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**SENATE BILL 25-003**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING PROHIBITED ACTIVITY INVOLVING SEMIAUTOMATIC**  
102           **FIREARMS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, PROHIBITING THE**  
103           **MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTION, TRANSFER, SALE, AND PURCHASE**  
104           **OF SPECIFIED SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARMS AND CLASSIFYING A**  
105           **DEVICE THAT INCREASES THE RATE OF FIRE OF A**  
106           **SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARM AS A DANGEROUS WEAPON.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

The bill defines a "specified semiautomatic firearm" as a

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semiautomatic rifle or semiautomatic shotgun with a detachable magazine or a gas-operated semiautomatic handgun with a detachable magazine. The bill prohibits knowingly manufacturing, distributing, transferring, selling, or purchasing a specified semiautomatic firearm; except that a person may transfer a specified semiautomatic firearm to an heir, an individual residing in another state, or a federally licensed firearm dealer.

Unlawful manufacture, distribution, transfer, sale, or purchase of a specified semiautomatic firearm is a class 2 misdemeanor; except that a second or subsequent offense is a class 6 felony. The department of revenue shall revoke the state firearms dealer permit of a dealer who unlawfully manufactures, distributes, transfers, sells, or purchases a specified semiautomatic firearm. The Colorado bureau of investigation shall deny the transfer of a firearm to a person who was convicted of misdemeanor unlawful manufacture, distribution, transfer, sale, or purchase of a specified semiautomatic firearm within 5 years prior to the transfer. A person convicted of felony unlawful manufacture, distribution, transfer, sale, or purchase of a specified semiautomatic firearm is prohibited from possessing a firearm or certain other weapons.

Existing law prohibits possession of a dangerous weapon. The bill defines "rapid-fire device" and classifies rapid-fire devices as dangerous weapons under Colorado law. The bill repeals the definition of "machine gun conversion device" and removes machine gun conversion devices from the list of dangerous weapons.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-12-101, **repeal**  
3 (1)(g.2); and **add** (1)(g.7) and (1)(g.8) as follows:

4           **18-12-101. Peace officer affirmative defense - definitions.**

5 (1) As used in this article 12, unless the context otherwise requires:

6           (g.2) ~~"Machine gun conversion device" means any part designed~~  
7 ~~or intended, or combination of parts designed or intended, for use in~~  
8 ~~converting a firearm into a machine gun.~~

9           (g.7) "RAPID-FIRE DEVICE" MEANS ANY DEVICE, PART, KIT, TOOL,  
10 ACCESSORY, OR COMBINATION OF PARTS THAT HAS THE EFFECT OF  
11 INCREASING THE RATE OF FIRE OF A SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARM ABOVE THE  
12 STANDARD RATE OF FIRE FOR THE SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARM THAT IS NOT

1 OTHERWISE EQUIPPED WITH THAT DEVICE, PART, OR COMBINATION OF  
2 PARTS.

3 (g.8) "SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARM" MEANS A FIREARM THAT IS NOT  
4 A MACHINE GUN AND THAT, UPON INITIATING THE FIRING SEQUENCE, FIRES  
5 THE FIRST CHAMBERED CARTRIDGE AND USES A PORTION OF THE ENERGY  
6 OF THE FIRING CARTRIDGE TO EXTRACT THE EXPENDED CARTRIDGE CASE,  
7 CHAMBER THE NEXT ROUND, AND PREPARE THE FIRING MECHANISM TO  
8 FIRE AGAIN, AND REQUIRES A SEPARATE PULL, RELEASE, PUSH, OR  
9 INITIATION OF THE TRIGGER TO FIRE EACH CARTRIDGE. "SEMIAUTOMATIC  
10 FIREARM" INCLUDES A SEMIAUTOMATIC RIFLE, SEMIAUTOMATIC SHOTGUN,  
11 OR SEMIAUTOMATIC HANDGUN.

12 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 18-12-116 as  
13 follows:

14 **18-12-116. Enforcement of large-capacity magazine ban by**  
15 **regulating the manufacture, distribution, transfer, sale, and purchase**  
16 **of specified semiautomatic firearms - penalties - definitions.** (1) AS  
17 USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

18 (a) "CYCLE THE ACTION" MEANS TO EXTRACT THE FIRED  
19 CARTRIDGE CASE, CHAMBER THE NEXT CARTRIDGE, AND PREPARE THE  
20 FIRING MECHANISM TO FIRE AGAIN.

