

# House Bill 4145

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(Presession filed.)

## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act makes changes to the gun permit and transfer process and to the LCM prohibition. The Act goes into effect when the Governor signs it. (Flesch Readability Score: 73.2).

Modifies the firearm permit provisions of Ballot Measure 114 (2022). Specifies where a person may apply for a permit to purchase a firearm and adds an eligibility requirement. Provides that information obtained during the application process and during the criminal background check and maintained within the database of permit holders is exempt from disclosure as a public record. Extends the time, from 30 to 60 days from receipt of the application, by which a permit agent must issue a permit to a qualified applicant or mail reasons for a denial in writing to the applicant. Increases the maximum fee that may be charged for an initial application for and renewal of a permit. Specifies the portion of the fee payable to the Department of State Police for conducting a criminal background check. Establishes alternatives to a firearms training course or class that may be used to satisfy the requirement of proof of completion of a firearm safety course for the permit. Provides that permits are not required for firearm transfers until January 1, 2028. Establishes an exception to the permit requirement for certain active and retired law enforcement officers.

Modifies the affirmative defense language for the large capacity magazine provisions of Ballot Measure 114 (2022). Provides that a person may not be prosecuted for prohibited conduct occurring while enforcement of the provisions is enjoined by a court. Provides that gun dealers and manufacturers have 180 days after entry of an appellate judgment reversing or vacating the injunction to take certain actions concerning large capacity magazines.

Provides that a challenge to the legality of the Act must be commenced in the Circuit Court for Marion County.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

## 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT

2 Relating to firearms; creating new provisions; amending ORS 166.355, 166.412, 166.435, 166.436,  
3 166.438, 166.500, 166.503, 166.505 and 166.508 and section 10, chapter 1, Oregon Laws 2023; re-  
4 pealing section 1, chapter 1, Oregon Laws 2023; and declaring an emergency.

5 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

## 6 PERMITTING PROCESS

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8 **SECTION 1.** Section 1, chapter 1, Oregon Laws 2023 (Ballot Measure 114 (2022)), is re-  
9 pealed.

10 **SECTION 1a.** Section 10, chapter 1, Oregon Laws 2023, as amended by section 6, chapter 594,  
11 Oregon Laws 2025, is amended to read:

12 **Sec. 10.** [ORS 166.503, 166.505 and 166.508 and] The amendments to ORS 166.412, 166.435,  
13 166.436 and 166.438 by sections 6 to 9, chapter 1, Oregon Laws 2023, **and sections 6 to 9 of this**  
14 **2026 Act** apply to firearm transfers conducted on or after March 15, 2026.

15 **SECTION 1b.** Notwithstanding the amendments to section 10, chapter 1, Oregon Laws  
16 2023, by section 6, chapter 594, Oregon Laws 2025, a permit to purchase a firearm is not re-  
17 quired for firearm transfers occurring prior to January 1, 2028.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted.  
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1        **SECTION 2.** ORS 166.500 is amended to read:

2        166.500. [*The People of the State of Oregon find and declare that regulation of sale, purchase and*  
 3 *otherwise transferring of all firearms and restriction of the manufacture, import, sale, purchase, trans-*  
 4 *fer, use and possession of ammunition magazines to those that hold no more than 10 rounds will pro-*  
 5 *mote the public health and safety of the residents of this state and*] Chapter 1, Oregon Laws 2023, shall  
 6 be known as the Reduction of Gun Violence Act.

7        **SECTION 3.** ORS 166.503 is amended to read:

8        166.503. As used in this section and ORS [166.412, 166.435, 166.436, 166.438,] 166.505 and 166.508:

9        (1) "Criminal background check" has the [*same meaning given to this*] **meaning given that** term  
 10 in ORS 166.432 [(1)(a) to (e)].

11        (2) "Department" means the Department of State Police.

12        (3) "Gun dealer" means a person engaged in the business, as defined in 18 U.S.C. 921, of selling,  
 13 leasing or otherwise transferring a firearm, whether the person is a retail dealer, pawnbroker or  
 14 otherwise.

15        (4) "Permit" or "permit-to-purchase" means an authorization issued **under ORS 166.505** to a  
 16 person to purchase or acquire a firearm, provided all other requirements at the time of purchase  
 17 or acquisition are met.

18        (5) "Permit agent" means a county sheriff or police chief with jurisdiction over the residence  
 19 of the person making an application for a permit-to-purchase[*, or their designees*].

20        (6) "Transfer" has the meaning given that term in ORS 166.435 [(1)(a)].

21        (7) "Transferor" means a person who is not a gun dealer or licensed as a manufacturer or  
 22 importer under 18 U.S.C. 923 and who intends to deliver a firearm to a transferee.

23        **SECTION 4.** ORS 166.505 is amended to read:

24        166.505. (1)(a) A person may apply **to a permit agent** for a [*permit-to-purchase*] **permit to pur-**  
 25 **chase or otherwise acquire** a firearm or firearms under this section [*to the police chief or county*  
 26 *sheriff with jurisdiction over the residence of the person making the application, or their designees,*  
 27 *hereinafter referred to as "permit agent."*] **as follows:**

28        (A) **An applicant whose residence is in an incorporated area may apply for a permit to**  
 29 **purchase a firearm to either the police chief of the city in which the applicant resides or the**  
 30 **county sheriff of the county in which the applicant resides.**

31        (B) **An applicant whose residence is in an unincorporated area may apply for a permit**  
 32 **to purchase a firearm to the county sheriff of the county in which the applicant resides.**

33        (b) A person is qualified to be issued a permit-to-purchase under this section if the person:

34        (A) Is not prohibited from **possessing**, purchasing or acquiring a firearm under state or federal  
 35 law[*, including but not limited to*];

36        (B) **Has not, within the previous four years, been convicted of or been found guilty except**  
 37 **for insanity of a misdemeanor involving violence as defined in ORS 166.470;**

38        (C) Successfully [*completing*] **completes** a criminal background check as described [*under para-*  
 39 *graph (e)*] **in paragraph (f)** of this subsection;

40        [(B)] (D) Is not the subject of an order described in ORS 166.525 to 166.543;

41        [(C)] (E) Does not present reasonable grounds for a permit agent to conclude that the applicant  
 42 has been or is reasonably likely to be a danger to self or others, or to the community at large, as  
 43 a result of the applicant's mental or psychological state or as demonstrated by the applicant's past  
 44 pattern of behavior involving unlawful violence or threats of unlawful violence;

45        [(D)] (F) Provides proof of completion of a firearm safety course as defined in subsection (8) of

1 this section; and

2 [(E)] (G) Pays the fee described in subsection (3)(b) of this section.

3 (c) An application for a permit under this section must state the applicant's legal name, current  
4 address and telephone number, date and place of birth, physical description[,] and any additional  
5 information determined necessary by Department **of State Police** rules. The application must be  
6 signed by the applicant in front of the permit agent.

7 (d) The permit agent shall verify the applicant's identity with a government-issued form of  
8 identification bearing a photograph of the applicant.

9 (e) The applicant must submit to fingerprinting and photographing by the permit agent. The  
10 permit agent shall fingerprint and photograph the applicant and shall conduct [any] **an** investigation  
11 necessary to determine whether the applicant meets the qualifications described in paragraph (b)  
12 of this subsection.

13 (f) The permit agent shall request the department to conduct a criminal background check, in-  
14 cluding but not limited to a fingerprint identification, **first through state databases and then by**  
15 **submitting a request** through the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The **department shall request**  
16 **that the** Federal Bureau of Investigation [shall] return the fingerprint cards used to conduct the  
17 criminal background check and [may] not keep any record of the fingerprints. Upon completion of  
18 the criminal background check and determination of whether, **based on the records available to**  
19 **the department**, the permit applicant is qualified or disqualified from purchasing or otherwise ac-  
20 quiring a firearm the department shall report the results[, *including the outcome of the fingerprint-*  
21 *based criminal background check,*] **in writing** to the permit agent. **The results shall consist of an**  
22 **indication that either the applicant is qualified or that the applicant is disqualified and the**  
23 **reason for the disqualification, and the outcome of any fingerprint-based criminal back-**  
24 **ground check.**

25 (g) **If the department is unable to complete a criminal background check due to missing**  
26 **or incomplete records, the transaction will be deemed disqualified and the department shall**  
27 **notify the permit agent of the deficiency within the criminal history record. If the missing**  
28 **information is obtained by the applicant, the applicant may submit a new application to the**  
29 **permit agent with supporting documentation.**

30 (h) **The record of information obtained during the permit application process or during**  
31 **a request for a criminal background check by a permit agent is exempt from disclosure as**  
32 **a public record under ORS 192.311 to 192.478.**

33 (2)(a) If during the background check, the department determines that:

34 (A) [A *purchaser*] **An applicant** is prohibited from possessing a firearm under ORS 166.250 (1)(c),  
35 the department shall report the attempted application for a permit, the [purchaser's] **applicant's**  
36 name and any other personally identifiable information to all federal, state and local law enfor-  
37 cements agencies and district attorneys that have jurisdiction over the location or locations where the  
38 attempted application for a permit was made and where the permit applicant resides.

39 (B) Based on the judgment of conviction, the permit applicant is prohibited from possessing a  
40 firearm as a condition of probation or that the permit applicant is currently on post-prison super-  
41 vision or parole, the department shall report the attempted application for a permit to the permit  
42 applicant's supervising officer and the district attorney of the county in which the conviction oc-  
43 curred.

44 (C) The permit applicant is prohibited from possessing a firearm due to a court order described  
45 in ORS 166.255 (1)(a), the department shall report the attempted application for a permit to the court

1 that issued the order.

2 (D) The permit applicant is under the jurisdiction of the Psychiatric Security Review Board, the  
3 department shall report the attempted application for a permit to the board.

4 (b) Reports required by paragraph [(a)(A) to (D)] **(a)** of this subsection shall be made within 24  
5 hours after the determination is made, unless a report would compromise an ongoing investigation,  
6 in which case the report may be delayed as long as necessary to avoid compromising the investi-  
7 gation.

