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HOUSE BILL NO. 217

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A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 15.2-915.5, 18.2-308.09, 18.2-308.2:1, 18.2-308.2:2, 18.2-308.2:3, 18.2-308.2:5, 18.2-308.7, and 19.2-386.28 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding sections numbered 18.2-287.4:1, 18.2-287.4:2, 18.2-308.1:9, and 18.2-309.1, relating to purchase, possession, sale, transfer, etc., of assault firearms and certain ammunition feeding devices prohibited; penalties.

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Referred to Committee on Public Safety

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

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14 1. That §§ 15.2-915.5, 18.2-308.09, 18.2-308.2:1, 18.2-308.2:2, 18.2-308.2:3, 18.2-308.2:5, 18.2-308.7, and
15 19.2-386.28 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted and that the Code of Virginia is
16 amended by adding sections numbered 18.2-287.4:1, 18.2-287.4:2, 18.2-308.1:9, and 18.2-309.1 as
17 follows:

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§ 15.2-915.5. Disposition of firearms acquired by localities.

19 A. No locality or agent of such locality may participate in any program in which individuals are given a
20 thing of value provided by another individual or other entity in exchange for surrendering a firearm to the
21 locality or agent of such locality unless (i) the governing body of the locality has enacted an ordinance,
22 pursuant to § 15.2-1425, authorizing the participation of the locality or agent of such locality in such program
23 or (ii) the program is a voluntary gun buy-back or give-back program for the surrendering of an assault
24 firearm as defined in § 18.2-308.2:2.

25 B. Any ordinance enacted pursuant to this section shall require that any firearm received, except a firearm
26 of the type defined in § 18.2-288 or 18.2-299 or a firearm the transfer for which is prohibited by federal law,
27 shall be destroyed by the locality unless the person surrendering the firearm requests in writing that the
28 firearm be offered for sale by public auction or sealed bids to a person licensed as a dealer pursuant to 18
29 U.S.C. § 921 et seq. Notice of the date, time, and place of any sale conducted pursuant to this subsection shall
30 be given by advertisement in at least two newspapers published and having general circulation in the
31 Commonwealth, at least one of which shall have general circulation in the locality in which the property to be
32 sold is located. At least 30 days shall elapse between publication of the notice and the auction or the date on
33 which sealed bids will be opened. Any firearm remaining in possession of the locality or agent of the locality
34 after attempts to sell at public auction or by sealed bids shall be disposed of in a manner the locality deems
35 proper, which may include destruction of the firearm or, subject to any registration requirements of federal
36 law, sale of the firearm to a licensed dealer.

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§ 18.2-287.4:1. Importation, sale, manufacture, etc., of assault firearms prohibited; penalty.

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A. As used in this section, an "assault firearm" means the same as that term is defined in § 18.2-308.2:2.

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B. Any person who imports, sells, manufactures, purchases, or transfers an assault firearm is guilty of a
40 Class 1 misdemeanor.

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C. The provisions of this section shall not apply to (i) any government officer, agent, or employee, or
42 member of the Armed Forces of the United States, to the extent that such person is otherwise authorized to
43 acquire or possess an assault firearm and does so while acting within the scope of his duties; (ii) the
44 manufacture of an assault firearm by a firearms manufacturer for the purpose of sale to any branch of the
45 Armed Forces of the United States, senior military colleges in the Commonwealth organized under 10 U.S.C.
46 § 2111a(f), or to a law-enforcement agency in the Commonwealth for use by that agency or its employees,
47 provided that the manufacturer is properly licensed under federal, state, and local laws; (iii) the sale or
48 transfer of an assault firearm by a licensed dealer to any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States or
49 to a law-enforcement agency in the Commonwealth for use by that agency or its employees; or (iv) any
50 member of a cadet corps who is recognized by a public institution of higher education while such member is
51 in the performance of lawful military training or such member is participating in an official ceremonial event
52 for the Commonwealth.

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§ 18.2-287.4:2. Importation, sale, possession, etc., of assault firearms prohibited by persons younger 54 than 21 years of age; penalty.

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A. As used in this section, an "assault firearm" means the same as that term is defined in § 18.2-308.2:2
56 except that it includes such firearms manufactured before July 1, 2026.

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B. Any person younger than 21 years of age who imports, sells, manufactures, purchases, possesses,
58 transports, or transfers an assault firearm is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

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59 C. The provisions of this section shall not apply to (i) any government officer, agent, or employee, or
60 member of the Armed Forces of the United States, to the extent that such person is otherwise authorized to
61 acquire or possess an assault firearm and does so while acting within the scope of his duties; (ii) the
62 manufacture of an assault firearm by a firearms manufacturer for the purpose of sale to any branch of the
63 Armed Forces of the United States, senior military colleges in the Commonwealth organized under 10 U.S.C.
64 § 2111a(f), or to a law-enforcement agency in the Commonwealth for use by that agency or its employees,
65 provided that the manufacturer is properly licensed under federal, state, and local laws; (iii) the sale or
66 transfer of an assault firearm by a licensed dealer to any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States or
67 to a law-enforcement agency in the Commonwealth for use by that agency or its employees; or (iv) any
68 member of a cadet corps who is recognized by a public institution of higher education while such member is
69 in the performance of lawful military training or such member is participating in an official ceremonial event
70 for the Commonwealth.

71 **§ 18.2-308.09. Disqualifications for a concealed handgun permit.**

72 The following persons shall be deemed disqualified from obtaining a permit:

73 1. An individual who is ineligible to possess a firearm pursuant to § 18.2-308.1:1, 18.2-308.1:2,
74 18.2-308.1:3, 18.2-308.1:6, 18.2-308.1:7, or 18.2-308.1:8, or 18.2-308.1:9 or the substantially similar law of
75 any other state or of the United States.

76 2. An individual who was ineligible to possess a firearm pursuant to § 18.2-308.1:1 and who was
77 discharged from the custody of the Commissioner pursuant to § 19.2-182.7 less than five years before the
78 date of his application for a concealed handgun permit.

79 3. An individual who was ineligible to possess a firearm pursuant to § 18.2-308.1:2 and whose
80 competency or capacity was restored pursuant to § 64.2-2012 less than five years before the date of his
81 application for a concealed handgun permit.

