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**"AN ACT CONCERNING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FIREARM
INDUSTRY RESPONSIBILITY ACT, FIREARMS PERMITS AND
ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATES AND SELF-DEFENSE."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 53a-55 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

5 (a) A person is guilty of manslaughter in the first degree when: (1)
6 With intent to cause serious physical injury to another person, he causes
7 the death of such person or of a third person; or (2) with intent to cause
8 the death of another person, he causes the death of such person or of a
9 third person under circumstances which do not constitute murder
10 because he committed the proscribed act or acts under the influence of
11 extreme emotional disturbance, as provided in subsection (a) of section
12 53a-54a, except that the fact that homicide was committed under the
13 influence of extreme emotional disturbance constitutes a mitigating

14 circumstance reducing murder to manslaughter in the first degree and
15 need not be proved in any prosecution initiated under this subsection;
16 or (3) under circumstances evincing an extreme indifference to human
17 life, he recklessly engages in conduct which creates a grave risk of death
18 to another person, and thereby causes the death of another person.

19 (b) Manslaughter in the first degree is a class B felony.

20 (c) If a person is charged with a violation of the provisions of this
21 section, the charge may not be reduced, nolle or dismissed unless the
22 prosecuting authority states in open court such prosecutor's reasons for
23 the reduction, nolle or dismissal.

24 Sec. 502. Section 53a-56a of the general statutes is repealed and the
25 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

26 (a) A person is guilty of manslaughter in the second degree with a
27 firearm when he commits manslaughter in the second degree as
28 provided in section 53a-56, and in the commission of such offense he
29 uses or is armed with and threatens the use of or displays or represents
30 by his words or conduct that he possesses a pistol, revolver, shotgun,
31 rifle, machine gun or other firearm. No person shall be found guilty of
32 manslaughter in the second degree and manslaughter in the second
33 degree with a firearm upon the same transaction but such person may
34 be charged and prosecuted for both such offenses upon the same
35 information.

36 (b) Manslaughter in the second degree with a firearm is a class C
37 felony for which one year of the sentence imposed may not be
38 suspended or reduced by the court.

39 (c) If a person is charged with a violation of the provisions of this
40 section, the charge may not be reduced, nolle or dismissed unless the
41 prosecuting authority states in open court such prosecutor's reasons for
42 the reduction, nolle or dismissal.

43 Sec. 503. Section 53a-60a of the general statutes is repealed and the

44 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

45 (a) A person is guilty of assault in the second degree with a firearm
46 when he commits assault in the second degree as provided in section
47 53a-60, and in the commission of such offense he uses or is armed with
48 and threatens the use of or displays or represents by his words or
49 conduct that he possesses a pistol, revolver, machine gun, shotgun, rifle
50 or other firearm. No person shall be found guilty of assault in the second
51 degree and assault in the second degree with a firearm upon the same
52 transaction but such person may be charged and prosecuted for both
53 such offenses upon the same information.

54 (b) Assault in the second degree with a firearm is (1) a class D felony,
55 or (2) if the offense resulted in serious physical injury, a class C felony,
56 for which, in either case under subdivision (1) or subdivision (2) of this
57 subsection, one year of the sentence imposed may not be suspended or
58 reduced by the court.

59 (c) If a person is charged with a violation of the provisions of this
60 section, the charge may not be reduced, nolle or dismissed unless the
61 prosecuting authority states in open court such prosecutor's reasons for
62 the reduction, nolle or dismissal.

63 Sec. 504. Section 53a-60c of the general statutes is repealed and the
64 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

65 (a) A person is guilty of assault of an elderly, blind, disabled or
66 pregnant person or a person with intellectual disability in the second
67 degree with a firearm when such person commits assault in the second
68 degree with a firearm under section 53a-60a and (1) the victim of such
69 assault has attained at least sixty years of age, is blind or physically
70 disabled, as defined in section 1-1f, or is pregnant, or (2) the victim of
71 such assault is a person with intellectual disability, as defined in section
72 1-1g, and the actor is not a person with intellectual disability.

73 (b) No person shall be found guilty of assault in the second degree or
74 assault in the second degree with a firearm and assault of an elderly,

75 blind, disabled or pregnant person or a person with intellectual
76 disability in the second degree with a firearm upon the same incident of
77 assault but such person may be charged and prosecuted for all of such
78 offenses upon the same information.

79 (c) In any prosecution for an offense under this section based on the
80 victim being pregnant it shall be an affirmative defense that the actor, at
81 the time such actor engaged in the conduct constituting the offense, did
82 not know the victim was pregnant. In any prosecution for an offense
83 under this section based on the victim being a person with intellectual
84 disability, it shall be an affirmative defense that the actor, at the time
85 such actor engaged in the conduct constituting the offense, did not
86 know the victim was a person with intellectual disability.

