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HOUSE BILL 25-1133

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE RETAIL SALE OF AMMUNITION**
102 **FOR FIREARMS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,**
103 **ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DELIVERY OF**
104 **AMMUNITION SOLD AT RETAIL.**

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 requires that ammunition sold at retail must be accessible to a purchaser or transferee only with the assistance of the vendor, and the bill prohibits the retail sale of ammunition to a person who is younger

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than 21 years of age. Unlawful sale of ammunition by violating either requirement is a civil infraction; except that a second or subsequent violation is a class 1 misdemeanor.

The bill requires a person shipping ammunition to give written notice to the ammunition deliverer that the package contains ammunition and prohibits labeling the outside of the package in a manner that indicates that the package contains ammunition. Violating either provision is unlawful notification involving an ammunition package, which is a class 1 misdemeanor.

When delivering a package containing ammunition sold at retail, a retail ammunition deliverer is required to verify that the person receiving the delivery is 21 years of age or older and obtain written acknowledgment of receipt from the recipient. Violating either of these requirements is unlawful delivery of ammunition by a retail ammunition deliverer, which is a class 1 misdemeanor.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-12-101, **add**
3 (1)(a.2) 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 (a.2) "AMMUNITION" MEANS AN AMMUNITION OR CARTRIDGE
7 CASE, PRIMER, BULLET, OR PROPELLANT POWDER DESIGNED FOR USE IN A
8 FIREARM. THE TERM "AMMUNITION" DOES NOT INCLUDE:

9 (I) A SHOTGUN SHOT OR PELLET NOT DESIGNED FOR USE AS THE
10 SINGLE, COMPLETE PROJECTILE LOAD FOR ONE SHOTGUN HULL OR CASING;
11 OR

12 (II) AN UNLOADED, NONMETALLIC SHOTGUN HULL OR CASING
13 THAT DOES NOT HAVE A PRIMER.

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

16 **18-12-116. Ammunition sales - sales requirements - minimum**
17 **purchase age - exceptions - ammunition delivery requirements -**

1 **penalties - definitions - repeal.** (1) (a) A RETAIL AMMUNITION VENDOR
2 SHALL NOT SELL, OFFER FOR SALE, OR DISPLAY FOR SALE OR TRANSFER
3 AMMUNITION IN A MANNER THAT ALLOWS THE AMMUNITION TO BE
4 ACCESSIBLE TO A PURCHASER OR TRANSFEREE WITHOUT THE ASSISTANCE
5 OF THE VENDOR OR AN EMPLOYEE OF THE VENDOR. AMMUNITION
6 DISPLAYED IN AN ENCLOSED DISPLAY CASE OR BEHIND A COUNTER OR
7 OTHER CUSTOMER ACCESS PREVENTION DEVICE IS NOT CONSIDERED
8 ACCESSIBLE FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION (1)(a).

9 (b) (I) A RETAIL AMMUNITION VENDOR SHALL NOT SELL
10 AMMUNITION THAT IS NOT RIMFIRE AMMUNITION TO A PERSON WHO IS
11 UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE. PRIOR TO COMPLETING A SALE OF
12 AMMUNITION AT AN IN-PERSON TRANSACTION, THE RETAIL AMMUNITION
13 VENDOR, OR AN EMPLOYEE OF THE VENDOR, SHALL VERIFY THAT THE
14 PURCHASER IS AT LEAST TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE BY REQUIRING THE
15 PURCHASER TO PRODUCE A VALID GOVERNMENT-ISSUED PHOTO
16 IDENTIFICATION.

17 (II) (A) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROHIBITION ON SELLING
18 AMMUNITION TO A PERSON WHO IS UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE
19 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)(b)(I) OF THIS SECTION, A RETAIL
20 AMMUNITION VENDOR IS NOT PROHIBITED FROM SELLING AMMUNITION TO
21 A PERSON EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER BUT UNDER TWENTY-ONE
22 YEARS OF AGE WHO WAS BORN ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 28, 2007.

23 (B) THIS SUBSECTION (1)(b)(II) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JANUARY
24 28, 2028.

25 (c) (I) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROHIBITION ON SELLING
26 AMMUNITION TO A PERSON WHO IS UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE
27 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION, THE OPERATOR OF A

1 SHOOTING RANGE THAT PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE PUBLIC TO
2 ENGAGE IN SHOOTING SPORTS OR EDUCATION MAY SELL AMMUNITION TO
3 A PERSON WHO IS EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER BUT UNDER
4 TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE FOR USE ONLY AT THE SHOOTING RANGE.
5 PRIOR TO COMPLETING THE SALE OF AMMUNITION, THE SELLER SHALL
6 VERIFY THAT THE PURCHASER IS AT LEAST EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE BY
7 REQUIRING THE PURCHASER TO PRODUCE A VALID GOVERNMENT-ISSUED
8 PHOTO IDENTIFICATION.