82 4. An individual who was ineligible to possess a firearm under § 18.2-308.1:3 and who was released from
83 commitment less than five years before the date of this application for a concealed handgun permit.

84 5. An individual who is subject to a restraining order, or to a protective order and prohibited by
85 § 18.2-308.1:4 from purchasing, possessing, or transporting a firearm.

86 6. An individual who is prohibited by § 18.2-308.2 from possessing or transporting a firearm, except that
87 a restoration order may be obtained in accordance with subsection C of that section.

88 7. An individual who has been convicted of two or more misdemeanors within the five-year period
89 immediately preceding the application, if one of the misdemeanors was a Class 1 misdemeanor, but the judge
90 shall have the discretion to deny a permit for two or more misdemeanors that are not Class 1. Traffic
91 infractions and misdemeanors set forth in Title 46.2 shall not be considered for purposes of this
92 disqualification.

93 8. An individual who is addicted to, or is an unlawful user or distributor of, marijuana, synthetic
94 cannabinoids, or any controlled substance.

95 9. An individual who has been convicted of a violation of § 18.2-266 or a substantially similar local
96 ordinance, or of public drunkenness, or of a substantially similar offense under the laws of any other state, the
97 District of Columbia, the United States, or its territories within the three-year period immediately preceding
98 the application.

99 10. An alien other than an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States.

100 11. An individual who has been discharged from the armed forces of the United States under dishonorable
101 conditions.

102 12. An individual who is a fugitive from justice.

103 13. An individual who the court finds, by a preponderance of the evidence, based on specific acts by the
104 applicant, is likely to use a weapon unlawfully or negligently to endanger others. The sheriff, chief of police,
105 or attorney for the Commonwealth may submit to the court a sworn, written statement indicating that, in the
106 opinion of such sheriff, chief of police, or attorney for the Commonwealth, based upon a disqualifying
107 conviction or upon the specific acts set forth in the statement, the applicant is likely to use a weapon
108 unlawfully or negligently to endanger others. The statement of the sheriff, chief of police, or the attorney for
109 the Commonwealth shall be based upon personal knowledge of such individual or of a deputy sheriff, police
110 officer, or assistant attorney for the Commonwealth of the specific acts, or upon a written statement made
111 under oath before a notary public of a competent person having personal knowledge of the specific acts.

112 14. An individual who has been convicted of any assault, assault and battery, sexual battery, discharging
113 of a firearm in violation of § 18.2-280 or 18.2-286.1 or brandishing of a firearm in violation of § 18.2-282
114 within the three-year period immediately preceding the application.

115 15. An individual who has been convicted of stalking.

116 16. An individual whose previous convictions or adjudications of delinquency were based on an offense
117 that would have been at the time of conviction a felony if committed by an adult under the laws of any state,
118 the District of Columbia, the United States or its territories. For purposes of this disqualifier, only convictions
119 occurring within 16 years following the later of the date of (i) the conviction or adjudication or (ii) release
120 from any incarceration imposed upon such conviction or adjudication shall be deemed to be "previous

121 convictions." Disqualification under this subdivision shall not apply to an individual with previous
122 adjudications of delinquency who has completed a term of service of no less than two years in the Armed
123 Forces of the United States and, if such person has been discharged from the Armed Forces of the United
124 States, received an honorable discharge.

125 17. An individual who has a felony charge pending or a charge pending for an offense listed in
126 subdivision 14 or 15.

127 18. An individual who has received mental health treatment or substance abuse treatment in a residential
128 setting within five years prior to the date of his application for a concealed handgun permit.

129 19. An individual not otherwise ineligible pursuant to this article, who, within the three-year period
130 immediately preceding the application for the permit, was found guilty of any criminal offense set forth in
131 Chapter 11 (§ 4.1-1100 et seq.) of Title 4.1, Article 1 (§ 18.2-247 et seq.), or former § 18.2-248.1:1 or of a
132 criminal offense of illegal possession or distribution of marijuana, synthetic cannabinoids, or any controlled
133 substance, under the laws of any state, the District of Columbia, or the United States or its territories.

134 20. An individual, not otherwise ineligible pursuant to this article, with respect to whom, within the
135 three-year period immediately preceding the application, upon a charge of any criminal offense set forth in
136 Chapter 11 (§ 4.1-1100 et seq.) of Title 4.1, Article 1 (§ 18.2-247 et seq.), or former § 18.2-248.1:1 or upon a
137 charge of illegal possession or distribution of marijuana, synthetic cannabinoids, or any controlled substance
138 under the laws of any state, the District of Columbia, or the United States or its territories, the trial court
139 found that the facts of the case were sufficient for a finding of guilt and disposed of the case pursuant to
140 § 18.2-251 or the substantially similar law of any other state, the District of Columbia, or the United States or
141 its territories.

142 **§ 18.2-308.1:9. Purchase, possession, or transportation of firearm following conviction for importation,
143 sale, possession, etc., of assault firearm; penalty.**

144 A. Any person who knowingly and intentionally purchases, possesses, or transports any firearm following
145 a misdemeanor conviction for a violation of § 18.2-287.4:1 or 18.2-287.4:2 is guilty of a Class 1
146 misdemeanor.

147 B. Any person convicted of a violation of § 18.2-287.4:1 or 18.2-287.4:2 or this section shall be
148 prohibited from purchasing, possessing, or transporting a firearm for three years following the date of such
149 conviction at which point the person convicted of such offense shall no longer be prohibited from purchasing,
150 possessing, or transporting a firearm pursuant to this section. Such person shall have his firearms rights
151 restored, unless such person receives another disqualifying conviction, is subject to a protective order that
152 would restrict his rights to carry a firearm, or is otherwise prohibited by law from purchasing, possessing, or
153 transporting a firearm.

154 **§ 18.2-308.2:1. Prohibiting the selling, etc., of firearms to certain persons; penalties.**

155 Any person who sells, barters, gives, or furnishes, or has in his possession or under his control with the
156 intent of selling, bartering, giving, or furnishing, any firearm to any person he knows is prohibited from
157 possessing or transporting a firearm pursuant to § 18.2-308.1:1, 18.2-308.1:2, or 18.2-308.1:3, subsection B
158 of § 18.2-308.1:4, § 18.2-308.1:6 or 18.2-308.2, subsection B of § 18.2-308.2:01, or § 18.2-308.7 is guilty of
159 a Class 4 felony.

