

SB23-169

Increasing Minimum Age To Purchase Firearms

Concerning increasing the legal age to purchase a firearm to twenty-one years of age, with limited exceptions.

SESSION:

2023 Regular Session

SUBJECT:

Crimes, Corrections, & Enforcement

BILL SUMMARY

Current law allows a person who is 18 years of age or older to knowingly possess or purchase a firearm. The act increases the age to legally purchase a firearm to 21 years of age or older.

The act makes the unlawful purchase of a firearm by a person who is less than 21 years of age a class 2 misdemeanor and makes it unlawful for a licensed or unlicensed gun dealer to facilitate such a sale. Exceptions include:

- The person is an active member of the United States armed forces; or
- The person is a peace officer or certified by the P.O.S.T. board.

APPROVED by Governor April 28, 2023

EFFECTIVE August 7, 2023

NOTE: This act was passed without a safety clause and takes effect 90 days after sine die.

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as enacted.)