9 (II) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROHIBITION ON SELLING
10 AMMUNITION TO A PERSON WHO IS UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE
11 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION, A RETAIL AMMUNITION
12 VENDOR MAY SELL AMMUNITION DURING AN IN-PERSON TRANSACTION TO
13 A MEMBER OR VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY OR COLORADO
14 NATIONAL GUARD WHO IS EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER BUT UNDER
15 TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE. PRIOR TO COMPLETING THE SALE OF
16 AMMUNITION DURING AN IN-PERSON TRANSACTION TO A MEMBER OR
17 VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY OR COLORADO NATIONAL
18 GUARD WHO IS UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE, THE RETAIL
19 AMMUNITION VENDOR, OR AN EMPLOYEE OF THE VENDOR, SHALL VERIFY
20 THAT THE PURCHASER IS A MEMBER OR VETERAN BY REQUIRING THE
21 PURCHASER TO PRODUCE A VALID MILITARY IDENTIFICATION CARD THAT
22 DEMONSTRATES THAT THE PERSON IS A MEMBER OR VETERAN OF THE
23 UNITED STATES MILITARY OR COLORADO NATIONAL GUARD.

24 (III) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROHIBITION ON SELLING
25 AMMUNITION TO A PERSON WHO IS UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE
26 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION, A RETAIL AMMUNITION
27 VENDOR MAY SELL AMMUNITION TO A PERSON WHO IS EIGHTEEN YEARS OF

1 AGE OR OLDER BUT UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE WHO
2 DEMONSTRATES HAVING OBTAINED HUNTER EDUCATION CERTIFICATION
3 BY PRESENTING:

4 (A) A VALID HUNTER EDUCATION CERTIFICATE RECOGNIZED BY
5 THE DIVISION OF PARKS AND WILDLIFE; OR

6 (B) AN EXPIRED OR UNEXPIRED HUNTING LICENSE ISSUED BY THE
7 DIVISION OF PARKS AND WILDLIFE THAT HAS A VERIFIED HUNTER
8 EDUCATION CERTIFICATION.

9 (IV) (A) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROHIBITION ON SELLING
10 AMMUNITION TO A PERSON WHO IS UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE
11 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION, A RETAIL AMMUNITION
12 VENDOR MAY SELL AMMUNITION TO A PERSON WHO IS EIGHTEEN YEARS OF
13 AGE OR OLDER BUT UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE AND WHO IS
14 IDENTIFIED AS A PROTECTED PERSON IN A PROTECTION ORDER THAT IS IN
15 EFFECT. PRIOR TO COMPLETING THE SALE OF AMMUNITION TO A
16 PROTECTED PERSON, THE RETAIL AMMUNITION VENDOR, OR AN EMPLOYEE
17 OF THE VENDOR, SHALL VERIFY THAT THE PURCHASER IS A PROTECTED
18 PERSON BY REQUIRING THE PURCHASER TO PRODUCE A COPY OF THE
19 PROTECTION ORDER IDENTIFYING THE PURCHASER AS A PROTECTED
20 PERSON AND REQUIRING THE PERSON TO ATTEST THAT THE PROTECTION
21 ORDER IS IN EFFECT.

22 (B) AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION (1)(c)(I), "PROTECTED PERSON"
23 MEANS A PERSON IDENTIFIED IN A PROTECTION ORDER, AS DESCRIBED IN
24 SECTION 18-6-803.5 (1.5)(a.5), AS A PERSON FOR WHOSE BENEFIT THE
25 PROTECTION ORDER WAS ISSUED.

26 (d) A RETAIL AMMUNITION VENDOR THAT VIOLATES THIS
27 SUBSECTION (1) COMMITS UNLAWFUL SALE OF AMMUNITION. UNLAWFUL

1 SALE OF AMMUNITION IS A CIVIL INFRACTION; EXCEPT THAT A SECOND OR
2 SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE IS A CLASS 1 MISDEMEANOR.

3 (2) (a) A RETAIL AMMUNITION VENDOR DELIVERING A PACKAGE
4 CONTAINING AMMUNITION TO A RETAIL AMMUNITION DELIVERER FOR
5 PURPOSES OF TRANSPORT:

6 (I) SHALL GIVE WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE RETAIL AMMUNITION
7 DELIVERER THAT THE PACKAGE CONTAINS AMMUNITION; AND

8 (II) SHALL NOT LABEL, TAG, OR OTHERWISE MARK THE OUTSIDE OF
9 THE PACKAGE IN A MANNER THAT INDICATES THAT THE PACKAGE
10 CONTAINS AMMUNITION.