160 Any person who sells, barters, gives, or furnishes, or has in his possession or under his control with the
161 intent of selling, bartering, giving, or furnishing, any firearm to any person he knows is prohibited from
162 purchasing, possessing, or transporting a firearm pursuant to § 18.2-308.1:7 or, 18.2-308.1:8, or 18.2-308.1:9
163 is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

164 However, this prohibition shall not be applicable when the person convicted of the felony or
165 misdemeanor, adjudicated delinquent, or acquitted by reason of insanity has (i) been issued a permit pursuant
166 to subsection C of § 18.2-308.2 or been granted relief pursuant to subsection B of § 18.2-308.1:1 or
167 § 18.2-308.1:2 or 18.2-308.1:3; (ii) been pardoned or had his political disabilities removed in accordance with
168 subsection B of § 18.2-308.2; or (iii) obtained a permit to ship, transport, possess, or receive firearms
169 pursuant to the laws of the United States.

170 **§ 18.2-308.2:2. Criminal history record information check required for the transfer of certain
171 firearms; penalties.**

172 A. Any person purchasing from a dealer a firearm as herein defined in this section shall consent in
173 writing, on a form to be provided by the Department of State Police, to have the dealer obtain criminal history
174 record information and if such firearm is an assault firearm manufactured before July 1, 2026, such person
175 purchasing such assault firearm shall be 21 years of age or older. Such form shall include only the written
176 consent; the name, birth date, gender, race, citizenship, and social security number and/or any other
177 identification number; the number of firearms by category intended to be sold, rented, traded, or transferred;
178 and answers by the applicant to the following questions: (i) has the applicant been convicted of a felony
179 offense or a misdemeanor offense listed in § 18.2-308.1:8 or 18.2-308.1:9 or found guilty or adjudicated
180 delinquent as a juvenile 14 years of age or older at the time of the offense of a delinquent act that if
181 committed by an adult would be a felony or a misdemeanor listed in § 18.2-308.1:8 or 18.2-308.1:9; (ii) is
182 the applicant subject to a court order restraining the applicant from harassing, stalking, or threatening the

183 applicant's child or intimate partner, or a child of such partner, or is the applicant subject to a protective order;
184 (iii) has the applicant ever been acquitted by reason of insanity and prohibited from purchasing, possessing,
185 or transporting a firearm pursuant to § 18.2-308.1:1 or any substantially similar law of any other jurisdiction,
186 been adjudicated legally incompetent, mentally incapacitated, or adjudicated an incapacitated person and
187 prohibited from purchasing a firearm pursuant to § 18.2-308.1:2 or any substantially similar law of any other
188 jurisdiction, been involuntarily admitted to an inpatient facility or involuntarily ordered to outpatient mental
189 health treatment and prohibited from purchasing a firearm pursuant to § 18.2-308.1:3 or any substantially
190 similar law of any other jurisdiction, or been the subject of a temporary detention order pursuant to
191 § 37.2-809 and subsequently agreed to a voluntary admission pursuant to § 37.2-805; and (iv) is the applicant
192 subject to an emergency substantial risk order or a substantial risk order entered pursuant to § 19.2-152.13 or
193 19.2-152.14 and prohibited from purchasing, possessing, or transporting a firearm pursuant to § 18.2-308.1:6
194 or any substantially similar law of any other jurisdiction.

195 B. 1. No dealer shall sell, rent, trade, or transfer from his inventory any such firearm to any other person
196 who is a resident of Virginia until he has (i) obtained written consent and the other information on the consent
197 form specified in subsection A, and provided the Department of State Police with the name, birth date,
198 gender, race, citizenship, and social security and/or any other identification number and the number of
199 firearms by category intended to be sold, rented, traded, or transferred ~~and~~; (ii) requested criminal history
200 record information by a telephone call to or other communication authorized by the State Police and is
201 authorized by subdivision 2 to complete the sale or other such transfer; *and (iii) if such firearm is an assault*
202 firearm manufactured before July 1, 2026, verified that such person is 21 years of age or older. To establish
203 personal identification and residence in Virginia for purposes of this section, a dealer must require any
204 prospective purchaser to present one photo-identification form issued by a governmental agency of the
205 Commonwealth or by the United States Department of Defense or a special identification card without a
206 photograph issued pursuant to § 46.2-345.2 that demonstrates that the prospective purchaser resides in
207 Virginia. For the purposes of this section and establishment of residency for firearm purchase, residency of a
208 member of the armed forces shall include both the state in which the member's permanent duty post is located
209 and any nearby state in which the member resides and from which he commutes to the permanent duty post.
210 A member of the armed forces whose photo identification issued by the Department of Defense does not have
211 a Virginia address may establish his Virginia residency with such photo identification and either permanent
212 orders assigning the purchaser to a duty post, including the Pentagon, in Virginia or the purchaser's Leave and
213 Earnings Statement. When the identification presented to a dealer by the prospective purchaser is a driver's
214 license or other photo identification issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles or a special identification
215 card without a photograph issued pursuant to § 46.2-345.2, and such identification form or card contains a
216 date of issue, the dealer shall not, except for a renewed driver's license or other photo identification issued by
217 the Department of Motor Vehicles or a renewed special identification card without a photograph issued
218 pursuant to § 46.2-345.2, sell or otherwise transfer a firearm to the prospective purchaser until 30 days after
219 the date of issue of an original or duplicate driver's license or special identification card without a photograph
220 unless the prospective purchaser also presents a copy of his Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles driver's
221 record showing that the original date of issue of the driver's license was more than 30 days prior to the
222 attempted purchase.

223 In addition, no dealer shall sell, rent, trade, or transfer from his inventory any assault firearm to any
224 person *or any semi-automatic center-fire rifle or pistol that expels single or multiple projectiles by action of*
225 an explosion of a combustible material and is equipped at the time of the offense with a magazine that will
226 hold more than 20 rounds of ammunition or is designed by the manufacturer to accommodate a silencer or is
227 equipped with a folding stock to any person who is not a citizen of the United States or who is not a person
228 lawfully admitted for permanent residence.

229 Upon receipt of the request for a criminal history record information check, the State Police shall (a)
230 review its criminal history record information to determine if the buyer or transferee is prohibited from
231 possessing or transporting a firearm by state or federal law, (b) inform the dealer if its record indicates that
232 the buyer or transferee is so prohibited, and (c) provide the dealer with a unique reference number for that
233 inquiry.

