

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Handgun Buyback and Safe
3 Storage Grant Program; creating s. 943.0413, F.S.;
4 creating the program within the Department of Law
5 Enforcement to provide grants to support sheriffs'
6 offices in sponsoring annual handgun buyback and safe
7 storage events, subject to certain appropriation;
8 defining the term "handgun"; specifying cash payment
9 amounts for certain surrendered handguns; providing
10 requirements and restrictions for such events;
11 directing the department to establish criteria and a
12 process for grant applications; amending s. 379.352,
13 F.S.; requiring the Fish and Wildlife Conservation
14 Commission and tax collectors and subagents authorized
15 to sell recreational hunting licenses and permits to
16 ask applicants for voluntary contributions to the
17 program; amending s. 790.06, F.S.; requiring that
18 applications for a concealed weapon or firearm license
19 include a check-off provision for voluntary
20 contributions to the program; providing an effective
21 date.

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23 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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25 Section 1. Section 943.0413, Florida Statutes, is created

26 | to read:

27 | 943.0413 Handgun Buyback and Safe Storage Grant Program.—

28 | (1) (a) The Handgun Buyback Grant Program is created within
29 | the department to award grants to support sheriffs' offices in
30 | sponsoring annual handgun buyback and safe storage events in
31 | their counties. Grants shall be provided if funds are
32 | appropriated for that purpose by law.

33 | (b) Funds specifically appropriated for the grant program
34 | pursuant to ss. 379.352, 790.06(4)(g), and 943.362 shall be
35 | awarded annually by the department to sheriffs' offices. The
36 | total amount of grants awarded may not exceed funding
37 | appropriated for the grant program.

38 | (2) As used in this section, the term "handgun" means a
39 | revolver, semiautomatic or automatic pistol, sawed-off shotgun,
40 | or assault weapon. The term does not include an antique handgun.

41 | (3) (a) An event funded under this section shall provide a
42 | cash payment of \$100 for each surrendered handgun that is in
43 | apparent operative condition. An individual may surrender
44 | multiple handguns, but the total cash payment to an individual
45 | may not exceed \$300.

46 | (b) An individual surrendering a handgun shall remain
47 | anonymous and any form of personal information or identification
48 | may not be required.

49 | (c) Weapons that do not qualify as a handgun under this
50 | section may be accepted, but do not qualify for a cash payment.

51 Active law enforcement personnel and gun dealers may surrender
52 handguns but may not receive a cash payment.

53 (d) Surrendered handguns must be destroyed and may not be
54 sold.

55 (4) An event funded under this section must promote and
56 make available free cable gun locks and brochures that discuss
57 safe handling and secure storage guidelines.

58 (5) The department shall establish criteria and set
59 specific time periods for the acceptance of applications and for
60 the selection process for awards.

61 Section 2. Subsection (13) of section 379.352, Florida
62 Statutes, is amended to read:

63 379.352 Recreational licenses, permits, and authorization
64 numbers to take wild animal life, freshwater aquatic life, and
65 marine life; issuance; costs; reporting.—

66 (13) The commission, any tax collector in this state, or
67 any subagent authorized to sell licenses and permits under s.
68 379.3511 may request and collect donations when selling a
69 recreational license or permit authorized under s. 379.354. The
70 commission, any tax collector in this state, or any subagent
71 authorized to sell licenses and permits under s. 379.3511 shall
72 ask each person who applies for a recreational hunting license
73 or permit if he or she would like to make a voluntary
74 contribution of \$3 to support sheriffs' offices in sponsoring
75 annual handgun buyback and safe storage events pursuant to s.

76 | 943.0413. All donations collected under this subsection shall be
77 | deposited into the State Game Trust Fund to be used solely for
78 | the purpose of enhancing youth hunting and youth freshwater and
79 | saltwater fishing programs and supporting sheriffs' offices in
80 | sponsoring annual handgun buyback and safe storage events
81 | pursuant to s. 943.0413. By January 1, the commission shall
82 | provide a complete and detailed annual report on the status of
83 | its youth programs and activities performed under this
84 | subsection to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the
85 | Speaker of the House of Representatives.

86 | Section 3. Paragraph (g) is added to subsection (4) of
87 | section 790.06, Florida Statutes, to read:

88 | 790.06 License to carry concealed weapon or firearm.—

89 | (4) The application shall be completed, under oath, on a
90 | form adopted by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer
91 | Services and shall include:

92 | (g) A check-off provision that allows the applicant to
93 | make a voluntary contribution of \$3 to support sheriffs' offices
94 | in sponsoring annual handgun buyback and safe storage events
95 | pursuant to s. 943.0413.

96 | Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.