21 (b) "DETACHABLE MAGAZINE" MEANS AN AMMUNITION FEEDING  
22 DEVICE THAT IS NOT PERMANENTLY ATTACHED TO A FIREARM AND MAY BE  
23 REMOVED FROM THE FIREARM WITHOUT RENDERING THE FIREARM  
24 INCAPABLE OF ACCEPTING ANY MAGAZINE.

25 (c) "GAS-OPERATED SEMIAUTOMATIC HANDGUN" MEANS ANY  
26 SEMIAUTOMATIC HANDGUN THAT HARNESSSES OR TRAPS A PORTION OF THE  
27 HIGH-PRESSURE GAS FROM A FIRED CARTRIDGE TO CYCLE THE ACTION

1 USING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

2 (I) A LONG-STROKE PISTON SYSTEM IN WHICH GAS IS VENTED FROM  
3 THE BARREL TO A PISTON THAT IS MECHANICALLY FIXED TO THE BOLT  
4 GROUP AND MOVES TO CYCLE THE ACTION;

5 (II) A SHORT-STROKE PISTON SYSTEM IN WHICH GAS IS VENTED  
6 FROM THE BARREL TO A PISTON THAT MOVES SEPARATELY FROM THE BOLT  
7 GROUP SO THAT THE ENERGY IS IMPARTED THROUGH A GAS PISTON TO  
8 CYCLE THE ACTION;

9 (III) A SYSTEM THAT TRAPS AND VENTS GAS FROM EITHER THE  
10 BARREL OR THE CHAMBER TO DIRECTLY STRIKE OR IMPINGE THE BOLT,  
11 BOLT CARRIER, OR SLIDE ASSEMBLY, TO UNLOCK AND CYCLE THE ACTION;

12 (IV) A HYBRID SYSTEM THAT COMBINES ELEMENTS OF A SYSTEM  
13 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)(c)(I) OF THIS SECTION WITH A SYSTEM  
14 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)(c)(II) OR (1)(c)(III) OF THIS SECTION TO  
15 CAPTURE GAS VENTED FROM THE BARREL TO CYCLE THE ACTION; OR

16 (V) A BLOWBACK-OPERATED SYSTEM THAT DIRECTLY UTILIZES  
17 THE EXPANDING GASSES OF THE IGNITED PROPELLANT POWDER ACTING ON  
18 THE CARTRIDGE CASE TO DRIVE THE BREECHBLOCK OR BREECH BOLT  
19 REARWARD.

20 (d) (I) "SPECIFIED SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARM" MEANS ANY OF THE  
21 FOLLOWING, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (1)(d)(II) OF THIS  
22 SECTION:

23 (A) A SEMIAUTOMATIC RIFLE OR SEMIAUTOMATIC SHOTGUN WITH  
24 A DETACHABLE MAGAZINE; OR

25 (B) A GAS-OPERATED SEMIAUTOMATIC HANDGUN WITH A  
26 DETACHABLE MAGAZINE.

27 (II) "SPECIFIED SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARM" DOES NOT INCLUDE:

1 (A) A FIREARM DESIGNED TO ACCEPT, AND CAPABLE OF  
2 OPERATING ONLY WITH, .22 OR LOWER CALIBER RIMFIRE AMMUNITION,  
3 UNLESS THE FIREARM HAS A SEPARATE UPPER AND LOWER RECEIVER;

4 (B) A FIREARM THAT IS MANUALLY OPERATED BY BOLT, PUMP,  
5 LEVER, OR SLIDE ACTION;

6 (C) A FIREARM THAT HAS A PERMANENTLY FIXED MAGAZINE THAT  
7 CANNOT ACCEPT MORE THAN FIFTEEN ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION;

8 (D) A SINGLE OR DOUBLE ACTION SEMIAUTOMATIC HANDGUN  
9 THAT USES RECOIL TO CYCLE THE ACTION OF THE HANDGUN;

10 (E) A FIREARM THAT HAS BEEN MADE PERMANENTLY INOPERABLE;

11 OR

12 (F) AN ANTIQUE FIREARM AS DEFINED IN 18 U.S.C. SEC. 921  
13 (a)(16).