8 (c) On or before January 31 of each year, beginning in [2024] **2029**, the department shall annually  
9 publish a report indicating for each county the number of applications made to any permit agent,  
10 the number of permits-to-purchase issued and the number of permits-to-purchase denied and the  
11 reasons for denial. *[The department may, by rule, include any additional information that it determines  
12 would be helpful to ensuring the permit-to-purchase process is being administered in a consistent and  
13 equitable manner.]* **The report shall additionally specify, for each county, racial and gender in-  
14 formation concerning each applicant within the total number of permits granted and denied  
15 and the reason for denial to support the consistent and equitable administration of the per-  
16 mitting process. The report may not include any information that personally identifies an  
17 individual applicant. The department may adopt rules relating to the information needed  
18 from permit agents for the purposes of creating the annual report.**

19 (3)(a) Within [30] **60** days of receiving an application for a permit under this section, if the per-  
20 mit agent has verified the applicant's identity and determined that the applicant has met each of the  
21 qualifications described in subsection (1)(b) of this section, the permit agent shall issue the permit-  
22 to-purchase.

23 (b) The permit agent may charge a reasonable fee reflecting the actual cost of the process but  
24 shall not exceed [\$65] **\$150**, including the cost of fingerprinting, photographing and obtaining a  
25 criminal background check. **The portion of the fee payable to the department for conducting  
26 the state and federal criminal background check shall be established by the department and  
27 may not exceed \$48.**

28 (4)(a) The department shall develop:

29 (A) A standardized application form for a permit under this section; and  
30 (B) A form in quadruplicate for use by permit agents in issuing permits under this section.

31 (b) The issuing permit agent shall:

32 (A) **Enter the name of the permit holder into the Law Enforcement Data System and  
33 indicate that the person is a permit holder.**

34 (B) maintain a copy of each permit issued under this section.

35 (c) The person named in a permit shall:

36 (A) Maintain a copy of the permit as long as the permit is valid.

37 (B) Present a copy of the permit to the gun dealer or transferor of a firearm when required  
38 under ORS 166.412, 166.435, 166.436 or 166.438.

39 (5)(a) The permit agent shall report the issuance of a permit under this section to the  
40 department[,] and shall provide to the department a copy of the permit and any information neces-  
41 sary for the department to maintain an electronic searchable database of all permits issued under  
42 this section. A permit agent revoking a permit shall report the revocation to the department at the  
43 time that notice of the revocation has been sent to the permit holder.

44 (b) The department shall maintain the electronic database described in paragraph (a) of this  
45 subsection by ensuring that new permits are added to the database, renewed permits are assigned

1 a new expiration date[,] and expired or revoked permits are marked expired or revoked but retained  
 2 in the database.

3 **(c) The record of information obtained during the permit application process provided to**  
 4 **the department or during the processing of a criminal background check by the department,**  
 5 **and the information contained in the database described in this subsection, is exempt from**  
 6 **disclosure as a public record under ORS 192.311 to 192.478.**

7 (6)(a) A permit-to-purchase issued under this section does not create any right of the permit  
 8 holder to receive a firearm **or carry a concealed firearm.**

9 (b) A permit-to-purchase issued under this section is not a limit on the number of firearms the  
 10 permit holder may purchase or acquire during the time period when the permit is valid.

11 (7)(a) A permit-to-purchase issued under this section, **including a permit renewed as described**  
 12 **in this subsection, is valid for five years from the date of issuance, unless revoked.**

13 (b) A person may renew an unexpired permit issued under this section by repeating the proce-  
 14 dures set forth in subsection (1) of this section, except:

15 (A) A full fingerprint set does not need to be taken again if the original set has been retained  
 16 by the permit agent [*or is otherwise available*]; and

17 (B) The training course does not need to be completed, provided the course previously taken  
 18 fully complies with each of the requirements set forth in subsection (8) of this section.

19 (c) The permit agent may charge a reasonable fee for renewal of the permit, reflecting the actual  
 20 cost of the process but shall not exceed [\$50] **\$110**, including the cost of obtaining a criminal back-  
 21 ground check and photographing. **The portion of the fee payable to the department for con-**  
**ducting the state and federal criminal background check shall be established by the**  
 22 **department and may not exceed \$48.**

24 (8)(a) As used in this section, “proof of completion of a firearm safety course” means the fol-  
 25 lowing:

26 [(a)] (A) Proof of completion of any firearms training course or class available to the general  
 27 public that is offered by law enforcement, a community college, [*or*] a private or public institution  
 28 or **an** organization or firearms training school utilizing instructors [*certified*] **approved** by a law  
 29 enforcement agency, and that includes the components [*set forth*] **described** in paragraph [(c)] (b)  
 30 of this subsection; [*or*]

31 [(b)] *Proof of completion of any law enforcement firearms training course or class that is offered for*  
 32 *security guards, investigators, reserve law enforcement officers, or any other law enforcement officers,*  
 33 *and that includes the components set forth in paragraph (c) of this subsection;]*

34 (B) **Proof of completion of a training course or class for a concealed handgun license is-**  
 35 **sued under ORS 166.291 and 166.292, provided that the course includes all of the components**  
 36 **described in paragraph (b) of this subsection;**

37 (C) **Prior or current certification as a police officer, corrections officer or armed parole**  
 38 **and probation officer, as those terms are defined in ORS 181A.355, or a federal officer as**  
 39 **defined in ORS 133.005;**

40 (D) **Certification as an instructor approved by the National Rifle Association;**

41 (E) **Proof of qualification with a pistol, rifle or other small arms while serving in the**  
 42 **Armed Forces of the United States as defined in ORS 352.313, as documented on a federal**  
 43 **DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty), if the qualification oc-**  
 44 **curred within the 10 years prior to the date of application for issuance of the permit; or**

45 (F) **Current certification as an armed private security professional under ORS 181A.840**

1 **to 181A.918.**

2 [(c)] **(b)** A firearms training course or class required for issuance of a permit-to-purchase must  
3 include:

4 (A) Review of federal and state laws in place at the time of the class and other safe practices  
5 related to ownership, purchase, transfer, use and transportation of firearms;

6 (B) Review of federal and state safe storage laws in place at the time of the class and other safe  
7 practices related to safe storage, including reporting lost and stolen guns;

8 (C) Prevention of abuse or misuse of firearms, including the impact of homicide and suicide on  
9 families, communities and the country as a whole; and

10 (D) In-person demonstration of the applicant's ability to lock, load, unload, fire and store a  
11 firearm before an instructor *[certified]* **approved** by a law enforcement agency. This requirement  
12 may be met separately from the other course requirements in subparagraphs (A), (B) and (C) of this  
13 paragraph, which may be completed in an online course, provided the online course has been con-  
14 ducted by *[a trainer certified by law enforcement]* **an instructor approved by a law enforcement**  
15 **agency.**

16 **(c) A training course or class described in paragraph (a)(A) or (B) of this subsection must**  
17 **have been completed within five years prior to the date of application for issuance of the**  
18 **permit.**

19 *[(d) Proof of successful completion of a training course in order to meet the requirements for a*  
20 *concealed handgun license issued under ORS 166.291 and 166.292 may be submitted for a permit as a*  
21 *substitute for the requirements in paragraph (c) of this subsection, provided the completed course in-*  
22 *cluded each of the components set forth in paragraph (c) of this subsection.]*

23 **(d)(A) As used in this subsection, "instructor approved by a law enforcement agency"**  
24 **means an instructor who has written certification from an Oregon law enforcement agency**  
25 **to provide firearms training or who is currently approved to provide the firearms training**  
26 **required for an Oregon concealed handgun license under ORS 166.291.**

27 **(B) A law enforcement agency, the political subdivision governing the law enforcement**  
28 **agency and their officers, employees and agents are not civilly liable for the actions or in-**  
29 **actions of an approved trainer if the law enforcement agency acted in good faith providing**  
30 **the approval.**

31 (9) The department may adopt rules to carry out the provisions of this section.

32 **SECTION 5. ORS 166.508 is amended to read:**

33 166.508. (1) If *[the]* **an** application for *[the]* **a** permit-to-purchase is denied, the permit agent shall  
34 set forth in writing the reasons for the denial. The denial shall be placed in the mail to the applicant  
35 by certified mail, restricted delivery, within *[30]* **60** days after the application was made. If no deci-  
36 sion is issued within *[30]* **60** days **and the 60th day occurs on or after July 1, 2027,** the person  
37 may seek review under the procedures **described** in subsection *[(5)]* **(6)** of this section.

38 (2) Notwithstanding ORS 166.505 (1) to (3), and subject to review as provided in subsection  
39 *[(5)]* **(6)** of this section, a permit agent may deny a permit-to-purchase if the permit agent has rea-  
40 sonable grounds to believe that the applicant has been or is reasonably likely to be a danger to self  
41 or others, or to the community at large, as a result of the applicant's mental or psychological state  
42 or as demonstrated by the applicant's past pattern of behavior involving unlawful violence or threats  
43 of unlawful violence.

44 (3)(a) Any act or condition that would prevent the issuance of a permit-to-purchase is cause for  
45 revoking a permit-to-purchase.

(b) A permit agent may revoke a permit by serving on the permittee a notice of revocation. The notice must contain the grounds for the revocation and must be served either personally or by certified mail, restricted delivery. The notice and return of service shall be included in the file of the permit holder. The revocation is effective upon the permit holder's receipt of the notice.

5       (4) No civil or criminal liability shall attach to a permit agent or the Department of State  
6 Police for receiving, reviewing or conducting an investigation connected with an application  
7 for, or the issuance, denial, revocation or refusal to renew, a firearm permit under this  
8 section or ORS 166.505, if the action is pursuant to or results from the lawful performance  
9 of official duties described in this section and 166.505.

10       [(4)] (5) Any peace officer or corrections officer may seize a permit-to-purchase and return it to  
11 the issuing permit agent if the permit is held by a person who has been arrested or cited for a crime  
12 that can or would otherwise disqualify the person from being issued a permit. The issuing permit  
13 agent shall hold the permit for 30 days. If the person is not charged with a crime within the 30 days,  
14 the permit agent shall return the permit unless the permit agent revokes the permit as provided in  
15 subsection (3) of this section.

16        [(5)] **(6)** A person denied a permit-to-purchase or **permit renewal or** whose permit is revoked  
17 [or not renewed] may petition the circuit court in the petitioner's county of residence to review the  
18 denial[, nonrenewal] or revocation. The petition must be filed within 30 days after the receipt of the  
19 notice of the denial or revocation.

20 [6] (7) [The] A judgment affirming or overturning [the] a permit agent's decision shall be based  
21 on whether the petitioner meets the criteria that are used for issuance of a permit-to-purchase and,  
22 if the petitioner was denied a permit, whether the permit agent has reasonable grounds for denial  
23 under subsection (2) of this section. Whenever the petitioner has been previously sentenced for a  
24 crime under ORS 161.610 [*Enhanced penalty for use of firearm during commission of felony*] or for  
25 a crime of violence for which the person could have received a sentence of more than 10 years, the  
26 court shall grant relief only if the court finds that relief should be granted in the interest of justice.