11 (b) A RETAIL AMMUNITION VENDOR WHO VIOLATES THIS
12 SUBSECTION (2) COMMITS UNLAWFUL NOTIFICATION INVOLVING AN
13 AMMUNITION PACKAGE. UNLAWFUL NOTIFICATION INVOLVING AN
14 AMMUNITION PACKAGE IS A CLASS 1 MISDEMEANOR.

15 (c) THIS SUBSECTION (2) DOES NOT PROHIBIT A RETAIL
16 AMMUNITION VENDOR FROM COMPLYING WITH REQUIREMENTS IN FEDERAL
17 LAW OR REGULATIONS CONCERNING LABELING A PACKAGE INTENDED FOR
18 SHIPMENT OR TRANSPORT THAT CONTAINS AMMUNITION.

19 (3) (a) WHEN DELIVERING A PACKAGE CONTAINING AMMUNITION
20 SOLD AT RETAIL, A RETAIL AMMUNITION DELIVERER SHALL:

21 (I) VERIFY THAT THE PERSON RECEIVING THE AMMUNITION
22 DELIVERY IS TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER BY REQUIRING THE
23 PERSON TO PRESENT A VALID GOVERNMENT-ISSUED PHOTOGRAPHIC
24 IDENTIFICATION TO THE PERSON MAKING THE DELIVERY; AND

25 (II) OBTAIN WRITTEN ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE
26 AMMUNITION DELIVERY FROM THE RECIPIENT OF THE DELIVERY.

27 (b) (I) NOTWITHSTANDING THE REQUIREMENT TO VERIFY THAT THE

1 PERSON RECEIVING AMMUNITION IS TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER
2 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (3)(a)(I) OF THIS SECTION, A RETAIL
3 AMMUNITION DELIVERER SHALL VERIFY THAT THE PERSON RECEIVING
4 AMMUNITION WAS BORN ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 28, 2007.

5 (II) THIS SUBSECTION (3)(b) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 28,
6 2028.

7 (c) A RETAIL AMMUNITION DELIVERER THAT VIOLATES THIS
8 SUBSECTION (3) COMMITS UNLAWFUL DELIVERY OF AMMUNITION BY A
9 RETAIL AMMUNITION DELIVERER. UNLAWFUL DELIVERY OF AMMUNITION
10 BY A RETAIL AMMUNITION DELIVERER IS A CLASS 1 MISDEMEANOR.

11 (d) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A RETAIL AMMUNITION
12 DELIVERER THAT DOES NOT KNOW THAT THE PACKAGE CONTAINS
13 AMMUNITION BECAUSE THE SENDER FAILED TO NOTIFY THE DELIVERER
14 THAT THE PACKAGE CONTAINS AMMUNITION AS REQUIRED IN SUBSECTION
15 (2)(a)(I) OF THIS SECTION.

16 (4) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO THE SALE OR OFFER TO SELL
17 AMMUNITION AT WHOLESALE OR THE DELIVERY OF AMMUNITION SOLD AT
18 WHOLESALE.

19 (5) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE
20 REQUIRES:

21 (a) "RETAIL AMMUNITION DELIVERER" MEANS AN ENTITY THAT
22 DELIVERS, BY MOTOR VEHICLE, AMMUNITION SOLD AT RETAIL TO THE
23 PURCHASER AT A LOCATION IN THIS STATE. "RETAIL AMMUNITION
24 DELIVERER" INCLUDES A RETAIL AMMUNITION VENDOR THAT DELIVERS TO
25 A LOCATION OTHER THAN THE VENDOR'S PLACE OF BUSINESS AMMUNITION
26 SOLD BY THE VENDOR AT RETAIL TO THE PURCHASER.

27 (b) "RETAIL AMMUNITION VENDOR" MEANS A PERSON WHO SELLS

1 AMMUNITION AT RETAIL. "RETAIL AMMUNITION VENDOR" INCLUDES A
2 VENDOR NOT LOCATED IN COLORADO WHEN THE VENDOR SELLS OR OFFERS
3 TO SELL AMMUNITION AT RETAIL FOR DELIVERY TO A PURCHASER LOCATED
4 IN COLORADO.

5 **SECTION 3. Effective date - applicability.** This act takes effect
6 July 1, 2026, and applies to ammunition sold and ammunition delivered
7 on or after said date.

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