lock or device and a separate  
18 purchase receipt is required for each firearm purchased.

19          (ii) A gun case or storage container that can be secured to  
20 prevent unauthorized access to the firearm together with a copy of  
21 the purchase receipt for the federally licensed firearms dealer to  
22 keep. A separate gun case or storage container and a separate  
23 purchase receipt is required for each firearm purchased.

24          (c) The sale of an antique firearm. As used in this  
25 subdivision, "antique firearm" means that term as defined in  
26 section 231a of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.231a.

1 (d) The sale or transfer of a firearm if the seller is not a  
2 federally licensed firearms dealer.

3 (3) A federally licensed firearms dealer shall not sell a  
4 firearm in this state unless the firearm is accompanied with, free  
5 of charge, all of the following:

6 (a) A brochure or pamphlet that includes safety information on  
7 the use and storage of the firearm in a home environment.

8 (b) A written warning informing the purchaser of the penalties  
9 for failing to store or leave a firearm in the manner required  
10 under section 9.

11 (c) Lethal means counseling literature published by the  
12 department of health and human services under section 9.

13 (4) Upon the sale of a firearm, a federally licensed firearms  
14 dealer shall sign a statement and require the purchaser to sign a  
15 statement stating that the sale is in compliance with subsections  
16 (1), (2), and (3).

17 (5) A federally licensed firearms dealer shall retain a copy  
18 of the signed statements prescribed in subsection (4) and, if  
19 applicable, a copy of the receipt prescribed in subsection (2)(b),  
20 for at least 6 years.

21 (6) A federally licensed firearms dealer in this state shall  
22 post in a conspicuous manner at the entrances, exits, and all  
23 points of sale on the premises where firearms are sold a notice  
24 informing the reader that failing to store or leave a firearm in  
25 the manner required under section 9 is unlawful.

26 ~~(7) A federally licensed firearms dealer is not liable for~~  
27 ~~damages arising from the use or misuse of a firearm if the sale~~  
28 ~~complies with this section, any other applicable law of this state,~~  
29 ~~and applicable federal law.~~

1       ~~(8) This section does not create a civil action or liability~~  
2 ~~for damages arising from the use or misuse of a firearm or~~  
3 ~~ammunition for a person, other than a federally licensed firearms~~  
4 ~~dealer, who produces a firearm or ammunition.~~

5       ~~(9) Subject to subsections (10) to (12), a political~~  
6 ~~subdivision shall not bring a civil action against any person who~~  
7 ~~produces a firearm or ammunition. The authority to bring a civil~~  
8 ~~action under this section is reserved exclusively to the state and~~  
9 ~~can be brought only by the attorney general. The court shall award~~  
10 ~~costs and reasonable attorney fees to each defendant named in a~~  
11 ~~civil action filed in violation of this subsection.~~

12       ~~(10) Subject to subsection (11), subsection (9) does not~~  
13 ~~prohibit a civil action by a political subdivision based on 1 or~~  
14 ~~more of the following, which the court shall narrowly construe:~~

15       ~~(a) A breach of contract, other contract issue, or an action~~  
16 ~~based on a provision of the uniform commercial code, 1962 PA 174,~~  
17 ~~MCL 440.1101 to 440.9994, in which the political subdivision is the~~  
18 ~~purchaser and owner of the firearm or ammunition.~~

19       ~~(b) Expressed or implied warranties arising from the purchase~~  
20 ~~of a firearm or ammunition by the political subdivision or the use~~  
21 ~~of a firearm or ammunition by an employee or agent of the political~~  
22 ~~subdivision.~~

23       ~~(c) A product liability, personal injury, or wrongful death~~  
24 ~~action when an employee or agent or property of the political~~  
25 ~~subdivision has been injured or damaged as a result of a defect in~~  
26 ~~the design or manufacture of the firearm or ammunition purchased~~  
27 ~~and owned by the political subdivision.~~

28       ~~(11) Subsection (10) does not allow an action based on any of~~  
29 ~~the following:~~

1 ~~(a) A firearm's or ammunition's inherent potential to cause~~  
 2 ~~injury, damage, or death.~~

3 ~~(b) Failure to warn the purchaser, transferee, or user of the~~  
 4 ~~firearm's or ammunition's inherent potential to cause injury,~~  
 5 ~~damage, or death.~~

6 ~~(c) Failure to sell with or incorporate into the product a~~  
 7 ~~device or mechanism to prevent a firearm or ammunition from being~~  
 8 ~~discharged by an unauthorized person unless specifically provided~~  
 9 ~~for by contract.~~

10 ~~(12) Subsections (9) to (11) do not create a civil action.~~

11 ~~(13) Subsections (9) to (11) are intended only to clarify the~~  
 12 ~~current status of the law in this state, are remedial in nature,~~  
 13 ~~and, therefore, apply to a civil action pending on the effective~~  
 14 ~~date of this act.~~

15 **(7)** ~~(14)~~ A person who violates this section is guilty of a  
 16 crime as follows:

17 (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b) or (c), the person  
 18 is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more  
 19 than 93 days or a fine of not more than \$500.00, or both.

20 (b) For a second conviction, the person is guilty of a  
 21 misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 1 year or  
 22 a fine of not more than \$1,000.00, or both.

23 (c) For a third or subsequent conviction, the person is guilty  
 24 of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than 2 years or  
 25 a fine of not more than \$5,000.00, or both.

26 **(8)** ~~(15)~~ As used in this section:

27 (a) "Federally licensed firearms dealer" means a person  
 28 licensed under 18 USC 923.

29 ~~(b) "Firearm or ammunition" includes a component of a firearm~~

1 ~~or ammunition.~~

2       **(b)** ~~(e)~~ "Person" means an individual, partnership,  
3 corporation, association, or other legal entity.

4       ~~(d) "Political subdivision" means a county, city, village,~~  
5 ~~township, charter township, school district, community college, or~~  
6 ~~public university or college.~~

7       ~~(e) "Produce" means to manufacture, construct, design,~~  
8 ~~formulate, develop standards for, prepare, process, assemble,~~  
9 ~~inspect, test, list, certify, give a warning or instructions~~  
10 ~~regarding, market, sell, advertise, package, label, distribute, or~~  
11 ~~transfer.~~

12       Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect  
13 unless all of the following bills of the 102nd Legislature are  
14 enacted into law:

15       (a) Senate Bill No. \_\_\_\_ or House Bill No. 6184 (request no.  
16 06802'24).

17       (b) Senate Bill No. \_\_\_\_ or House Bill No. 6183 (request no.  
18 06802'24 b).