[7] (8) Notwithstanding the provisions of ORS 9.320 [*Necessity for employment of attorney*], a party that is not a natural person, the state or any city, county, district or other political subdivision or public corporation in this state, without appearance by attorney, may appear as a party to an action under this section.

31        [(8)] (9) Petitions filed under this section shall be heard and disposed of within 15 judicial days  
32 of filing or as soon as practicable thereafter.

[9)] (10) Filing fees for actions **described in this section** shall be as for any civil action filed in the court. If the petitioner prevails, the amount of the filing fee shall be paid by the respondent to the petitioner and may be incorporated into the court order.

36 [(10)] (11) Initial appeals of petitions shall be heard de novo.

37 [111] (12) Any party to a judgment under this section may appeal to the Court of Appeals in the  
38 same manner as for any other civil action.

39        [(12)] **(13)** If the governmental entity files an appeal under this section and does not prevail, it  
40 shall be ordered to pay the attorney fees for the prevailing party.

## **TRANSFERS OCCURRING BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2028**

**SECTION 6.** ORS 166.412 is amended to read:

45 166.412. (1) As used in this section:

1       (a) "Antique firearm" has the meaning given that term in 18 U.S.C. 921;  
2       (b) "Department" means the Department of State Police;  
3       (c) "Firearm" has the meaning given that term in ORS 166.210, except that it does not include  
4       an antique firearm;  
5       (d) "Firearms transaction record" means the firearms transaction record required by 18 U.S.C.  
6       921 to 929;  
7       (e) "Firearms transaction thumbprint form" means a form provided by the department under  
8       subsection (11) of this section;  
9       (f) "Gun dealer" means a person engaged in the business, as defined in 18 U.S.C. 921, of selling,  
10      leasing or otherwise transferring a firearm, whether the person is a retail dealer, pawnbroker or  
11      otherwise;  
12      (g) "Purchaser" means a person who buys, leases or otherwise receives a firearm or unfinished  
13      frame or receiver from a gun dealer; and  
14      (h) "Unfinished frame or receiver" has the meaning given that term in ORS 166.210.  
15      (2) Except as provided in subsection (12) of this section, a gun dealer shall comply with the  
16      following before a firearm or unfinished frame or receiver is delivered to a purchaser:  
17       (a) The purchaser shall present to the gun dealer current identification meeting the require-  
18      ments of subsection (4) of this section and, **for transfers occurring on or after January 1, 2028**,  
19      a valid permit issued under ORS 166.505.  
20       (b) The gun dealer shall complete the firearms transaction record and obtain the signature of  
21      the purchaser on the record.  
22       (c) The gun dealer shall obtain the thumbprints of the purchaser on the firearms transaction  
23      thumbprint form and attach the form to the gun dealer's copy of the firearms transaction record to  
24      be filed with that copy.  
25       (d) The gun dealer shall, by telephone or computer, **request that the department conduct a**  
26      **criminal background check on the purchaser**, verify, **for transfers occurring on or after**  
27      **January 1, 2028**, that the purchaser has a valid [permit-to-purchase] **permit to purchase** a firearm  
28      issued under ORS 166.505, and **[request that the department conduct a criminal history record check**  
29      **on the purchaser and shall]** provide the following information to the department:  
30       (A) The federal firearms license number of the gun dealer;  
31       (B) The business name of the gun dealer;  
32       (C) The place of transfer;  
33       (D) The name of the person making the transfer;  
34       (E) The make, model, caliber and manufacturer's number of the firearm being transferred or a  
35      description of the unfinished frame or receiver being transferred;  
36       (F) The name and date of birth of the purchaser;  
37       (G) The Social Security number of the purchaser if the purchaser voluntarily provides this  
38      number to the gun dealer; and  
39       (H) The type, issuer and identification number of the identification presented by the purchaser.  
40       (e) The gun dealer shall receive a unique approval number for the transfer from the department  
41      and record the approval number on the firearms transaction record and on the firearms transaction  
42      thumbprint form.  
43       (f) The gun dealer may destroy the firearms transaction thumbprint form five years after the  
44      completion of the firearms transaction thumbprint form.  
45       (3)(a) Upon receipt of a request of the gun dealer for a criminal history record check, the de-

1      partment shall immediately, during the gun dealer's telephone call or by return call:

2            (A) Determine, from criminal records and other information available to it, whether the pur-  
3      chaser is disqualified under ORS 166.470 from completing the purchase; and

4            (B) Notify the gun dealer when a purchaser is disqualified from completing the transfer or pro-  
5      vide the gun dealer with a unique approval number indicating that the purchaser is qualified to  
6      complete the transfer.

7            (b) If the department is unable to determine **within 30 minutes** if the purchaser is qualified or  
8      disqualified from completing the transfer [*within 30 minutes*], the department shall notify the gun  
9      dealer and provide the gun dealer with an estimate of the time when the department will provide  
10     the requested information.

11            (c) The dealer may not transfer the firearm or unfinished frame or receiver unless the dealer  
12     receives a unique approval number from the department. [*and,*] Within 48 hours of completing the  
13     transfer, the dealer shall notify the [*state*] **department** that the transfer [*to the permit holder*] was  
14     completed.

15            (4)(a) Identification required of the purchaser under subsection (2) of this section shall include  
16     one piece of current identification bearing a photograph and the date of birth of the purchaser that:

17            (A) Is issued under the authority of the United States Government, a state, a political subdivi-  
18     sion of a state, a foreign government, a political subdivision of a foreign government, an interna-  
19     tional governmental organization or an international quasi-governmental organization; and

20            (B) Is intended to be used for identification of an individual or is commonly accepted for the  
21     purpose of identification of an individual.

22            (b) If the identification presented by the purchaser under paragraph (a) of this subsection does  
23     not include the current address of the purchaser, the purchaser shall present a second piece of  
24     current identification that contains the current address of the purchaser. The Superintendent of  
25     State Police may specify by rule the type of identification that may be presented under this para-  
26     graph.

27            (c) The department may require that the gun dealer verify the identification of the purchaser if  
28     that identity is in question by sending the thumbprints of the purchaser to the department.

29            (5) The department shall establish a telephone number that shall be operational seven days a  
30     week between the hours of 8 a.m. and 10 p.m. for the purpose of responding to inquiries from gun  
31     dealers for a criminal history record check under this section.

32            (6) No public employee, official or agency shall be held criminally or civilly liable for performing  
33     the investigations required by this section provided the employee, official or agency acts in good  
34     faith and without malice.

35            (7)(a) The department may retain a record of the information obtained during a request for a  
36     criminal history record check for no more than five years[, *except for the information provided to the*  
37     *dealer under subsection (2)(d) of this section, sufficient to reflect each firearm or unfinished frame or*  
38     *receiver purchased by a permit holder, which must be attached to the electronic record of the permit*  
39     *stored by the department. The department may develop a system for removal of the information in*  
40     *subsection (2)(d)(E) of this section, upon proof of sale or transfer of the firearm or unfinished frame*  
41     *or receiver to another permit holder and for recording of the information to reflect the transfer of*  
42     *ownership to the permit of the new owner*].

43            (b) The record of the information obtained during a request for a criminal history record check  
44     by a gun dealer is exempt from disclosure under public records law.

45            (c) If the department determines that a purchaser is prohibited from possessing a firearm under

1 ORS 166.250 (1)(c), the department shall report the attempted transfer, the purchaser's name and any  
2 other personally identifiable information to all federal, state and local law enforcement agencies and  
3 district attorneys that have jurisdiction over the location or locations where the attempted transfer  
4 was made and where the purchaser resides.

5 (d) If the department determines that, based on the judgment of conviction, the purchaser is  
6 prohibited from possessing a firearm as a condition of probation or that the purchaser is currently  
7 on post-prison supervision or parole, the department shall report the attempted transfer to the  
8 purchaser's supervising officer and the district attorney of the county in which the conviction oc-  
9 curred.

10 (e) If the department determines that the purchaser is prohibited from possessing a firearm due  
11 to a court order described in ORS 166.255 (1)(a), the department shall report the attempted transfer  
12 to the court that issued the order.

13 (f) If the department determines that the purchaser is under the jurisdiction of the Psychiatric  
14 Security Review Board, the department shall report the attempted transfer to the board.

15 (g) Reports required by paragraphs (c) to (f) of this subsection shall be made within 24 hours  
16 after the determination is made, unless a report would compromise an ongoing investigation, in  
17 which case the report may be delayed as long as necessary to avoid compromising the investigation.

18 (h) On or before January 31 of each year, a law enforcement agency or a prosecuting attorney's  
19 office that received a report pursuant to paragraph (c) of this subsection during the previous cal-  
20 endar year shall inform the department of any action that was taken concerning the report and the  
21 outcome of the action.

22 (i) The department shall annually publish a written report, based on any information received  
23 under paragraph (h) of this subsection, detailing the following information for the previous year:

24 (A) The number of purchasers whom the department determined were prohibited from possessing  
25 a firearm under ORS 166.250 (1)(c), arranged by category of prohibition;

26 (B) The number of reports made pursuant to paragraph (c) of this subsection;

27 (C) The number of investigations arising from the reports made pursuant to paragraph (c) of this  
28 subsection, the number of investigations concluded and the number of investigations referred for  
29 prosecution, all arranged by category of prohibition; and

30 (D) The number of criminal charges arising from the reports made pursuant to paragraph (c) of  
31 this subsection and the disposition of the charges, both arranged by category of prohibition.

32 (8) A law enforcement agency may inspect the records of a gun dealer relating to transfers of  
33 firearms and unfinished frames or receivers with the consent of a gun dealer in the course of a  
34 reasonable inquiry during a criminal investigation or under the authority of a properly authorized  
35 subpoena or search warrant.

36 (9) When a firearm is delivered, it shall be unloaded.

37 (10) In accordance with applicable provisions of ORS chapter 183, the Superintendent of State  
38 Police may adopt rules necessary for:

39 (a) The design of the firearms transaction thumbprint form;

40 (b) The maintenance of a procedure to correct errors in the criminal records of the department;

41 (c) The provision of a security system to identify gun dealers that request a criminal history  
42 record check under subsection (2) of this section; and

43 (d) The creation and maintenance of a database of the business hours of gun dealers.