234 2. The State Police shall provide its response to the requesting dealer during the dealer's request or by
235 return call without delay. A dealer who fulfills the requirements of subdivision 1 and is told by the State
236 Police that a response will not be available by the end of the dealer's fifth business day may immediately
237 complete the sale or transfer and shall not be deemed in violation of this section with respect to such sale or
238 transfer.

239 3. Except as required by subsection D of § 9.1-132, the State Police shall not maintain records longer than
240 30 days, except for multiple handgun transactions for which records shall be maintained for 12 months, from
241 any dealer's request for a criminal history record information check pertaining to a buyer or transferee who is
242 not found to be prohibited from possessing and transporting a firearm under state or federal law. However,
243 the log on requests made may be maintained for a period of 12 months, and such log shall consist of the name
244 of the purchaser, the dealer identification number, the unique approval number, and the transaction date.

245 4. On the last day of the week following the sale or transfer of any firearm, the dealer shall mail or deliver
246 the written consent form required by subsection A to the Department of State Police. The State Police shall
247 immediately initiate a search of all available criminal history record information to determine if the purchaser
248 is prohibited from possessing or transporting a firearm under state or federal law. If the search discloses
249 information indicating that the buyer or transferee is so prohibited from possessing or transporting a firearm,
250 the State Police shall inform the chief law-enforcement officer in the jurisdiction where the sale or transfer
251 occurred and the dealer without delay.

252 5. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section, rifles and shotguns may be purchased by persons
253 who are citizens of the United States or persons lawfully admitted for permanent residence but residents of
254 other states under the terms of subsections A and B upon furnishing the dealer with one photo-identification
255 form issued by a governmental agency of the person's state of residence and one other form of identification
256 determined to be acceptable by the Department of Criminal Justice Services.

257 6. For the purposes of this subsection, the phrase "dealer's fifth business day" does not include December
258 25.

259 C. No dealer shall sell, rent, trade, or transfer from his inventory any firearm, except when the transaction
260 involves a rifle or a shotgun and can be accomplished pursuant to the provisions of subdivision B 5, to any
261 person who is a dual resident of Virginia and another state pursuant to applicable federal law unless he has
262 first obtained from the Department of State Police a report indicating that a search of all available criminal
263 history record information has not disclosed that the person is prohibited from possessing or transporting a
264 firearm under state or federal law.

265 To establish personal identification and dual resident eligibility for purposes of this subsection, a dealer
266 shall require any prospective purchaser to present one photo-identification form issued by a governmental
267 agency of the prospective purchaser's state of legal residence and other documentation of dual residence
268 within the Commonwealth. The other documentation of dual residence in the Commonwealth may include (i)
269 evidence of currently paid personal property tax or real estate tax or a current (a) lease, (b) utility or telephone
270 bill, (c) voter registration card, (d) bank check, (e) passport, (f) automobile registration, or (g) hunting or
271 fishing license; (ii) other current identification allowed as evidence of residency by 27 C.F.R. § 178.124 and
272 ATF Ruling 2001-5; or (iii) other documentation of residence determined to be acceptable by the Department
273 of Criminal Justice Services and that corroborates that the prospective purchaser currently resides in Virginia.

274 D. If any buyer or transferee is denied the right to purchase a firearm under this section, he may exercise
275 his right of access to and review and correction of criminal history record information under § 9.1-132 or
276 institute a civil action as provided in § 9.1-135, provided any such action is initiated within 30 days of such
277 denial.

278 E. Any dealer who willfully and intentionally requests, obtains, or seeks to obtain criminal history record
279 information under false pretenses, or who willfully and intentionally disseminates or seeks to disseminate
280 criminal history record information except as authorized in this section, ~~shall be~~ is guilty of a Class 2
281 misdemeanor.

282 F. For purposes of this section:

283 "Actual buyer" means a person who executes the consent form required in subsection B or C, or other
284 such firearm transaction records as may be required by federal law.

285 "Antique firearm" means:

286 1. Any firearm (including any firearm with a matchlock, flintlock, percussion cap, or similar type of
287 ignition system) manufactured in or before 1898;

288 2. Any replica of any firearm described in subdivision 1 of this definition if such replica (i) is not designed
289 or redesigned for using rimfire or conventional centerfire fixed ammunition or (ii) uses rimfire or
290 conventional centerfire fixed ammunition that is no longer manufactured in the United States and that is not
291 readily available in the ordinary channels of commercial trade;

292 3. Any muzzle-loading rifle, muzzle-loading shotgun, or muzzle-loading pistol that is designed to use
293 black powder, or a black powder substitute, and that cannot use fixed ammunition. For purposes of this
294 subdivision, the term "antique firearm" shall not include any weapon that incorporates a firearm frame or
295 receiver, any firearm that is converted into a muzzle-loading weapon, or any muzzle-loading weapon that can
296 be readily converted to fire fixed ammunition by replacing the barrel, bolt, breech-block, or any combination
297 thereof; or

298 4. Any curio or relic as defined in this subsection.

299 "Assault firearm" means ~~any~~:

300 1. A semi-automatic center-fire rifle or pistol ~~which that~~ expels single or multiple projectiles by action of
301 an explosion of a combustible material ~~and is equipped at the time of the offense with a magazine which will~~
302 ~~hold more than 20 rounds of ammunition or designed by the manufacturer to accommodate a sileneer or~~
303 ~~equipped with a folding stock with a fixed magazine capacity in excess of 10 rounds;~~

304 2. A semi-automatic center-fire rifle that expels single or multiple projectiles by action of an explosion of
305 a combustible material that has the ability to accept a detachable magazine and has one of the following
306 characteristics: (i) a folding, telescoping, or collapsible stock; (ii) a pistol grip that protrudes conspicuously

307 beneath the action of the rifle; (iii) a second handgrip or a protruding grip that can be held by the non-
308 trigger hand; (iv) a grenade launcher; (v) a flare launcher; (vi) a sound suppressor; (vii) a flash suppressor;
309 (viii) a muzzle brake; (ix) a muzzle compensator; (x) a threaded barrel capable of accepting (a) a sound
310 suppressor, (b) a flash suppressor, (c) a muzzle brake, or (d) a muzzle compensator; or (xi) any
311 characteristic of like kind as enumerated in clauses (i) through (x);