87 (d) Assault of an elderly, blind, disabled or pregnant person or a
88 person with intellectual disability in the second degree with a firearm is
89 a class D felony and any person found guilty under this section shall be
90 sentenced to a term of imprisonment of which three years of the
91 sentence imposed may not be suspended or reduced by the court.

92 (e) If a person is charged with a violation of the provisions of this
93 section, the charge may not be reduced, nolle or dismissed unless the
94 prosecuting authority states in open court such prosecutor's reasons for
95 the reduction, nolle or dismissal.

96 Sec. 505. Section 53a-72b of the general statutes is repealed and the
97 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

98 (a) A person is guilty of sexual assault in the third degree with a
99 firearm when such person commits sexual assault in the third degree as
100 provided in section 53a-72a, and in the commission of such offense, such
101 person uses or is armed with and threatens the use of or displays or
102 represents by such person's words or conduct that such person
103 possesses a pistol, revolver, machine gun, rifle, shotgun or other firearm.
104 No person shall be convicted of sexual assault in the third degree and
105 sexual assault in the third degree with a firearm upon the same

106 transaction but such person may be charged and prosecuted for both
107 such offenses upon the same information.

108 (b) Sexual assault in the third degree with a firearm is a class C felony
109 or, if the victim of the offense is under sixteen years of age, a class B
110 felony, and any person found guilty under this section shall be
111 sentenced to a term of imprisonment of which two years of the sentence
112 imposed may not be suspended or reduced by the court and a period of
113 special parole pursuant to subsection (b) of section 53a-28 which
114 together constitute a sentence of ten years.

115 (c) If a person is charged with a violation of the provisions of this
116 section, the charge may not be reduced, nolle or dismissed unless the
117 prosecuting authority states in open court such prosecutor's reasons for
118 the reduction, nolle or dismissal.

119 Sec. 506. Section 53a-92a of the general statutes is repealed and the
120 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

121 (a) A person is guilty of kidnapping in the first degree with a firearm
122 when such person commits kidnapping in the first degree as provided
123 in section 53a-92, and in the commission of said crime such person uses
124 or is armed with and threatens the use of or displays or represents by
125 such person's words or conduct that such person possesses a pistol,
126 revolver, machine gun, shotgun, rifle or other firearm. No person shall
127 be convicted of kidnapping in the first degree and kidnapping in the
128 first degree with a firearm upon the same transaction but such person
129 may be charged and prosecuted for both such offenses upon the same
130 information.

131 (b) Kidnapping in the first degree with a firearm is a class A felony.

132 (c) If a person is charged with a violation of the provisions of this
133 section, the charge may not be reduced, nolle or dismissed unless the
134 prosecuting authority states in open court such prosecutor's reasons for
135 the reduction, nolle or dismissal.

136 Sec. 507. Section 53a-94a of the general statutes is repealed and the
137 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

138 (a) A person is guilty of kidnapping in the second degree with a
139 firearm when he commits kidnapping in the second degree, as provided
140 in section 53a-94, and in the commission of such offense he uses or is
141 armed with and threatens the use of or uses or displays or represents by
142 his words or conduct that he possesses a pistol, revolver, machine gun,
143 shotgun, rifle or other firearm. No person shall be convicted of
144 kidnapping in the second degree and kidnapping in the second degree
145 with a firearm upon the same transaction but such person may be
146 charged and prosecuted for both such offenses upon the same
147 information.

148 (b) Kidnapping in the second degree with a firearm is a class B felony
149 for which three years of the sentence imposed may not be suspended or
150 reduced by the court.

151 (c) If a person is charged with a violation of the provisions of this
152 section, the charge may not be reduced, nolle or dismissed unless the
153 prosecuting authority states in open court such prosecutor's reasons for
154 the reduction, nolle or dismissal.

155 Sec. 508. Section 53a-54a of the general statutes is repealed and the
156 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

157 (a) A person is guilty of murder when, with intent to cause the death
158 of another person, he causes the death of such person or of a third
159 person or causes a suicide by force, duress or deception; except that in
160 any prosecution under this subsection, it shall be an affirmative defense
161 that the defendant committed the proscribed act or acts under the
162 influence of extreme emotional disturbance for which there was a
163 reasonable explanation or excuse, the reasonableness of which is to be
164 determined from the viewpoint of a person in the defendant's situation
165 under the circumstances as the defendant believed them to be, provided
166 nothing contained in this subsection shall constitute a defense to a

167 prosecution for, or preclude a conviction of, manslaughter in the first
168 degree or any other crime.

169 (b) Evidence that the defendant suffered from a mental disease,
170 mental defect or other mental abnormality is admissible, in a
171 prosecution under subsection (a) of this section, on the question of
172 whether the defendant acted with intent to cause the death of another
173 person.