44 (11) The department shall publish the firearms transaction thumbprint form and shall furnish the  
45 form to gun dealers on application at cost.

1       (12) This section does not apply to transactions between persons licensed as dealers under 18  
 2 U.S.C. 923.

3       (13)(a) If requested by a transferor who is not a gun dealer, a gun dealer may request a criminal  
 4 background check pursuant to ORS 166.435 or 166.438 and may charge a reasonable fee for providing  
 5 the service.

6       (b) A gun dealer that requests a criminal background check under this subsection is immune  
 7 from civil liability for any use of the firearm or unfinished frame or receiver by the recipient or  
 8 transferee, provided that the gun dealer:

9           (A) Requests the criminal background check as described in this section [*and also provided that  
 10 the dealer*];

11           **(B) Receives a unique approval number from the department indicating successful com-  
 12 pletion of the criminal background check; and**

13           **(C) For transfers occurring on or after January 1, 2028, verifies that the recipient has a  
 14 valid [permit-to-purchase] permit to purchase the firearm or unfinished frame or receiver [*and the  
 15 dealer has received a unique approval number from the department indicating successful completion  
 16 of the background check*].**

17       (14)(a) Knowingly selling or delivering a firearm or unfinished frame or receiver to a purchaser  
 18 or transferee [*who does not have a valid permit-to-purchase a firearm in violation of subsection (2)(d)  
 19 of this section, or*] prior to receiving a unique approval number from the department based on the  
 20 criminal background check in violation of subsection (3)(c) of this section[,] is a Class A  
 21 misdemeanor.

22           **(b) For transfers occurring on or after January 1, 2028, knowingly selling or delivering a  
 23 firearm or an unfinished frame or receiver to a purchaser or transferee who does not have  
 24 a valid permit to purchase a firearm in violation of subsection (2)(d) of this section, or prior  
 25 to receiving a unique approval number from the department based on the criminal back-  
 26 ground check in violation of subsection (3)(c) of this section, is a Class A misdemeanor.**

27       SECTION 7. ORS 166.435 is amended to read:

28       166.435. (1) As used in this section:

29           (a) "Transfer" means the delivery of a firearm from a transferor to a transferee, including, but  
 30 not limited to, the sale, gift, loan or lease of the firearm. "Transfer" does not include the temporary  
 31 provision of a firearm to a transferee if the transferor has no reason to believe the transferee is  
 32 prohibited from possessing a firearm or intends to use the firearm in the commission of a crime, and  
 33 the provision occurs:

34           (A) At a shooting range, shooting gallery or other area designed for the purpose of target  
 35 shooting, for use during target practice, a firearms safety or training course or class or a similar  
 36 lawful activity;

37           (B) For the purpose of hunting, trapping or target shooting, during the time in which the  
 38 transferee is engaged in activities related to hunting, trapping or target shooting;

39           (C) Under circumstances in which the transferee and the firearm are in the presence of the  
 40 transferor;

41           (D) To a transferee who is in the business of repairing firearms, for the time during which the  
 42 firearm is being repaired;

43           (E) To a transferee who is in the business of making or repairing custom accessories for  
 44 firearms, for the time during which the accessories are being made or repaired; or

45           (F) For the purpose of preventing imminent death or serious physical injury, and the provision

1 lasts only as long as is necessary to prevent the death or serious physical injury.

2 (b) "Transferee" means a person who is not a gun dealer or licensed as a manufacturer or  
3 importer under 18 U.S.C. 923 and who intends to receive a firearm from a transferor.

4 (c) "Transferor" means a person who is not a gun dealer or licensed as a manufacturer or  
5 importer under 18 U.S.C. 923 and who intends to deliver a firearm to a transferee.

6 (2) Except as provided in ORS 166.436 and 166.438 and subsection (4) of this section, a transferor  
7 may not transfer a firearm to a transferee unless the transfer is completed through a gun dealer as  
8 described in subsection (3) of this section.

9 (3)(a) A transferor may transfer a firearm to a transferee only as provided in this section. Except  
10 as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, prior to the transfer both the transferor and the  
11 transferee must appear in person before a gun dealer, with the firearm and, **for transfers occurring on or after January 1, 2028**, a valid permit-to-purchase issued to the transferee under ORS  
12 166.505, and request that the gun dealer perform a criminal background check on the transferee.

13 (b) If the transferor and the transferee reside over 40 miles from each other, the transferor may  
14 ship or deliver the firearm to a gun dealer located near the transferee or a gun dealer designated  
15 by the transferee, and the transferor need not appear before the gun dealer in person.

16 (c) A gun dealer who agrees to complete a transfer of a firearm under this section shall request  
17 a criminal history record check on the transferee as described in ORS 166.412 and shall comply with  
18 all requirements of federal law.

19 (d) If, upon completion of a criminal background check, the gun dealer:

20 (A) Receives a unique approval number from the Department of State Police indicating that the  
21 transferee is qualified to complete the transfer, the gun dealer shall notify the transferor, enter the  
22 firearm into the gun dealer's inventory and transfer the firearm to the transferee.

23 (B) Receives notification that the transferee is prohibited by state or federal law from possessing  
24 or receiving the firearm or that the department is unable to determine if the transferee is qualified  
25 or disqualified from completing the transfer, the gun dealer shall notify the transferor and neither  
26 the transferor nor the gun dealer shall transfer the firearm to the transferee. If the transferor  
27 shipped or delivered the firearm to the gun dealer pursuant to paragraph (b) of this subsection, the  
28 gun dealer shall comply with federal law when returning the firearm to the transferor.

29 (e) A gun dealer may charge a reasonable fee for facilitating a firearm transfer pursuant to this  
30 section.

31 (4) The requirements of subsections (2) and (3) of this section do not apply to:

32 (a) The transfer of a firearm by or to a law enforcement agency, or by or to a law enforcement  
33 officer, private security professional or member of the Armed Forces of the United States, while that  
34 person is acting within the scope of official duties.

35 (b) The transfer of a firearm as part of a firearm turn-in or buyback event, in which a law  
36 enforcement agency receives or purchases firearms from members of the public.

37 (c) The transfer of a firearm to:

- 38 (A) A transferor's spouse or domestic partner;
- 39 (B) A transferor's parent or stepparent;
- 40 (C) A transferor's child or stepchild;
- 41 (D) A transferor's sibling;
- 42 (E) A transferor's grandparent;
- 43 (F) A transferor's grandchild;
- 44 (G) A transferor's aunt or uncle;

1       (H) A transferor's first cousin;  
2       (I) A transferor's niece or nephew; or  
3       (J) The spouse or domestic partner of a person specified in subparagraphs (B) to (I) of this para-  
4       graph.

5       (d) The transfer of a firearm that occurs because of the death of the firearm owner, provided  
6       that:

7           (A) The transfer is conducted or facilitated by a personal representative, as defined in ORS  
8       111.005, or a trustee of a trust created in a will; and

9           (B) The transferee is related to the deceased firearm owner in a manner specified in paragraph  
10       (c) of this subsection.

11       (5)(a) A transferor who fails to comply with the requirements of this section commits a Class  
12       A misdemeanor.

13       (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection, a transferor who fails to comply with the  
14       requirements of this section commits a Class B felony if the transferor has a previous conviction  
15       under this section at the time of the offense.

16       SECTION 8. ORS 166.436 is amended to read:

17       166.436. (1) The Department of State Police shall make the telephone number established under  
18       ORS 166.412 (5) available for requests for criminal background checks under this section from per-  
19       sons who are not gun dealers and who are transferring firearms at gun shows.

20       (2) Prior to transferring a firearm at a gun show, a transferor who is not a gun dealer shall by  
21       telephone **request that the department conduct a criminal background check on the recipient,**  
22       **verify, for transfers occurring on or after January 1, 2028,** that the transferee has a valid  
23       [*permit-to-purchase*] **permit to purchase** a firearm under ORS 166.505, and [*request that the depart-*  
24       *ment conduct a criminal background check on the recipient upon providing*] **provide** the following in-  
25       formation to the department:

26       (a) The name, address and telephone number of the transferor;  
27       (b) The make, model, caliber and manufacturer's number of the firearm being transferred;  
28       (c) The name, date of birth, race, sex and address of the recipient;  
29       (d) The Social Security number of the recipient if the recipient voluntarily provides that number;  
30       (e) The address of the place where the transfer is occurring; and  
31       (f) The type, issuer and identification number of a current piece of identification bearing a re-  
32       cent photograph of the recipient presented by the recipient. The identification presented by the re-  
33       cipient must meet the requirements of ORS 166.412 (4)(a).

34       (3)(a) Upon receipt of a request for a criminal background check under this section, the de-  
35       partment shall immediately, during the telephone call or by return call:

36       (A) Determine from criminal records and other information available to it whether the recipient  
37       is disqualified under ORS 166.470 from completing the transfer or is otherwise prohibited by state  
38       or federal law from possessing a firearm; and

39       (B) Notify the transferor when a recipient is disqualified from completing the transfer or provide  
40       the transferor with a unique approval number indicating that the recipient is qualified to complete  
41       the transfer. The unique approval number is [*a permit*] **an authorization** valid for 24 hours for the  
42       requested transfer. If the firearm is not transferred from the transferor to the recipient within 24  
43       hours after receipt of the unique approval number, a new request must be made by the transferor.

44       (b) If the department is unable to determine whether the recipient is qualified for or disqualified  
45       from completing the transfer within 30 minutes of receiving the request, the department shall notify

1 the transferor and provide the transferor with an estimate of the time when the department will  
2 provide the requested information.

3 (c) The transferor may not transfer the firearm unless the transferor receives a unique approval  
4 number from the department and, within 48 hours of the completed transfer, the transferor shall  
5 notify the [state] **department** that the transfer *[to the permit holder]* was completed.

6 (4) A public employee or public agency incurs no criminal or civil liability for performing the  
7 criminal background checks required by this section, provided the employee or agency acts in good  
8 faith and without malice.

9 (5)(a) The department may retain a record of the information obtained during a request for a  
10 criminal background check under this section for the period of time provided in ORS 166.412 (7)[,  
11 *as amended by section 6, chapter 1, Oregon Laws 2023*].

12 (b) The record of the information obtained during a request for a criminal background check  
13 under this section is exempt from disclosure under public records law.