312 3. A semi-automatic center-fire pistol that expels single or multiple projectiles by action of an explosion of
313 a combustible material that has the ability to accept a detachable magazine and has one of the following
314 characteristics: (i) a folding, telescoping, or collapsible stock; (ii) a second handgrip or a protruding grip
315 that can be held by the non-trigger hand; (iii) the capacity to accept a magazine that attaches to the pistol
316 outside of the pistol grip; (iv) a shroud that is attached to, or partially or completely encircles, the barrel and
317 that permits the shooter to hold the pistol with the non-trigger hand without being burned; (v) a threaded
318 barrel capable of accepting (a) a sound suppressor, (b) a flash suppressor, (c) a barrel extender, or (d) a
319 forward handgrip; or (vi) any characteristic of like kind as enumerated in clauses (i) through (v);

320 4. A semi-automatic shotgun that expels single or multiple projectiles by action of an explosion of a
321 combustible material that has one of the following characteristics: (i) a folding, telescoping, or collapsible
322 stock; (ii) a pistol grip that protrudes conspicuously beneath the action of the shotgun; (iii) the ability to
323 accept a detachable magazine; (iv) a fixed magazine capacity in excess of seven rounds; or (v) any
324 characteristic of like kind as enumerated in clauses (i) through (iv); or

325 5. A shotgun with a magazine that will hold more than seven rounds of the shortest ammunition for which
326 it is chambered.

327 An "assault firearm" does not include any firearm that is an antique firearm, has been rendered
328 permanently inoperable, is manually operated by bolt, pump, lever, or slide action, or was manufactured
329 before July 1, 2026.

330 "Curios or relics" means firearms that are of special interest to collectors by reason of some quality other
331 than is associated with firearms intended for sporting use or as offensive or defensive weapons. To be
332 recognized as curios or relics, firearms must fall within one of the following categories:

333 1. Firearms that were manufactured at least 50 years prior to the current date, which use rimfire or
334 conventional centerfire fixed ammunition that is no longer manufactured in the United States and that is not
335 readily available in the ordinary channels of commercial trade, but not including replicas thereof;

336 2. Firearms that are certified by the curator of a municipal, state, or federal museum that exhibits firearms
337 to be curios or relics of museum interest; and

338 3. Any other firearms that derive a substantial part of their monetary value from the fact that they are
339 novel, rare, bizarre, or because of their association with some historical figure, period, or event. Proof of
340 qualification of a particular firearm under this category may be established by evidence of present value and
341 evidence that like firearms are not available except as collectors' items, or that the value of like firearms
342 available in ordinary commercial channels is substantially less.

343 "Dealer" means any person licensed as a dealer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 921 et seq.

344 "Firearm" means any handgun, shotgun, or rifle that will or is designed to or may readily be converted to
345 expel single or multiple projectiles by action of an explosion of a combustible material.

346 "Handgun" means any pistol or revolver or other firearm originally designed, made and intended to fire
347 single or multiple projectiles by means of an explosion of a combustible material from one or more barrels
348 when held in one hand.

349 "Lawfully admitted for permanent residence" means the status of having been lawfully accorded the
350 privilege of residing permanently in the United States as an immigrant in accordance with the immigration
351 laws, such status not having changed.

352 G. The Department of Criminal Justice Services shall promulgate regulations to ensure the identity,
353 confidentiality, and security of all records and data provided by the Department of State Police pursuant to
354 this section.

355 H. The provisions of this section shall not apply to (i) transactions between persons who are licensed as
356 firearms importers or collectors, manufacturers or dealers pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 921 et seq.; (ii) purchases
357 by or sales to any law-enforcement officer or agent of the United States, the Commonwealth or any local
358 government, or any campus police officer appointed under Article 3 (§ 23.1-809 et seq.) of Chapter 8 of Title
359 23.1; or (iii) antique firearms or curios or relics.

360 I. The provisions of this section shall not apply to restrict purchase, trade, or transfer of firearms by a
361 resident of Virginia when the resident of Virginia makes such purchase, trade, or transfer in another state, in
362 which case the laws and regulations of that state and the United States governing the purchase, trade, or
363 transfer of firearms shall apply. A National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) check shall
364 be performed prior to such purchase, trade, or transfer of firearms.

365 J. All licensed firearms dealers shall collect a fee of \$2 for every transaction for which a criminal history
366 record information check is required pursuant to this section, except that a fee of \$5 shall be collected for
367 every transaction involving an out-of-state resident. Such fee shall be transmitted to the Department of State
368 Police by the last day of the month following the sale for deposit in a special fund for use by the State Police

369 to offset the cost of conducting criminal history record information checks under the provisions of this
370 section.

371 K. Any person willfully and intentionally making a materially false statement on the consent form
372 required in subsection B or C or on such firearm transaction records as may be required by federal law ~~shall~~
373 ~~be~~ is guilty of a Class 5 felony.

374 L. Except as provided in § 18.2-308.2:1, any dealer who willfully and intentionally sells, rents, trades, or
375 transfers a firearm in violation of this section ~~shall~~ ~~be~~ is guilty of a Class 6 felony.

376 L1. Any person who attempts to solicit, persuade, encourage, or entice any dealer to transfer or otherwise
377 convey a firearm other than to the actual buyer, as well as any other person who willfully and intentionally
378 aids or abets such person, ~~shall~~ ~~be~~ is guilty of a Class 6 felony. This subsection shall not apply to a federal
379 law-enforcement officer or a law-enforcement officer as defined in § 9.1-101, in the performance of his
380 official duties, or other person under his direct supervision.

381 M. Any person who purchases a firearm with the intent to (i) resell or otherwise provide such firearm to
382 any person who he knows or has reason to believe is ineligible to purchase or otherwise receive from a dealer
383 a firearm for whatever reason or (ii) transport such firearm out of the Commonwealth to be resold or
384 otherwise provided to another person who the transferor knows is ineligible to purchase or otherwise receive
385 a firearm, ~~shall~~ ~~be~~ is guilty of a Class 4 felony and sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment
386 of one year. However, if the violation of this subsection involves such a transfer of more than one firearm, the
387 person shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of five years. The prohibitions of
388 this subsection shall not apply to the purchase of a firearm by a person for the lawful use, possession, or
389 transport thereof, pursuant to § 18.2-308.7, by his child, grandchild, or individual for whom he is the legal
390 guardian if such child, grandchild, or individual is ineligible, solely because of his age, to purchase a firearm.

