

HB25-1238

Gun Show Requirements

Concerning requirements for gun shows.

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SUBJECT:

Crimes, Corrections, & Enforcement

BILL SUMMARY

The bill requires a gun show promoter to prepare a security plan and submit the security plan to each local law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over the gun show. The bill places certain requirements on a gun show promoter, including requiring the promoter to:

- Have liability insurance for the gun show;
- Implement security measures at the gun show;
- Prohibit persons under ~~21~~ 18 years of age from entering the gun show unless the person is accompanied by a parent, grandparent, or guardian;
- For each customer who leaves with a purchased firearm, verify that each firearm sold at a gun show is delivered in compliance with the required the 3-day waiting period; and
- Post certain notices at the gun show.

Violating any of these provisions is unlawful gun show management, which is a class 2 misdemeanor; except that a second or subsequent offense is a class 1 misdemeanor and, in addition to a criminal penalty, the promoter is prohibited from acting as a gun show promoter for 5 years.

The bill defines a "gun collectors show" as an event sponsored to facilitate the purchase, sale, offer for sale, or collection of only curios or relics or antique firearms, and not any other type of firearm. Gun collectors shows are not gun shows under the bill.

The bill prohibits a person from participating in a gun show as a gun show vendor if the person is not a federal firearms licensee, does not hold a valid state firearms dealer permit, has been convicted of a second offense of unlawful gun show vendor activity as described in the bill, or has not completed a gun show certification for the gun show promoter as required in the bill. Unlawful participation in a gun show as a gun show vendor is a class 2 misdemeanor; except that a second or subsequent offense is a class 1 misdemeanor.

Before participating in a gun show, a gun show vendor is required to certify to the gun show promoter that the vendor satisfies the requirements to be a gun show vendor and will comply with federal, state, and local laws while participating in the gun show.

While participating in a gun show, a gun show vendor shall display copies of the vendor's federal firearms license and state firearms dealer permit, keep firearms unloaded and securely affixed to the vendor's countertop or wall, secure ammunition ~~in an enclosed display case or behind the vendor's counter or other customer access prevention device~~ *a manner that makes the ammunition inaccessible to gun show attendees without the assistance of the vendor* , and include with each sold firearm written information describing secure storage and lost or stolen firearm reporting requirements in state law. Unlawful gun show vendor activity is a class 2 misdemeanor; except that a second or subsequent offense is a class 1 misdemeanor and the person is prohibited from participating as a vendor at a gun show.

The bill maintains the requirement in existing law that a gun show vendor conduct a background check for each firearm transfer at a gun show , *but removes the maximum amount for the fee a licensed gun dealer may charge for each background check conducted at a gun show* .

(Note: Italicized words indicate new material added to the original summary; dashes through words indicate deletions from the original summary.)

(Note: This summary applies to the reengrossed version of this bill as introduced in the second house.)