14 (c) If the department determines that a recipient is prohibited from possessing a firearm under  
15 ORS 166.250 (1)(c), the department shall report the attempted transfer, the recipient's name and any  
16 other personally identifiable information to all federal, state and local law enforcement agencies and  
17 district attorneys that have jurisdiction over the location or locations where the attempted transfer  
18 was made and where the recipient resides.

19 (d) If the department determines that, based on the judgment of conviction, the recipient is  
20 prohibited from possessing a firearm as a condition of probation or that the recipient is currently  
21 on post-prison supervision or parole, the department shall report the attempted transfer to the  
22 recipient's supervising officer and the district attorney of the county in which the conviction oc-  
23 curred.

24 (e) If the department determines that the recipient is prohibited from possessing a firearm due  
25 to a court order described in ORS 166.255 (1)(a), the department shall report the attempted transfer  
26 to the court that issued the order.

27 (f) If the department determines that the recipient is under the jurisdiction of the Psychiatric  
28 Security Review Board, the department shall report the attempted transfer to the board.

29 (g) Reports required by paragraphs (c) to (f) of this subsection shall be made within 24 hours  
30 after the determination is made, unless a report would compromise an ongoing investigation, in  
31 which case the report may be delayed as long as necessary to avoid compromising the investigation.

32 (h) On or before January 31 of each year, a law enforcement agency or a prosecuting attorney's  
33 office that received a report pursuant to paragraph (c) of this subsection during the previous cal-  
34 endar year shall inform the department of any action that was taken concerning the report and the  
35 outcome of the action.

36 (i) The department shall annually publish a written report, based on any information received  
37 under paragraph (h) of this subsection, detailing the following information for the previous year:

38 (A) The number of recipients whom the department determined were prohibited from possessing  
39 a firearm under ORS 166.250 (1)(c), arranged by category of prohibition;

40 (B) The number of reports made pursuant to paragraph (c) of this subsection;

41 (C) The number of investigations arising from the reports made pursuant to paragraph (c) of this  
42 subsection, the number of investigations concluded and the number of investigations referred for  
43 prosecution, all arranged by category of prohibition; and

44 (D) The number of criminal charges arising from the reports made pursuant to paragraph (c) of  
45 this subsection and the disposition of the charges, both arranged by category of prohibition.

(6) The recipient of the firearm must be present when the transferor requests a criminal background check under this section.

(7)(a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, a transferor who receives notification under this section that the recipient is qualified to complete the transfer of a firearm, has the recipient fill out the form required by ORS 166.438 (1)(a) and retains the form as required by ORS 166.438 (2) is immune from civil liability for any use of the firearm from the time of the transfer unless the transferor knows, or reasonably should know, that the recipient is likely to commit an unlawful act involving the firearm.

(b) The immunity provided by paragraph (a) of this subsection does not apply:

(A) If the transferor knows, or reasonably should know, that the recipient of the firearm intends to deliver the firearm to a third person who the transferor knows, or reasonably should know, may not lawfully possess the firearm; or

(B) In any product liability civil action under ORS 30.900 to 30.920.

**SECTION 9.** ORS 166.438 is amended to read:

166.438. (1) A transferor who is not a gun dealer may not transfer a firearm at a gun show unless the transferor:

**(a)(A) For transfers occurring on or after January 1, 2028, verifies with the Department of State Police that the recipient has a valid permit-to-purchase issued under ORS 166.505;**

- (B) Requests a criminal background check under ORS 166.436 prior to completing the transfer;
- (C) Receives a unique approval number from the department indicating that the recipient is qualified to complete the transfer; and
- (D) Has the recipient complete the form described in ORS 166.441; or

(b) Completes the transfer through a gun dealer.

(2) The transferor shall retain the completed fo

for at least five years and shall make the completed form available to law enforcement agencies for the purpose of criminal investigations.

(c) A person who organizes a gun show shall post in a prominent place at the gun show a notice explaining the requirements of subsections (1) and (2) of this section. The person shall provide the form required by subsection (1) of this section to any person transferring a firearm at the gun show.

(4) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply if the transferee is licensed as a dealer under 18 U.S.C. 923.

(5)(a) Failure to comply with the requirements of subsection (1), (2) or (3) of this section is a Class A misdemeanor.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection, failure to comply with the requirements

of subsection (1), (2) or (3) of this section is a Class C felony if the person has two or more previous convictions under this section at the time of the offense.

(6) It is an affirmative defense to a charge of violating subsection (1) or (3) of this section that person did not know, or reasonably could not know, that more than 25 firearms were at the site available for transfer.

**SECTION 10.** Nothing in the amendments to ORS 166.412, 166.435, 166.436 or 166.438 by sections 6 to 9 of this 2026 Act is intended to delay or prevent the development of the process for issuing permits to purchase firearms under ORS 166.503, 166.505 and 166.508.

## LARGE-CAPACITY MAGAZINES

1        **SECTION 11.** ORS 166.355 is amended to read:

2        166.355. (1) As used in this section:

3        (a) "Armed Forces of the United States" has the meaning given that term in ORS [348.282]

4        **352.313.**

5        (b) "Detachable magazine" means an ammunition feeding device that can be loaded or unloaded

6        while detached from a firearm and readily inserted in a firearm.

7        (c) "Fixed magazine" means an ammunition feeding device contained in or permanently attached

8        to a firearm in such a manner that the device cannot be removed without disassembly of the firearm

9        action.

10        (d) "Large-capacity magazine" means a fixed or detachable magazine, belt, drum, feed strip,

11        helical feeding device, or similar device, including any such device joined or coupled with another

12        in any manner, or a kit with such parts, that has an overall capacity of, or that can be readily re-

13        stored, changed[,] or converted to accept, more than 10 rounds of ammunition and allows a shooter

14        to keep firing without having to pause to reload, but does not include any of the following:

15        (A) An ammunition feeding device that has been permanently altered so that it is not capable,

16        now or in the future, of accepting more than 10 rounds of ammunition;

17        (B) An attached tubular device designed to accept, and capable of operating only with 0.22 cal-

18        iber rimfire ammunition; or

19        (C) A tubular ammunition feeding device that is contained in a lever-action firearm.

20        (e) **"Law enforcement agency"** means county sheriffs, municipal police departments, po-

21        lice departments established by a university under ORS 352.121 or 353.125, a county commu-

22        nity corrections agency, the Department of State Police, the Department of Corrections, the

23        Department of Justice or the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training.

24        [(e)] (f) "Loaded" has the meaning given that term in ORS 166.360.

25        (g) **"Parole and probation officer"** has the meaning given that term in ORS 181A.355.

26        (h) **"Peace officer"** has the meaning given that term in ORS 133.005.

27        [(f)] (i) "Person" means any natural person, corporation, partnership, [fire] firm or association.

28        (j) **"Qualified retired law enforcement officer"** has the meaning given that term in 18

29        U.S.C. 926C.

30        (2) Notwithstanding ORS 166.250 to 166.470, and except as expressly provided in subsections (3)

31        to (5) of this section, a person commits the crime of unlawful manufacture, importation, possession,

32        use, purchase, sale or otherwise transferring of large-capacity magazines if the person manufactures,

33        imports, possesses, uses, purchases, sells or otherwise transfers any large-capacity magazine in

34        Oregon [on or after December 8, 2022].

35        [(3) Subsection (2) of this section does not apply during the first 180 days following December 8,

36        2022, with respect to:]

37        [(a) A licensed gun dealer that within 180 days of December 8, 2022:]

38        [(A) Transfers or sells the large-capacity magazines in the gun dealer's inventory to a nonresident

39        gun dealer or other transferee outside of this state;]

40        [(B) Purchases or acquires temporary custody from an owner of any large-capacity magazine for

41        permanent removal from this state within 180 days of December 8, 2022;]

42        [(C) Permanently alters any large-capacity magazine in the gun dealer's inventory or custody so

43        that it is not capable, upon alteration or in the future, of accepting more than 10 rounds of ammunition

44        or permanently alter the magazine so it is no longer a; or]

45        [(D) Permanently disposes of the large-capacity magazines in the gun dealer's custody or

1 *inventory.]*

2 *[(b) A firearms manufacturer, properly licensed under federal, state and local law, that is a party*  
 3 *to a contract, in existence and binding on December 8, 2022, with an entity outside of this state, for the*  
 4 *manufacture of large-capacity magazines, provided that:]*

5 *[(A) All manufacturing is completed no later than 180 days after December 8, 2022; and]*

6 *[(B) The entity outside of Oregon receiving the large-capacity magazines is made aware in writing*  
 7 *on or before the delivery of the ammunition devices of the restrictions pertaining to large-capacity*  
 8 *magazines in this state as set forth in chapter 1, Oregon Laws 2023.]*

9 **[(4)] (3)** Subsection (2) of this section does not apply at any time to:

10 (a) A firearms manufacturer properly licensed under federal, state and local law that manufac-  
 11 tures large-capacity magazines, provided:

12 (A) The manufacturing is for exclusive sale or transfer to the Armed Forces of the United States  
 13 or a law enforcement agency and solely for authorized use by that entity related to the official du-  
 14 ties of the entity; and

15 (B) Any large-capacity magazine, permitted to be manufactured under paragraph (a)(A) of this  
 16 subsection after December 8, 2022, shall include a permanent stamp or marking indicating that the  
 17 large-capacity magazine was manufactured or assembled after December 8, 2022. The stamp or  
 18 marking must be legibly and conspicuously engraved or cast upon the outer surface of the large-  
 19 capacity magazine. The Department **of State Police** may promulgate such rules as may be necessary  
 20 for the implementation of this section, including but not limited to rules requiring such large-  
 21 capacity magazine be stamped with information indicating the limitation for use only by military and  
 22 law enforcement or such other identification to distinguish clearly large-capacity magazines manu-  
 23 factured after December 8, 2022. *[Except as provided in subsection (3)(b) of this section,]* No large-  
 24 capacity magazines without such stamp may be manufactured in this state after December 8, 2022.

25 (b) A licensed gun dealer that sells or otherwise transfers large-capacity magazines to the  
 26 Armed Forces of the United States or a law enforcement agency solely for authorized use by that  
 27 entity, provided the large-capacity magazines have been engraved as provided in paragraph (a)(B)  
 28 of this subsection.

29 (c) Any government officer, agent or employee, member of the Armed Forces of the United  
 30 States or peace officer, *[as that term is defined in ORS 133.005, that]* **who** is authorized to acquire,  
 31 possess or use a large-capacity magazine provided that any acquisition, possession or use is related  
 32 *[directly]* to activities within the scope of that person's official duties.