391 N. Any person who is ineligible to purchase or otherwise receive or possess a firearm in the
392 Commonwealth who solicits, employs, or assists any person in violating subsection M ~~shall~~ ~~be~~ is guilty of a
393 Class 4 felony and shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of five years.

394 O. Any mandatory minimum sentence imposed under this section shall be served consecutively with any
395 other sentence.

396 P. All driver's licenses issued on or after July 1, 1994, shall carry a letter designation indicating whether
397 the driver's license is an original, duplicate, or renewed driver's license.

398 Q. Prior to selling, renting, trading, or transferring any firearm owned by the dealer but not in his
399 inventory to any other person, a dealer may require such other person to consent to have the dealer obtain
400 criminal history record information to determine if such other person is prohibited from possessing or
401 transporting a firearm by state or federal law. The Department of State Police shall establish policies and
402 procedures in accordance with 28 C.F.R. § 25.6 to permit such determinations to be made by the Department
403 of State Police, and the processes established for making such determinations shall conform to the provisions
404 of this section.

405 R. Except as provided in subdivisions 1 and 2, it ~~shall~~ ~~be~~ is unlawful for any person who is not a licensed
406 firearms dealer to purchase more than one handgun within any 30-day period. For the purposes of this
407 subsection, "purchase" does not include the exchange or replacement of a handgun by a seller for a handgun
408 purchased from such seller by the same person seeking the exchange or replacement within the 30-day period
409 immediately preceding the date of exchange or replacement. A violation of this subsection is punishable as a
410 Class 1 misdemeanor.

411 1. Purchases in excess of one handgun within a 30-day period may be made upon completion of an
412 enhanced background check, as described in this subsection, by special application to the Department of State
413 Police listing the number and type of handguns to be purchased and transferred for lawful business or
414 personal use, in a collector series, for collections, as a bulk purchase from estate sales, and for similar
415 purposes. Such applications shall be signed under oath by the applicant on forms provided by the Department
416 of State Police, shall state the purpose for the purchase above the limit, and shall require satisfactory proof of
417 residency and identity. Such application shall be in addition to the firearms sales report required by the
418 federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). The Superintendent of State Police
419 shall promulgate regulations, pursuant to the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.), for the
420 implementation of an application process for purchases of handguns above the limit.

421 Upon being satisfied that these requirements have been met, the Department of State Police shall
422 immediately issue to the applicant a nontransferable certificate, which shall be valid for seven days from the
423 date of issue. The certificate shall be surrendered to the dealer by the prospective purchaser prior to the
424 consummation of such sale and shall be kept on file at the dealer's place of business for inspection as
425 provided in § 54.1-4201 for a period of not less than two years. Upon request of any local law-enforcement
426 agency, and pursuant to its regulations, the Department of State Police may certify such local
427 law-enforcement agency to serve as its agent to receive applications and, upon authorization by the
428 Department of State Police, issue certificates immediately pursuant to this subdivision. Applications and
429 certificates issued under this subdivision shall be maintained as records as provided in subdivision B 3. The
430 Department of State Police shall make available to local law-enforcement agencies all records concerning

431 certificates issued pursuant to this subdivision and all records provided for in subdivision B 3.

432 2. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to:

433 a. A law-enforcement agency;

434 b. An agency duly authorized to perform law-enforcement duties;

435 c. A state or local correctional facility;

436 d. A private security company licensed to do business within the Commonwealth;

437 e. The purchase of antique firearms;

438 f. A person whose handgun is stolen or irretrievably lost who deems it essential that such handgun be
439 replaced immediately. Such person may purchase another handgun, even if the person has previously
440 purchased a handgun within a 30-day period, provided that (i) the person provides the firearms dealer with a
441 copy of the official police report or a summary thereof, on forms provided by the Department of State Police,
442 from the law-enforcement agency that took the report of the lost or stolen handgun; (ii) the official police
443 report or summary thereof contains the name and address of the handgun owner, a description of the
444 handgun, the location of the loss or theft, the date of the loss or theft, and the date the loss or theft was
445 reported to the law-enforcement agency; and (iii) the date of the loss or theft as reflected on the official police
446 report or summary thereof occurred within 30 days of the person's attempt to replace the handgun. The
447 firearms dealer shall attach a copy of the official police report or summary thereof to the original copy of the
448 Virginia firearms transaction report completed for the transaction and retain it for the period prescribed by the
449 Department of State Police;

450 g. A person who trades in a handgun at the same time he makes a handgun purchase and as a part of the
451 same transaction, provided that no more than one transaction of this nature is completed per day;

452 h. A person who holds a valid Virginia permit to carry a concealed handgun;

453 i. A person who purchases a handgun in a private sale. For purposes of this subdivision, "private sale"
454 means a purchase from a person who makes occasional sales, exchanges, or purchases of firearms for the
455 enhancement of a personal collection of curios or relics or who sells all or part of such collection of curios
456 and relics; or

457 j. A law-enforcement officer. For purposes of this subdivision, "law-enforcement officer" means any
458 employee of a police department or sheriff's office that is part of or administered by the Commonwealth or
459 any political subdivision thereof and who is responsible for the prevention and detection of crime and the
460 enforcement of the penal, traffic, or highway laws of the Commonwealth.

461 *S. No person shall purchase an assault firearm manufactured before July 1, 2026, from a dealer unless
462 such person is 21 years of age or older.*

463 *T. No dealer shall sell, rent, trade, or transfer from his inventory an assault firearm manufactured before
464 July 1, 2026, to any person unless such person is 21 years of age or older.*

465 **§ 18.2-308.2:3. Criminal background check required for employees of a gun dealer to transfer
466 firearms; exemptions; penalties.**

467 A. No person, corporation, or proprietorship licensed as a firearms dealer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 921 et
468 seq. shall employ any person to act as a seller, whether full-time or part-time, permanent, temporary, paid or
469 unpaid, for the transfer of firearms under § 18.2-308.2:2, if such employee would be prohibited from
470 possessing a firearm under § 18.2-308.1:1, 18.2-308.1:2, or 18.2-308.1:3, subsection B of § 18.2-308.1:4, or
471 § 18.2-308.1:6, 18.2-308.1:7, 18.2-308.1:8, 18.2-308.1:9, 18.2-308.2, or 18.2-308.2:01, or is an illegal alien,
472 or is prohibited from purchasing or transporting a firearm pursuant to subsection A of § 18.2-308.1:4 or
473 § 18.2-308.1:5.