14 (2) ON OR AFTER SEPTEMBER 1, 2025, IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY  
15 PERSON TO KNOWINGLY MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTE, TRANSFER, SELL, OR  
16 PURCHASE A SPECIFIED SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARM; EXCEPT THAT A PERSON  
17 MAY SELL OR TRANSFER A SPECIFIED SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARM TO AN  
18 HEIR, AN INDIVIDUAL RESIDING IN ANOTHER STATE, OR A FEDERALLY  
19 LICENSED FIREARM DEALER.

20 (3) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO:

21 (a) THE MANUFACTURE, TRANSFER, OR SALE OF A SPECIFIED  
22 SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARM TO, OR RECEIPT OR PURCHASE OF A SPECIFIED  
23 SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARM BY:

24 (I) A FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY FOR  
25 THE PURPOSE OF EQUIPPING THE AGENCY'S PEACE OFFICERS;

26 (II) THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, THE WARDEN OF A  
27 PRISON, THE SUPERINTENDENT OF A FACILITY IN WHICH A PERSON HAS

1 BEEN PLACED BY TRANSFER FROM A CORRECTIONAL FACILITY PURSUANT  
2 TO SECTION 17-23-101, THE KEEPER OF A JAIL, OR THE HEAD OF ANY  
3 OTHER INSTITUTION FOR THE DETENTION OF PEOPLE ACCUSED OR  
4 CONVICTED OF AN OFFENSE, IN ORDER TO EQUIP STAFF FOR THE  
5 PERFORMANCE OF THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES; OR

6 (III) AN ENTITY THAT OPERATES AN ARMORED VEHICLE BUSINESS  
7 FOR USE BY AN AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEE OF THE ENTITY WHILE IN THE  
8 COURSE AND SCOPE OF THE EMPLOYEE'S DUTIES;

9 (b) THE MANUFACTURE, TRANSFER, OR SALE OF A SPECIFIED  
10 SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARM TO, OR RECEIPT OR PURCHASE OF A SPECIFIED  
11 SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARM FOR USE BY, MEMBERS OF THE ARMED SERVICES  
12 OR RESERVE FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES OR OF THE COLORADO  
13 NATIONAL GUARD, IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES;

14 (c) THE TRANSFER OF A SPECIFIED SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARM TO,  
15 AND RECEIPT OF A SPECIFIED SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARM BY:

16 (I) A FEDERALLY LICENSED FIREARMS DEALER FOR TEMPORARY  
17 STORAGE OR PERMANENT DISPOSAL; OR

18 (II) A GUNSMITH FOR THE PURPOSES OF MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, OR  
19 MODIFICATION AND THE SUBSEQUENT RETURN OF THE SPECIFIED  
20 SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARM TO THE LAWFUL OWNER, AS LONG AS THE  
21 LAWFUL OWNER IS NOT OTHERWISE PROHIBITED BY LAW FROM POSSESSING  
22 THE SPECIFIED SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARM; AND

23 (d) THE TRANSFER OR SALE OF A SPECIFIED SEMIAUTOMATIC  
24 FIREARM TO, AND RECEIPT OR PURCHASE OF A SPECIFIED SEMIAUTOMATIC  
25 FIREARM BY:

26 (I) A FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MUSEUM,  
27 OR INSTITUTIONAL COLLECTION THAT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, IF THE

1 SPECIFIED SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARM IS RENDERED PERMANENTLY  
2 INOPERABLE PRIOR TO THE SALE OR TRANSFER; AND

3 (II) A FORENSIC LABORATORY, OR ANY AUTHORIZED AGENT OR  
4 EMPLOYEE OF THE LABORATORY, FOR USE EXCLUSIVELY IN THE COURSE  
5 AND SCOPE OF FORENSIC ANALYSIS.

6 (4) (a) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION COMMITS  
7 UNLAWFUL MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTION, TRANSFER, SALE, OR PURCHASE  
8 OF A SPECIFIED SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARM.

9 (b) UNLAWFUL MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTION, TRANSFER, SALE,  
10 OR PURCHASE OF A SPECIFIED SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARM IS A CLASS 2  
11 MISDEMEANOR; EXCEPT THAT A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE IS A  
12 CLASS 6 FELONY.