33 (d) **A peace officer, a parole and probation officer or a retired peace officer or parole and**  
 34 **probation officer who is a qualified retired law enforcement officer, who acquires, possesses**  
 35 **or uses a large-capacity magazine, regardless of whether the acquisition, possession or use**  
 36 **is related to activities within the scope of the person's official duties or occurs while the**  
 37 **person is off duty or after the person's retirement.**

38 (e) **The importation, possession, use, purchase or transfer of a large-capacity magazine**  
 39 **by a law enforcement agency for official use by the agency.**

40 *[(5)] (4) [As of December 8, 2022, it shall be]* **It is** an affirmative defense, as provided in ORS  
 41 *[166.055] 161.055*, to the unlawful possession, use and transfer of a large-capacity magazine in this  
 42 state by any person*[, provided]* that:

43 (a)(A) The large-capacity magazine was owned by the person before December 8, 2022, and  
 44 maintained in the person's control or possession; or

45 *[(b)] (B)* The possession of a large-capacity magazine was obtained by a person who, on or after

1 December 8, 2022, acquired possession of the large-capacity magazine by operation of law upon the  
2 death of a former owner who was in legal possession of the large-capacity magazine; and

3 **[(c)] (b)(A)** *[In addition to either paragraph (a) or (b) of this subsection]* The owner has not  
4 maintained the large-capacity magazine in a manner other than:

5 **[(A)] (i)** On property owned or immediately controlled by the *[registered]* owner;

6 **[(B)] (ii)** On the premises of a gun dealer or gunsmith licensed under 18 U.S.C. 923 for the pur-  
7 pose of lawful service or repair;

8 **[(C)] (iii)** While engaging in the legal use of the large-capacity magazine, at a public or private  
9 shooting range or shooting gallery or for recreational activities such as hunting, to the extent per-  
10 mitted under state law; or

11 **[(D)] (iv)** While participating in a firearms competition or an exhibition, display or educational  
12 project about firearms sponsored, conducted by, approved or under the auspices of a law enforce-  
13 ment agency or a national or state-recognized entity that fosters proficiency in firearms use or  
14 promotes firearms education; and

15 **[(E)] (B)** While transporting any large-capacity magazines in a vehicle to one of the locations  
16 authorized in *[paragraph (c)(A) to (D) of this subsection]* **subparagraph (A) of this paragraph**, the  
17 large-capacity magazine is not inserted into the firearm and is locked in a separate container.

18 **[(d)] (5) It is an affirmative defense, as provided in ORS 161.055, to the unlawful pos-  
19 session, use and transfer of a large-capacity magazine in this state by any person that** the  
20 person has permanently and voluntarily relinquished the large-capacity magazine to law enforcement  
21 or to a buyback or turn-in program approved by law enforcement, prior to **the** commencement of  
22 prosecution **for the possession, use or transfer** by arrest, citation or a formal charge.

23 (6) Unlawful manufacture, importation, possession, use, purchase, sale or otherwise transferring  
24 of a large-capacity magazine is a Class A misdemeanor.

25 **SECTION 11a.** (1) **Notwithstanding ORS 166.355, a person may not be prosecuted for any  
26 manufacture, importation, possession, use, purchase, sale or transfer of a large-capacity  
27 magazine that occurs while the enforcement of ORS 166.355 is enjoined by a court of law  
28 within this state.**

29 (2) **If an injunction prohibiting the enforcement of ORS 166.355 is reversed or vacated by  
30 an appellate court, ORS 166.355 (2) does not apply to the following conduct occurring within  
31 180 days after the date of the appellate judgment reversing or vacating the injunction:**

32 (a) **A licensed gun dealer who:**

33 (A) **Transfers or sells the large-capacity magazines in the gun dealer's inventory to a  
34 nonresident gun dealer or other transferee outside of this state;**

35 (B) **Purchases or acquires temporary custody from an owner of any large-capacity mag-  
36 azine for permanent removal from this state;**

37 (C) **Permanently alters any large-capacity magazine in the gun dealer's inventory or  
38 custody so that it is not capable, upon alteration or in the future, of accepting more than  
39 10 rounds of ammunition or permanently alters the magazine so it is no longer a large-  
40 capacity magazine; or**

41 (D) **Permanently disposes of the large-capacity magazines in the gun dealer's custody or  
42 inventory.**

43 (b) **A firearms manufacturer, properly licensed under federal, state and local law, that  
44 is a party to a contract, in existence and binding on the date the injunction is reversed or  
45 vacated, with an entity outside of this state, that manufactures large-capacity magazines**

1 pursuant to the contract, provided that:

2 (A) All manufacturing is completed no later than 180 days after the date the injunction  
3 is reversed or vacated; and

4 (B) The entity outside of Oregon receiving the large-capacity magazines is made aware  
5 in writing on or before the delivery of the ammunition devices of the restrictions pertaining  
6 to large-capacity magazines in this state as set forth in ORS 166.355.

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8 **TRANSFERS OCCURRING ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2028**

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10 **SECTION 12.** ORS 166.412, as amended by section 6 of this 2026 Act, is amended to read:

11 166.412. (1) As used in this section:

12 (a) "Antique firearm" has the meaning given that term in 18 U.S.C. 921;

13 (b) "Department" means the Department of State Police;

14 (c) "Firearm" has the meaning given that term in ORS 166.210, except that it does not include  
15 an antique firearm;

16 (d) "Firearms transaction record" means the firearms transaction record required by 18 U.S.C.  
17 921 to 929;

18 (e) "Firearms transaction thumbprint form" means a form provided by the department under  
19 subsection (11) of this section;

20 (f) "Gun dealer" means a person engaged in the business, as defined in 18 U.S.C. 921, of selling,  
21 leasing or otherwise transferring a firearm, whether the person is a retail dealer, pawnbroker or  
22 otherwise;

23 (g) "Purchaser" means a person who buys, leases or otherwise receives a firearm or unfinished  
24 frame or receiver from a gun dealer; and

25 (h) "Unfinished frame or receiver" has the meaning given that term in ORS 166.210.

26 (2) Except as provided in subsection (12) of this section, a gun dealer shall comply with the  
27 following before a firearm or unfinished frame or receiver is delivered to a purchaser:

28 (a) The purchaser shall present to the gun dealer current identification meeting the requirements  
29 of subsection (4) of this section and, *[for transfers occurring on or after January 1, 2028]* **unless the exception described in subsection (15) of this section applies**, a valid permit issued  
30 under ORS 166.505.

32 (b) The gun dealer shall complete the firearms transaction record and obtain the signature of  
33 the purchaser on the record.

34 (c) The gun dealer shall obtain the thumbprints of the purchaser on the firearms transaction  
35 thumbprint form and attach the form to the gun dealer's copy of the firearms transaction record to  
36 be filed with that copy.

37 (d) The gun dealer shall, by telephone or computer, request that the department conduct a  
38 criminal background check on the purchaser, verify, *[for transfers occurring on or after January 1,  
39 2028]* **unless the exception described in subsection (15) of this section applies**, that the purchaser  
40 has a valid permit to purchase a firearm issued under ORS 166.505, and provide the following  
41 information to the department:

42 (A) The federal firearms license number of the gun dealer;

43 (B) The business name of the gun dealer;

44 (C) The place of transfer;

45 (D) The name of the person making the transfer;

1       (E) The make, model, caliber and manufacturer's number of the firearm being transferred or a  
2 description of the unfinished frame or receiver being transferred;

3       (F) The name and date of birth of the purchaser;

4       (G) The Social Security number of the purchaser if the purchaser voluntarily provides this  
5 number to the gun dealer; and

6       (H) The type, issuer and identification number of the identification presented by the purchaser.

7       (e) The gun dealer shall receive a unique approval number for the transfer from the department  
8 and record the approval number on the firearms transaction record and on the firearms transaction  
9 thumbprint form.

10      (f) The gun dealer may destroy the firearms transaction thumbprint form five years after the  
11 completion of the firearms transaction thumbprint form.

12      (3)(a) Upon receipt of a request of the gun dealer for a criminal history record check, the de-  
13 partment shall immediately, during the gun dealer's telephone call or by return call:

14       (A) Determine, from criminal records and other information available to it, whether the pur-  
15 chasing is disqualified under ORS 166.470 from completing the purchase; and

16       (B) Notify the gun dealer when a purchaser is disqualified from completing the transfer or pro-  
17 vide the gun dealer with a unique approval number indicating that the purchaser is qualified to  
18 complete the transfer.

19       (b) If the department is unable to determine within 30 minutes if the purchaser is qualified or  
20 disqualified from completing the transfer, the department shall notify the gun dealer and provide the  
21 gun dealer with an estimate of the time when the department will provide the requested information.

22       (c) The dealer may not transfer the firearm or unfinished frame or receiver unless the dealer  
23 receives a unique approval number from the department. Within 48 hours of completing the transfer,  
24 the dealer shall notify the department that the transfer was completed.

25      (4)(a) Identification required of the purchaser under subsection (2) of this section shall include  
26 one piece of current identification bearing a photograph and the date of birth of the purchaser that:

27       (A) Is issued under the authority of the United States Government, a state, a political subdivi-  
28 sion of a state, a foreign government, a political subdivision of a foreign government, an interna-  
29 tional governmental organization or an international quasi-governmental organization; and

30       (B) Is intended to be used for identification of an individual or is commonly accepted for the  
31 purpose of identification of an individual.

32       (b) If the identification presented by the purchaser under paragraph (a) of this subsection does  
33 not include the current address of the purchaser, the purchaser shall present a second piece of  
34 current identification that contains the current address of the purchaser. The Superintendent of  
35 State Police may specify by rule the type of identification that may be presented under this para-  
36 graph.

37       (c) The department may require that the gun dealer verify the identification of the purchaser if  
38 that identity is in question by sending the thumbprints of the purchaser to the department.

39      (5) The department shall establish a telephone number that shall be operational seven days a  
40 week between the hours of 8 a.m. and 10 p.m. for the purpose of responding to inquiries from gun  
41 dealers for a criminal history record check under this section.

42      (6) No public employee, official or agency shall be held criminally or civilly liable for performing  
43 the investigations required by this section provided the employee, official or agency acts in good  
44 faith and without malice.

