

SENATE BILL NO. 79

February 16, 2023, Introduced by Senators BAYER, SINGH, MCMORROW, CAVANAGH, HERTEL, SHINK, MCCANN, IRWIN, WOJNO, POLEHANKI, CHANG, MOSS, GEISS, CAMILLERI, MCDONALD RIVET, CHERRY, KLINEFELT, SANTANA, BRINKS and ANTHONY and referred to the Committee on Civil Rights, Judiciary, and Public Safety.

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 added by 2000 PA 265, and
 by adding section 9.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 9. (1) An individual who stores or leaves a firearm
 2 unattended on premises under the individual's control, and who
 3 knows or reasonably should know that the firearm is accessible to a
 4 minor, shall do 1 or more of the following:

5 (a) Store the firearm in a locked box or container.

6 (b) Keep the firearm unloaded and lock the firearm with a
 7 locking device that is properly engaged to render the firearm
 8 inoperable by any individual other than the owner or an authorized
 9 user.

10 (2) An individual who enters onto the premises of another
 11 individual, stores or leaves a firearm unattended on those
 12 premises, and who knows or reasonably should know that the firearm
 13 is accessible to a minor, shall do 1 or more of the following:

14 (a) Store the firearm in a locked box or container.

15 (b) Keep the firearm unloaded and lock the firearm with a
 16 locking device that is properly engaged to render the firearm
 17 inoperable by any individual other than the owner or an authorized
 18 user.

19 (c) Before entering onto the premises, lock the firearm in the
 20 glove box in the individual's vehicle.

21 (3) An individual is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by
 22 imprisonment for not more than 93 days or a fine of not more than
 23 \$500.00, or both, if the individual violates subsection (1) or (2)
 24 by failing to store or leave a firearm in the required manner and a
 25 minor obtains the firearm.

1 (4) If an individual violates subsection (1) or (2) by failing
2 to store or leave a firearm in the required manner and, as a result
3 of the violation, a minor obtains the firearm, uses it to inflict
4 injury upon the minor or any other individual, and the individual
5 knew or should have known that the minor was likely to use the
6 firearm to injure the minor or another individual, the individual
7 is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than
8 5 years or a fine of not more than \$5,000.00, or both.

9 (5) If an individual violates subsection (1) or (2) by failing
10 to store or leave a firearm in the required manner and, as a result
11 of the violation, a minor obtains the firearm, uses it to inflict
12 death upon the minor or any other individual, and the individual
13 knew or should have known that the minor was likely to use the
14 firearm to injure the minor or another individual, the individual
15 is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than
16 15 years or a fine of not more than \$7,500.00, or both.

17 (6) This section does not apply under any of the following
18 circumstances:

19 (a) The minor obtains a firearm with the permission of the
20 minor's parent or guardian and the minor uses or possesses the
21 firearm during any of the following:

22 (i) The minor's employment.

23 (ii) Ranching or farming.

24 (iii) Target practice, hunting, or instruction in the safe use
25 of a firearm.

26 (b) The minor obtains a firearm through the minor's unlawful
27 entry of any premises where the firearm has been stored or through
28 the minor's illegal taking of the firearm from the owner's
29 premises.

1 (c) The minor obtains a firearm while lawfully acting in self-
2 defense or defense of another.

3 (7) The department of health and human services shall do both
4 of the following:

5 (a) Inform the public of the penalties for failing to store or
6 leave a firearm in the manner required under this section.

7 (b) Publish lethal means counseling literature and provide
8 that literature to federally licensed firearms dealers for use
9 under section 15.

10 (8) As used in this section:

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

14 (b) "Locking device" means a trigger lock, cable lock, or
15 similar lock that prevents a firearm from discharging.

16 (c) "Minor" means an individual less than 18 years of age.

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

20 (a) A commercially available trigger lock or other device
21 designed to disable the firearm and prevent the discharge of the
22 firearm.

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

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

26 (a) The sale of a firearm to a police officer or a police
27 agency.