474 B. Prior to permitting an applicant to begin employment, the dealer shall obtain a written statement or
475 affirmation from the applicant that he is not disqualified from possessing a firearm and shall submit the
476 applicant's fingerprints and personal descriptive information to the Central Criminal Records Exchange to be
477 forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for the purpose of obtaining national criminal history
478 record information regarding the applicant.

479 C. Prior to August 1, 2000, the dealer shall obtain written statements or affirmations from persons
480 employed before July 1, 2000, to act as a seller under § 18.2-308.2:2 that they are not disqualified from
481 possessing a firearm. Within five working days of the employee's next birthday, after August 1, 2000, the
482 dealer shall submit the employee's fingerprints and personal descriptive information to the Central Criminal
483 Records Exchange to be forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for the purpose of obtaining
484 national criminal history record information regarding the request.

485 C1. In lieu of submitting fingerprints pursuant to this section, any dealer holding a valid federal firearms
486 license (FFL) issued by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) may submit a sworn and
487 notarized affidavit to the Department of State Police on a form provided by the Department, stating that the
488 dealer has been subjected to a record check prior to the issuance and that the FFL was issued by the ATF. The
489 affidavit may also contain the names of any employees that have been subjected to a record check and
490 approved by the ATF. This exemption shall apply regardless of whether the FFL was issued in the name of
491 the dealer or in the name of the business. The affidavit shall contain the valid FFL number, state the name of
492 each person requesting the exemption, together with each person's identifying information, including their

493 social security number and the following statement: "I hereby swear, under the penalty of perjury, that as a
494 condition of obtaining a federal firearms license, each person requesting an exemption in this affidavit has
495 been subjected to a fingerprint identification check by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the
496 Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms subsequently determined that each person satisfied the
497 requirements of 18 U.S.C. § 921 et seq. I understand that any person convicted of making a false statement in
498 this affidavit is guilty of a Class 5 felony and that in addition to any other penalties imposed by law, a
499 conviction under this section shall result in the forfeiture of my federal firearms license."

500 D. The Department of State Police, upon receipt of an individual's record or notification that no record
501 exists, shall submit an eligibility report to the requesting dealer within 30 days of the applicant beginning his
502 duties for new employees or within 30 days of the applicant's birthday for a person employed prior to July 1,
503 2000.

504 E. If any applicant is denied employment because of information appearing on the criminal history record
505 and the applicant disputes the information upon which the denial was based, the Central Criminal Records
506 Exchange shall, upon written request, furnish to the applicant the procedures for obtaining a copy of the
507 criminal history record from the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The information provided to the dealer shall
508 not be disseminated except as provided in this section.

509 F. The applicant shall bear the cost of obtaining the criminal history record unless the dealer, at his option,
510 decides to pay such cost.

511 G. Upon receipt of the request for a criminal history record information check, the State Police shall
512 establish a unique number for that firearm seller. Beginning September 1, 2001, the firearm seller's signature,
513 firearm seller's number and the dealer's identification number shall be on all firearm transaction forms. The
514 State Police shall void the firearm seller's number when a disqualifying record is discovered. The State Police
515 may suspend a firearm seller's identification number upon the arrest of the firearm seller for a potentially
516 disqualifying crime.

517 H. This section shall not restrict the transfer of a firearm at any place other than at a dealership or at any
518 event required to be registered as a gun show.

519 I. Any person who willfully and intentionally requests, obtains, or seeks to obtain criminal history record
520 information under false pretenses, or who willfully and intentionally disseminates or seeks to disseminate
521 criminal history record information except as authorized by this section and § 18.2-308.2:2, ~~shall be~~ is guilty
522 of a Class 2 misdemeanor.

523 J. Any person willfully and intentionally making a materially false statement on the personal descriptive
524 information required in this section ~~shall be~~ is guilty of a Class 5 felony. Any person who offers for transfer
525 any firearm in violation of this section ~~shall be~~ is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. Any dealer who willfully
526 and knowingly employs or permits a person to act as a firearm seller in violation of this section ~~shall be~~ is
527 guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

528 K. There is no civil liability for any seller for the actions of any purchaser or subsequent transferee of a
529 firearm lawfully transferred pursuant to this section.

530 L. The provisions of this section requiring a seller's background check shall not apply to a licensed dealer.

531 M. Any person who willfully and intentionally makes a false statement in the affidavit as set out in
532 subdivision C 1 ~~shall be~~ is guilty of a Class 5 felony.

533 N. For purposes of this section:

534 "Dealer" means any person, corporation or proprietorship licensed as a dealer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 921
535 et seq.

536 "Firearm" means any handgun, shotgun, or rifle that will or is designed to or may readily be converted to
537 expel single or multiple projectiles by action of an explosion of a combustible material.

538 "Place of business" means any place or premises where a dealer may lawfully transfer firearms.

539 "Seller" means for the purpose of any single sale of a firearm any person who is a dealer or an agent of a
540 dealer, who may lawfully transfer firearms and who actually performs the criminal background check in
541 accordance with the provisions of § 18.2-308.2:2.

542 "Transfer" means any act performed with intent to sell, rent, barter, or trade or otherwise transfer
543 ownership or permanent possession of a firearm at the place of business of a dealer.

544 **§ 18.2-308.2:5. Criminal history record information check required to sell firearm; penalties.**

545 A. No person shall sell a firearm for money, goods, services or anything else of value unless he has
546 obtained verification from a licensed dealer in firearms that information on the prospective purchaser has
547 been submitted for a criminal history record information check as set out in § 18.2-308.2:2 and that a
548 determination has been received from the Department of State Police that the prospective purchaser is not
549 prohibited under state or federal law from possessing a firearm or such sale is specifically exempted by state
550 or federal law. The Department of State Police shall provide a means by which sellers may obtain from
551 designated licensed dealers the approval or denial of firearm transfer requests, based on criminal history
552 record information checks. The processes established shall conform to the provisions of § 18.2-308.2:2, and
553 the definitions and provisions of § 18.2-308.2:2 regarding criminal history record information checks shall
554 apply to this section mutatis mutandis. The designated dealer shall collect and disseminate the fees prescribed

555 in § 18.2-308.2:2 as required by that section. The dealer may charge and retain an additional fee not to exceed
556 \$15 for obtaining a criminal history record information check on behalf of a seller.