13 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-12-108, **amend**  
14 (7)(hhh) and (7)(iii); and **add** (7)(jjj) as follows:

15 **18-12-108. Possession of weapons by previous offenders.** (7) In  
16 addition to a conviction for felony crime as defined in section 24-4.1-302  
17 (1), a felony conviction or adjudication for one of the following felonies  
18 prohibits a person from possessing, using, or carrying upon the person a  
19 firearm as defined in section 18-1-901 (3)(h) or any other weapon that is  
20 subject to this article 12 pursuant to subsection (1) or (3) of this section:

21 (hhh) A criminal attempt, complicity, or conspiracy to commit any  
22 of the offenses listed in this subsection (7); ~~and~~

23 (iii) Unlawful conduct involving an unserialized firearm, frame,  
24 or receiver, as described in section 18-12-111.5; AND

25 (jjj) UNLAWFUL MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTION, TRANSFER, SALE,  
26 OR PURCHASE OF A SPECIFIED SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARM, AS DESCRIBED IN  
27 SECTION 18-12-116.

1           **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-33.5-424, **amend**  
2 (3)(b.3)(XI) and (3)(b.3)(XII); and **add** (3)(b.3)(XIII) as follows:

3           **24-33.5-424. National instant criminal background check**  
4 **system - state point of contact - fee - grounds for denial of firearm**  
5 **transfer - appeal - rule-making - unlawful acts - instant criminal**  
6 **background check cash fund - creation.** (3) (b.3) In addition to the  
7 grounds for denial specified in subsections (3)(a) and (3)(b) of this  
8 section, the bureau shall deny a transfer of a firearm if the prospective  
9 transferee has been convicted of any of the following offenses committed  
10 on or after June 19, 2021, if the offense is classified as a misdemeanor,  
11 or if the prospective transferee has been convicted in another state or  
12 jurisdiction, including a military or federal jurisdiction, of an offense that,  
13 if committed in Colorado, would constitute any of the following offenses  
14 classified as a misdemeanor offense, within five years prior to the  
15 transfer:

16           (XI) Unlawfully providing a firearm other than a handgun to a  
17 juvenile, as described in section 18-12-108.7 (3); ~~or~~

18           (XII) Unlawful conduct involving an unserialized firearm, frame,  
19 or receiver, as described in section 18-12-111.5; OR

20           (XIII) UNLAWFUL MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTION, TRANSFER, SALE,  
21 OR PURCHASE OF A SPECIFIED SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARM, AS DESCRIBED IN  
22 SECTION 18-12-116.

23           **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-12-401.5, **amend**  
24 (8)(a)(IV)(D) and (8)(a)(IV)(E); and **add** (8)(a)(IV)(F) as follows:

25           **18-12-401.5. Permit required - issuing agency - cash fund -**  
26 **inspections - penalty - report - rules - repeal.** (8) (a) Notwithstanding  
27 subsection (7) of this section, the department shall revoke a state permit



1 if the state permit holder:

2 (IV) Is convicted of any of the following:

3 (D) Selling or otherwise transferring a firearm to a person who is  
4 ineligible to possess the firearm pursuant to state or federal law; ~~or~~

5 (E) Selling or otherwise transferring a firearm component or  
6 accessory, as defined in section 29-11.7-101.5, to another person in  
7 violation of federal, state, or local law; OR

8 (F) MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTING, TRANSFERRING, SELLING, OR  
9 PURCHASING A SPECIFIED SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARM IN VIOLATION OF  
10 SECTION 18-12-116.

11 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-31-120 as  
12 follows:

13 **24-31-120. List of prohibited weapons.** THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
14 MAY PROVIDE GUIDANCE AND CLARIFICATION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT  
15 AGENCIES AND FIREARM BUYERS AND SELLERS TO ASSIST IN THE  
16 IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTION 18-12-116. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY  
17 PUBLISH GUIDANCE AND OPINIONS CONCERNING SECTION 18-12-116,  
18 INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, OPINIONS ABOUT THE SPECIFIC MODELS  
19 OF FIREARMS TO WHICH SECTION 18-12-116 (2) APPLIES.

20 **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-12-102, **amend**  
21 (1) as follows:

22 **18-12-102. Possessing a dangerous or illegal weapon -**  
23 **affirmative defense - definition.** (1) As used in this section, the term  
24 "dangerous weapon" means a firearm silencer, machine gun, ~~machine gun~~  
25 ~~conversion device~~ RAPID-FIRE DEVICE, short shotgun, or short rifle.

26 **SECTION 8. Effective date - applicability.** This act takes effect  
27 September 1, 2025, and applies to offenses committed on or after said

1 date.

2           **SECTION 9. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,  
3 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
4 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for  
5 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state  
6 institutions.