28 (b) The sale of a firearm to a person ~~who~~**that** presents to the
29 federally licensed firearms dealer 1 of the following:

1 (i) A trigger lock or other device designed to disable the
2 firearm and prevent the discharge of the firearm together with a
3 copy of the purchase receipt for the federally licensed firearms
4 dealer to keep. A separate trigger lock or device and a separate
5 purchase receipt ~~shall be~~ **is** required for each firearm purchased.

6 (ii) A gun case or storage container that can be secured to
7 prevent unauthorized access to the firearm together with a copy of
8 the purchase receipt for the federally licensed firearms dealer to
9 keep. A separate gun case or storage container and a separate
10 purchase receipt ~~shall be~~ **is** required for each firearm purchased.

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 (4) Upon the sale of a firearm, a federally licensed firearms
27 dealer shall sign a statement and require the purchaser to sign a
28 statement stating that the sale is in compliance with subsections
29 (1), (2), and (3).

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

5 (6) A federally licensed firearms dealer in this state shall
6 post in a conspicuous manner at the entrances, exits, and all
7 points of sale on the premises where firearms are sold a notice
8 **informing the reader** that ~~says the following: "You may be~~
9 ~~criminally and civilly liable for any harm caused by a person less~~
10 ~~than 18 years of age who lawfully gains unsupervised access to your~~
11 ~~firearm if unlawfully stored."~~ **failing to store or leave a firearm**
12 **in the manner required under section 9 is unlawful.**

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

17 (8) This section does not create a civil action or liability
18 for damages arising from the use or misuse of a firearm or
19 ammunition for a person, other than a federally licensed firearms
20 dealer, who produces a firearm or ammunition.

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

28 (10) Subject to subsection (11), subsection (9) does not
29 prohibit a civil action by a political subdivision based on 1 or

1 more of the following, which the court shall narrowly construe:

2 (a) A breach of contract, other contract issue, or an action
3 based on a provision of the uniform commercial code, 1962 PA 174,
4 MCL 440.1101 to ~~440.11102~~, **440.9994**, in which the political
5 subdivision is the purchaser and owner of the firearm or
6 ammunition.

7 (b) Expressed or implied warranties arising from the purchase
8 of a firearm or ammunition by the political subdivision or the use
9 of a firearm or ammunition by an employee or agent of the political
10 subdivision.

11 (c) A product liability, personal injury, or wrongful death
12 action when an employee or agent or property of the political
13 subdivision has been injured or damaged as a result of a defect in
14 the design or manufacture of the firearm or ammunition purchased
15 and owned by the political subdivision.

16 (11) Subsection (10) does not allow an action based on any of
17 the following:

18 (a) A firearm's or ammunition's inherent potential to cause
19 injury, damage, or death.

20 (b) Failure to warn the purchaser, transferee, or user of the
21 firearm's or ammunition's inherent potential to cause injury,
22 damage, or death.

23 (c) Failure to sell with or incorporate into the product a
24 device or mechanism to prevent a firearm or ammunition from being
25 discharged by an unauthorized person unless specifically provided
26 for by contract.

27 (12) Subsections (9) ~~through~~ **to** (11) do not create a civil
28 action.

29 (13) Subsections (9) ~~through~~ **to** (11) are intended only to

1 clarify the current status of the law in this state, are remedial
2 in nature, and, therefore, apply to a civil action pending on the
3 effective date of this act.

4 (14) ~~Beginning September 1, 2000, a~~ **A** person who violates this
5 section is guilty of a crime as follows:

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

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

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

15 (15) As used in this section:

16 (a) "Federally licensed firearms dealer" means a person
17 licensed under ~~section 923 of title 18 of the United States Code,~~
18 ~~U.S.C.—USC~~ 923.

19 (b) "Firearm or ammunition" includes a component of a firearm
20 or ammunition.

21 (c) "Person" means an individual, partnership, corporation,
22 association, or other legal entity.

23 (d) "Political subdivision" means a county, city, village,
24 township, charter township, school district, community college, or
25 public university or college.

26 (e) "Produce" means to manufacture, construct, design,
27 formulate, develop standards for, prepare, process, assemble,
28 inspect, test, list, certify, give a warning or instructions
29 regarding, market, sell, advertise, package, label, distribute, or

1 transfer.