45      (7)(a) The department may retain a record of the information obtained during a request for a

1       criminal history record check for no more than five years, **except that information provided to**  
2       **the gun dealer under subsection (2)(d) of this section sufficient to reflect each firearm pur-**  
3       **chased by a permit holder shall be retained and attached to the electronic record of the**  
4       **permit stored by the department. The department may develop a system for removal of the**  
5       **information described in subsection (2)(d)(E) of this section upon proof of sale or transfer**  
6       **of the firearm to another permit holder, and for the recording of the information to reflect**  
7       **the transfer of ownership to the permit of the new owner.**

8       (b) The record of the information obtained during a request for a criminal history record check  
9       by a gun dealer is exempt from disclosure under public records law.

10      (c) If the department determines that a purchaser is prohibited from possessing a firearm under  
11       ORS 166.250 (1)(c), the department shall report the attempted transfer, the purchaser's name and any  
12       other personally identifiable information to all federal, state and local law enforcement agencies and  
13       district attorneys that have jurisdiction over the location or locations where the attempted transfer  
14       was made and where the purchaser resides.

15      (d) If the department determines that, based on the judgment of conviction, the purchaser is  
16       prohibited from possessing a firearm as a condition of probation or that the purchaser is currently  
17       on post-prison supervision or parole, the department shall report the attempted transfer to the  
18       purchaser's supervising officer and the district attorney of the county in which the conviction oc-  
19       curred.

20      (e) If the department determines that the purchaser is prohibited from possessing a firearm due  
21       to a court order described in ORS 166.255 (1)(a), the department shall report the attempted transfer  
22       to the court that issued the order.

23      (f) If the department determines that the purchaser is under the jurisdiction of the Psychiatric  
24       Security Review Board, the department shall report the attempted transfer to the board.

25      (g) Reports required by paragraphs (c) to (f) of this subsection shall be made within 24 hours  
26       after the determination is made, unless a report would compromise an ongoing investigation, in  
27       which case the report may be delayed as long as necessary to avoid compromising the investigation.

28      (h) On or before January 31 of each year, a law enforcement agency or a prosecuting attorney's  
29       office that received a report pursuant to paragraph (c) of this subsection during the previous cal-  
30       endar year shall inform the department of any action that was taken concerning the report and the  
31       outcome of the action.

32      (i) The department shall annually publish a written report, based on any information received  
33       under paragraph (h) of this subsection, detailing the following information for the previous year:

34       (A) The number of purchasers whom the department determined were prohibited from possessing  
35       a firearm under ORS 166.250 (1)(c), arranged by category of prohibition;

36       (B) The number of reports made pursuant to paragraph (c) of this subsection;

37       (C) The number of investigations arising from the reports made pursuant to paragraph (c) of this  
38       subsection, the number of investigations concluded and the number of investigations referred for  
39       prosecution, all arranged by category of prohibition; and

40       (D) The number of criminal charges arising from the reports made pursuant to paragraph (c) of  
41       this subsection and the disposition of the charges, both arranged by category of prohibition.

42      (8) A law enforcement agency may inspect the records of a gun dealer relating to transfers of  
43       firearms and unfinished frames or receivers with the consent of a gun dealer in the course of a  
44       reasonable inquiry during a criminal investigation or under the authority of a properly authorized  
45       subpoena or search warrant.

1       (9) When a firearm is delivered, it shall be unloaded.

2       (10) In accordance with applicable provisions of ORS chapter 183, the Superintendent of State  
3 Police may adopt rules necessary for:

4           (a) The design of the firearms transaction thumbprint form;

5           (b) The maintenance of a procedure to correct errors in the criminal records of the department;

6           (c) The provision of a security system to identify gun dealers that request a criminal history  
7 record check under subsection (2) of this section; and

8           (d) The creation and maintenance of a database of the business hours of gun dealers.

9       (11) The department shall publish the firearms transaction thumbprint form and shall furnish the  
10 form to gun dealers on application at cost.

11       (12) This section does not apply to transactions between persons licensed as dealers under 18  
12 U.S.C. 923.

13       (13)(a) If requested by a transferor who is not a gun dealer, a gun dealer may request a criminal  
14 background check pursuant to ORS 166.435 or 166.438 and may charge a reasonable fee for providing  
15 the service.

16       (b) A gun dealer that requests a criminal background check under this subsection is immune  
17 from civil liability for any use of the firearm or unfinished frame or receiver by the recipient or  
18 transferee, provided that the gun dealer:

19           (A) Requests the criminal background check as described in this section;

20           (B) Receives a unique approval number from the department indicating successful completion  
21 of the criminal background check; and

22           (C) *[For transfers occurring on or after January 1, 2028] Unless the exception described in*  
23 **subsection (15) of this section applies**, verifies that the recipient has a valid permit to purchase  
24 the firearm or unfinished frame or receiver.

25       *[(14)(a) Knowingly selling or delivering a firearm or unfinished frame or receiver to a purchaser  
26 or transferee prior to receiving a unique approval number from the department based on the criminal  
27 background check in violation of subsection (3)(c) of this section is a Class A misdemeanor.]*

28       *[(b)] (14) [For transfers occurring on or after January 1, 2028,] Knowingly selling or delivering  
29 a firearm or an unfinished frame or receiver to a purchaser or transferee who does not have a valid  
30 permit to purchase a firearm in violation of subsection (2)(d) of this section **and does not qualify**  
31 **for the exception described in subsection (15) of this section**, or prior to receiving a unique  
32 approval number from the department based on the criminal background check in violation of sub-  
33 section (3)(c) of this section, is a Class A misdemeanor.*

34       **(15) A valid permit to purchase a firearm issued under ORS 166.505 is not required for a**  
35 **firearm or unfinished frame or receiver purchase from a gun dealer under this section if the**  
36 **purchaser is a peace officer as defined in ORS 133.005, a parole and probation officer as de-**  
37 **fined in ORS 181A.355 or a retired peace officer or parole and probation officer who is a**  
38 **qualified retired law enforcement officer as defined in 18 U.S.C. 926C.**

39       SECTION 13. ORS 166.435, as amended by section 7 of this 2026 Act, is amended to read:

40       166.435. (1) As used in this section:

41           (a) "Transfer" means the delivery of a firearm from a transferor to a transferee, including, but  
42 not limited to, the sale, gift, loan or lease of the firearm. "Transfer" does not include the temporary  
43 provision of a firearm to a transferee if the transferor has no reason to believe the transferee is  
44 prohibited from possessing a firearm or intends to use the firearm in the commission of a crime, and  
45 the provision occurs:

1       (A) At a shooting range, shooting gallery or other area designed for the purpose of target  
2 shooting, for use during target practice, a firearms safety or training course or class or a similar  
3 lawful activity;

4       (B) For the purpose of hunting, trapping or target shooting, during the time in which the  
5 transferee is engaged in activities related to hunting, trapping or target shooting;

6       (C) Under circumstances in which the transferee and the firearm are in the presence of the  
7 transferor;

8       (D) To a transferee who is in the business of repairing firearms, for the time during which the  
9 firearm is being repaired;

10      (E) To a transferee who is in the business of making or repairing custom accessories for  
11 firearms, for the time during which the accessories are being made or repaired; or

12      (F) For the purpose of preventing imminent death or serious physical injury, and the provision  
13 lasts only as long as is necessary to prevent the death or serious physical injury.

14       (b) "Transferee" means a person who is not a gun dealer or licensed as a manufacturer or  
15 importer under 18 U.S.C. 923 and who intends to receive a firearm from a transferor.

16       (c) "Transferor" means a person who is not a gun dealer or licensed as a manufacturer or  
17 importer under 18 U.S.C. 923 and who intends to deliver a firearm to a transferee.

18       (2) Except as provided in ORS 166.436 and 166.438 and subsection (4) of this section, a transferor  
19 may not transfer a firearm to a transferee unless the transfer is completed through a gun dealer as  
20 described in subsection (3) of this section.

21       (3)(a) A transferor may transfer a firearm to a transferee only as provided in this section. Except  
22 as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, prior to the transfer both the transferor and the  
23 transferee must appear in person before a gun dealer, with the firearm and, *[for transfers occurring*  
24 *on or after January 1, 2028]* **unless the exception described in subsection (6) of this section**  
25 **applies**, a valid permit-to-purchase issued to the transferee under ORS 166.505, and request that the  
26 gun dealer perform a criminal background check on the transferee.

27       (b) If the transferor and the transferee reside over 40 miles from each other, the transferor may  
28 ship or deliver the firearm to a gun dealer located near the transferee or a gun dealer designated  
29 by the transferee, and the transferor need not appear before the gun dealer in person.

30       (c) A gun dealer who agrees to complete a transfer of a firearm under this section shall request  
31 a criminal history record check on the transferee as described in ORS 166.412 and shall comply with  
32 all requirements of federal law.

33       (d) If, upon completion of a criminal background check, the gun dealer:

34           (A) Receives a unique approval number from the Department of State Police indicating that the  
35 transferee is qualified to complete the transfer, the gun dealer shall notify the transferor, enter the  
36 firearm into the gun dealer's inventory and transfer the firearm to the transferee.

37           (B) Receives notification that the transferee is prohibited by state or federal law from possessing  
38 or receiving the firearm or that the department is unable to determine if the transferee is qualified  
39 or disqualified from completing the transfer, the gun dealer shall notify the transferor and neither  
40 the transferor nor the gun dealer shall transfer the firearm to the transferee. If the transferor  
41 shipped or delivered the firearm to the gun dealer pursuant to paragraph (b) of this subsection, the  
42 gun dealer shall comply with federal law when returning the firearm to the transferor.

43       (e) A gun dealer may charge a reasonable fee for facilitating a firearm transfer pursuant to this  
44 section.

45       (4) The requirements of subsections (2) and (3) of this section do not apply to:

1       (a) The transfer of a firearm by or to a law enforcement agency, or by or to a law enforcement  
 2 officer, private security professional or member of the Armed Forces of the United States, while that  
 3 person is acting within the scope of official duties.

4       (b) The transfer of a firearm as part of a firearm turn-in or buyback event, in which a law  
 5 enforcement agency receives or purchases firearms from members of the public.

6       (c) The transfer of a firearm to:

- 7           (A) A transferor's spouse or domestic partner;
- 8           (B) A transferor's parent or stepparent;
- 9           (C) A transferor's child or stepchild;
- 10          (D) A transferor's sibling;
- 11          (E) A transferor's grandparent;
- 12          (F) A transferor's grandchild;
- 13          (G) A transferor's aunt or uncle;
- 14          (H) A transferor's first cousin;
- 15          (I) A transferor's niece or nephew; or

16       (J) The spouse or domestic partner of a person specified in subparagraphs (B) to (I) of this para-  
 17 graph.