557 B. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection A and unless otherwise prohibited by *subsection E or*
558 state or federal law, a person may sell a firearm to another person if:

559 1. The sale of a firearm is to an authorized representative of the Commonwealth or any subdivision
560 thereof as part of an authorized voluntary gun buy-back or give-back program;

561 2. The sale occurs at a firearms show, as defined in § 54.1-4200, and the seller has received a
562 determination from the Department of State Police that the purchaser is not prohibited under state or federal
563 law from possessing a firearm in accordance with § 54.1-4201.2; or

564 3. The sale of a firearm is conducted pursuant to § 59.1-148.3, with the exception of a sale conducted
565 pursuant to subsection C of § 59.1-148.3.

566 C. Any person who willfully and intentionally sells a firearm to another person without obtaining
567 verification in accordance with this section is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

568 D. Any person who willfully and intentionally purchases a firearm from another person without obtaining
569 verification in accordance with this section is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

570 E. *No person shall sell an assault firearm as defined in § 18.2-308.2:2 for money, goods, services, or*
571 *anything else of value.*

572 Any person who willfully and intentionally (i) sells an assault firearm as defined in § 18.2-308.2:2 to
573 another person or (ii) purchases an assault firearm as defined in § 18.2-308.2:2 from another person is guilty
574 of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

575 **§ 18.2-308.7. Possession or transportation of certain firearms by persons under the age of 18;
576 penalty.**

577 It shall be is unlawful for any person under 18 years of age to knowingly and intentionally possess or
578 transport a handgun or assault firearm anywhere in the Commonwealth. For the purposes of this section,
579 "handgun" means any pistol or revolver or other firearm originally designed, made, and intended to fire single
580 or multiple projectiles by means of an explosion of a combustible material from one or more barrels when
581 held in one hand and "assault firearm" means any (i) semi-automatic centerfire rifle or pistol which expels
582 single or multiple projectiles by action of an explosion of a combustible material and is equipped at the time
583 of the offense with a magazine which will hold more than 20 rounds of ammunition or designed by the
584 manufacturer to accommodate a silencer or equipped with a folding stock or (ii) shotgun with a magazine
585 which will hold more than seven rounds of the longest ammunition for which it is chambered. A violation of
586 this section shall be is a Class 1 misdemeanor.

587 This section shall not apply to:

588 1. Any person (i) while in his home or on his property; (ii) while in the home or on the property of his
589 parent, grandparent, or legal guardian; or (iii) while on the property of another who has provided prior
590 permission, and with the prior permission of his parent or legal guardian if the person has the landowner's
591 written permission on his person while on such property;

592 2. Any person who, while accompanied by an adult, is at, or going to and from, a lawful shooting range or
593 firearms educational class, provided that the weapons are unloaded while being transported;

594 3. Any person actually engaged in lawful hunting or going to and from a hunting area or preserve,
595 provided that the weapons are unloaded while being transported; and

596 4. Any person while carrying out his duties in the Armed Forces of the United States or the National
597 Guard of this Commonwealth or any other state.

598 **§ 18.2-309.1. Sale, transfer, etc., of certain firearms magazines prohibited; penalty.**

599 A. As used in this section, a "large capacity ammunition feeding device" means a magazine, belt, drum,
600 feed strip, or similar device manufactured on or after July 1, 2026, that has a capacity of, or that can be
601 readily restored or converted to accept, more than 10 rounds of ammunition but does not include an attached
602 tubular device designed to accept and capable of operating only with .22 caliber rimfire ammunition.

603 B. Any person who imports, sells, barterers, or transfers a large capacity ammunition feeding device is
604 guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

605 C. The provisions of this section shall not apply to the manufacture of a large capacity ammunition
606 feeding device by, transfer of a large capacity ammunition feeding device to, or possession of a large
607 capacity ammunition feeding device by the Commonwealth or a department, agency, or political subdivision
608 of the Commonwealth, transfer of a large capacity ammunition feeding device to or possession of a large
609 capacity ammunition feeding device by a law-enforcement officer employed by such an entity for purposes of
610 law enforcement, or possession of a large capacity ammunition feeding device by an individual who is retired
611 from service with a law-enforcement agency and is not otherwise prohibited from receiving ammunition
612 transferred to the individual by the law-enforcement agency upon his retirement.

613 **§ 19.2-386.28. Forfeiture of weapons, etc., that are concealed, possessed, transported, or carried in
614 violation of law.**

615 If any firearm, stun weapon as defined by § 18.2-308.1, weapon, magazine, auto sear, or trigger activator
616 is concealed, possessed, transported, or carried in violation of § 18.2-283.1, 18.2-287.01, 18.2-287.4,

617 18.2-287.4:1, 18.2-287.4:2, 18.2-308.1:2, 18.2-308.1:3, 18.2-308.1:4, 18.2-308.1:8, 18.2-308.1:9, 18.2-308.2,
618 18.2-308.2:01, 18.2-308.2:1, 18.2-308.4, 18.2-308.5, 18.2-308.5:1, 18.2-308.7, or 18.2-308.8, or 18.2-309.1,
619 it shall be forfeited to the Commonwealth and disposed of as provided in § 19.2-386.29.

620 **2. That the provisions of this act may result in a net increase in periods of imprisonment or
621 commitment. Pursuant to § 30-19.1:4 of the Code of Virginia, the estimated amount of the necessary
622 appropriation cannot be determined for periods of imprisonment in state adult correctional facilities;
623 therefore, Chapter 725 of the Acts of Assembly of 2025 requires the Virginia Criminal Sentencing
624 Commission to assign a minimum fiscal impact of \$50,000. Pursuant to § 30-19.1:4 of the Code of
625 Virginia, the estimated amount of the necessary appropriation cannot be determined for periods of
626 commitment to the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice.**

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