18       (d) The transfer of a firearm that occurs because of the death of the firearm owner, provided  
 19 that:

20          (A) The transfer is conducted or facilitated by a personal representative, as defined in ORS  
 21 111.005, or a trustee of a trust created in a will; and

22          (B) The transferee is related to the deceased firearm owner in a manner specified in paragraph  
 23 (c) of this subsection.

24       (5)(a) A transferor who fails to comply with the requirements of this section commits a Class  
 25 A misdemeanor.

26       (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection, a transferor who fails to comply with the  
 27 requirements of this section commits a Class B felony if the transferor has a previous conviction  
 28 under this section at the time of the offense.

29       **(6) A valid permit to purchase a firearm issued under ORS 166.505 is not required for a  
 30 firearm transfer under this section if the transferee is a peace officer as defined in ORS  
 31 133.005, a parole and probation officer as defined in ORS 181A.355 or a retired peace officer  
 32 or parole and probation officer who is a qualified retired law enforcement officer as defined  
 33 in 18 U.S.C. 926C.**

34       **SECTION 14.** ORS 166.436, as amended by section 8 of this 2026 Act, is amended to read:

35       166.436. (1) The Department of State Police shall make the telephone number established under  
 36 ORS 166.412 (5) available for requests for criminal background checks under this section from per-  
 37 sons who are not gun dealers and who are transferring firearms at gun shows.

38       (2) Prior to transferring a firearm at a gun show, a transferor who is not a gun dealer shall by  
 39 telephone request that the department conduct a criminal background check on the recipient, verify,  
 40 [for transfers occurring on or after January 1, 2028] **unless the exception described in ORS 166.438**  
 41 **(7) applies**, that the transferee has a valid permit to purchase a firearm under ORS 166.505, and  
 42 provide the following information to the department:

- 43           (a) The name, address and telephone number of the transferor;
- 44           (b) The make, model, caliber and manufacturer's number of the firearm being transferred;
- 45           (c) The name, date of birth, race, sex and address of the recipient;

1       (d) The Social Security number of the recipient if the recipient voluntarily provides that number;  
2       (e) The address of the place where the transfer is occurring; and  
3       (f) The type, issuer and identification number of a current piece of identification bearing a re-  
4       cent photograph of the recipient presented by the recipient. The identification presented by the re-  
5       cipient must meet the requirements of ORS 166.412 (4)(a).

6       (3)(a) Upon receipt of a request for a criminal background check under this section, the de-  
7       partment shall immediately, during the telephone call or by return call:

8       (A) Determine from criminal records and other information available to it whether the recipient  
9       is disqualified under ORS 166.470 from completing the transfer or is otherwise prohibited by state  
10       or federal law from possessing a firearm; and

11       (B) Notify the transferor when a recipient is disqualified from completing the transfer or provide  
12       the transferor with a unique approval number indicating that the recipient is qualified to complete  
13       the transfer. The unique approval number is an authorization valid for 24 hours for the requested  
14       transfer. If the firearm is not transferred from the transferor to the recipient within 24 hours after  
15       receipt of the unique approval number, a new request must be made by the transferor.

16       (b) If the department is unable to determine whether the recipient is qualified for or disqualified  
17       from completing the transfer within 30 minutes of receiving the request, the department shall notify  
18       the transferor and provide the transferor with an estimate of the time when the department will  
19       provide the requested information.

20       (c) The transferor may not transfer the firearm unless the transferor receives a unique approval  
21       number from the department and, within 48 hours of the completed transfer, the transferor shall  
22       notify the department that the transfer was completed.

23       (4) A public employee or public agency incurs no criminal or civil liability for performing the  
24       criminal background checks required by this section, provided the employee or agency acts in good  
25       faith and without malice.

26       (5)(a) The department may retain a record of the information obtained during a request for a  
27       criminal background check under this section for the period of time provided in ORS 166.412 (7).

28       (b) The record of the information obtained during a request for a criminal background check  
29       under this section is exempt from disclosure under public records law.

30       (c) If the department determines that a recipient is prohibited from possessing a firearm under  
31       ORS 166.250 (1)(c), the department shall report the attempted transfer, the recipient's name and any  
32       other personally identifiable information to all federal, state and local law enforcement agencies and  
33       district attorneys that have jurisdiction over the location or locations where the attempted transfer  
34       was made and where the recipient resides.

35       (d) If the department determines that, based on the judgment of conviction, the recipient is  
36       prohibited from possessing a firearm as a condition of probation or that the recipient is currently  
37       on post-prison supervision or parole, the department shall report the attempted transfer to the  
38       recipient's supervising officer and the district attorney of the county in which the conviction oc-  
39       curred.

40       (e) If the department determines that the recipient is prohibited from possessing a firearm due  
41       to a court order described in ORS 166.255 (1)(a), the department shall report the attempted transfer  
42       to the court that issued the order.

43       (f) If the department determines that the recipient is under the jurisdiction of the Psychiatric  
44       Security Review Board, the department shall report the attempted transfer to the board.

45       (g) Reports required by paragraphs (c) to (f) of this subsection shall be made within 24 hours

1 after the determination is made, unless a report would compromise an ongoing investigation, in  
2 which case the report may be delayed as long as necessary to avoid compromising the investigation.

3 (h) On or before January 31 of each year, a law enforcement agency or a prosecuting attorney's  
4 office that received a report pursuant to paragraph (c) of this subsection during the previous cal-  
5 endar year shall inform the department of any action that was taken concerning the report and the  
6 outcome of the action.

7 (i) The department shall annually publish a written report, based on any information received  
8 under paragraph (h) of this subsection, detailing the following information for the previous year:

9 (A) The number of recipients whom the department determined were prohibited from possessing  
10 a firearm under ORS 166.250 (1)(c), arranged by category of prohibition;

11 (B) The number of reports made pursuant to paragraph (c) of this subsection;

12 (C) The number of investigations arising from the reports made pursuant to paragraph (c) of this  
13 subsection, the number of investigations concluded and the number of investigations referred for  
14 prosecution, all arranged by category of prohibition; and

15 (D) The number of criminal charges arising from the reports made pursuant to paragraph (c) of  
16 this subsection and the disposition of the charges, both arranged by category of prohibition.

17 (6) The recipient of the firearm must be present when the transferor requests a criminal back-  
18 ground check under this section.

19 (7)(a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, a transferor who receives  
20 notification under this section that the recipient is qualified to complete the transfer of a firearm,  
21 has the recipient fill out the form required by ORS 166.438 (1)(a) and retains the form as required  
22 by ORS 166.438 (2) is immune from civil liability for any use of the firearm from the time of the  
23 transfer unless the transferor knows, or reasonably should know, that the recipient is likely to  
24 commit an unlawful act involving the firearm.

25 (b) The immunity provided by paragraph (a) of this subsection does not apply:

26 (A) If the transferor knows, or reasonably should know, that the recipient of the firearm intends  
27 to deliver the firearm to a third person who the transferor knows, or reasonably should know, may  
28 not lawfully possess the firearm; or

29 (B) In any product liability civil action under ORS 30.900 to 30.920.

30 **SECTION 15.** ORS 166.438, as amended by section 9 of this 2026 Act, is amended to read:

31 166.438. (1) A transferor who is not a gun dealer may not transfer a firearm at a gun show un-  
32 less the transferor:

33 (a)(A) [For transfers occurring on or after January 1, 2028,] Verifies with the Department of State  
34 Police that the recipient has a valid permit-to-purchase issued under ORS 166.505, **unless the ex-**  
35 **ception described in subsection (7) of this section applies;**

36 (B) Requests a criminal background check under ORS 166.436 prior to completing the transfer;

37 (C) Receives a unique approval number from the department indicating that the recipient is  
38 qualified to complete the transfer; and

39 (D) Has the recipient complete the form described in ORS 166.441; or

40 (b) Completes the transfer through a gun dealer.

41 (2) The transferor shall retain the completed form referred to in subsection (1) of this section  
42 for at least five years and shall make the completed form available to law enforcement agencies for  
43 the purpose of criminal investigations.

44 (3) A person who organizes a gun show shall post in a prominent place at the gun show a notice  
45 explaining the requirements of subsections (1) and (2) of this section. The person shall provide the

1 form required by subsection (1) of this section to any person transferring a firearm at the gun show.

2 (4) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply if the transferee is licensed as a dealer under  
3 18 U.S.C. 923.

4 (5)(a) Failure to comply with the requirements of subsection (1), (2) or (3) of this section is a  
5 Class A misdemeanor.

6 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection, failure to comply with the requirements  
7 of subsection (1), (2) or (3) of this section is a Class C felony if the person has two or more previous  
8 convictions under this section at the time of the offense.

9 (6) It is an affirmative defense to a charge of violating subsection (1) or (3) of this section that  
10 the person did not know, or reasonably could not know, that more than 25 firearms were at the site  
11 and available for transfer.

12 (7) **A valid permit to purchase a firearm issued under ORS 166.505 is not required for a**  
13 **firearm transfer under this section if the recipient is a peace officer as defined in ORS**  
14 **133.005, a parole and probation officer as defined in ORS 181A.355 or a retired peace officer**  
15 **or parole and probation officer who is a qualified retired law enforcement officer as defined**  
16 **in 18 U.S.C. 926C.**

17 **SECTION 16. The amendments to ORS 166.412, 166.435, 166.436 and 166.438 by sections 12**  
18 **to 15 of this 2026 Act become operative on January 1, 2028.**

19 **SECTION 17. The amendments to ORS 166.412, 166.435, 166.436 and 166.438 by sections 12**  
20 **to 15 of this 2026 Act apply to firearm transfers conducted on or after January 1, 2028.**

## 22 CHALLENGE TO LEGALITY OF ACT

24 **SECTION 18. (1) Any action brought in state court challenging the legality, including the**  
25 **constitutionality, of this 2026 Act must be commenced in the Circuit Court for Marion**  
26 **County.**

27 **(2) The plaintiff in an action described in this section must serve a copy of the complaint**  
28 **on the Attorney General.**

## 30 CAPTIONS

32 **SECTION 19. The unit captions used in this 2026 Act are provided only for the conven-**  
33 **ience of the reader and do not become part of the statutory law of this state or express any**  
34 **legislative intent in the enactment of this 2026 Act.**

## 36 EMERGENCY CLAUSE

38 **SECTION 20. This 2026 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
39 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2026 Act takes effect**  
40 **on its passage.**