174 (c) Murder is punishable as a class A felony in accordance with
175 subdivision (2) of section 53a-35a unless it is (1) a capital felony
176 committed prior to April 25, 2012, by a person who was eighteen years
177 of age or older at the time of the offense, punishable in accordance with
178 subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of section 53a-35a, (2) murder with
179 special circumstances committed on or after April 25, 2012, by a person
180 who was eighteen years of age or older at the time of the offense,
181 punishable as a class A felony in accordance with subparagraph (B) of
182 subdivision (1) of section 53a-35a, or (3) murder under section 53a-54d
183 committed by a person who was eighteen years of age or older at the
184 time of the offense.

185 (d) If a person is charged with a violation of the provisions of this
186 section and if in the commission of such offense in the commission of
187 such offense he uses or is armed with and threatens the use of or uses or
188 displays or represents by his words or conduct that he possesses a pistol,
189 revolver, machine gun, shotgun, rifle or other firearm, the charge may
190 not be reduced, nolle or dismissed unless the prosecuting authority
191 states in open court such prosecutor's reasons for the reduction, nolle or
192 dismissal.

193 Sec. 509. Section 53a-54b of the general statutes is repealed and the
194 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

195 (a) A person is guilty of murder with special circumstances who is
196 convicted of any of the following and was eighteen years of age or older
197 at the time of the offense: (1) Murder of a member of the Division of

198 State Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public
199 Protection or of any local police department, a chief inspector or
200 inspector in the Division of Criminal Justice, a state marshal who is
201 exercising authority granted under any provision of the general statutes,
202 a judicial marshal in performance of the duties of a judicial marshal, a
203 constable who performs criminal law enforcement duties, a special
204 policeman appointed under section 29-18, a conservation officer or
205 special conservation officer appointed by the Commissioner of Energy
206 and Environmental Protection under the provisions of section 26-5, an
207 employee of the Department of Correction or a person providing
208 services on behalf of said department when such employee or person is
209 acting within the scope of such employee's or person's employment or
210 duties in a correctional institution or facility and the actor is confined in
211 such institution or facility, or any firefighter, while such victim was
212 acting within the scope of such victim's duties; (2) murder committed
213 by a defendant who is hired to commit the same for pecuniary gain or
214 murder committed by one who is hired by the defendant to commit the
215 same for pecuniary gain; (3) murder committed by one who has
216 previously been convicted of intentional murder or of murder
217 committed in the course of commission of a felony; (4) murder
218 committed by one who was, at the time of commission of the murder,
219 under sentence of life imprisonment; (5) murder by a kidnapper of a
220 kidnapped person during the course of the kidnapping or before such
221 person is able to return or be returned to safety; (6) murder committed
222 in the course of the commission of sexual assault in the first degree; (7)
223 murder of two or more persons at the same time or in the course of a
224 single transaction; or (8) murder of a person under sixteen years of age.

225 (b) If a person is charged with a violation of the provisions of this
226 section and if in the commission of such offense in the commission of
227 such offense he uses or is armed with and threatens the use of or uses or
228 displays or represents by his words or conduct that he possesses a pistol,
229 revolver, machine gun, shotgun, rifle or other firearm, the charge may
230 not be reduced, nolle or dismissed unless the prosecuting authority
231 states in open court such prosecutor's reasons for the reduction, nolle or

232 dismissal.

233 Sec. 510. Section 53a-54c of the general statutes is repealed and the
234 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

235 (a) A person is guilty of murder when, acting either alone or with one
236 or more persons, such person commits or attempts to commit robbery,
237 home invasion, burglary, kidnapping, sexual assault in the first degree,
238 aggravated sexual assault in the first degree, sexual assault in the third
239 degree, sexual assault in the third degree with a firearm, escape in the
240 first degree, or escape in the second degree and, in the course of and in
241 furtherance of such crime or of flight therefrom, such person, or another
242 participant, if any, causes the death of a person other than one of the
243 participants, except that in any prosecution under this section, in which
244 the defendant was not the only participant in the underlying crime, it
245 shall be an affirmative defense that the defendant: (1) Did not commit
246 the homicidal act or in any way solicit, request, command, importune,
247 cause or aid the commission thereof; and (2) was not armed with a
248 deadly weapon, or any dangerous instrument; and (3) had no
249 reasonable ground to believe that any other participant was armed with
250 such a weapon or instrument; and (4) had no reasonable ground to
251 believe that any other participant intended to engage in conduct likely
252 to result in death or serious physical injury.

253 (b) If a person is charged with a violation of the provisions of this
254 section and if in the commission of such offense in the commission of
255 such offense he uses or is armed with and threatens the use of or uses or
256 displays or represents by his words or conduct that he possesses a pistol,
257 revolver, machine gun, shotgun, rifle or other firearm, the charge may
258 not be reduced, nolle or dismissed unless the prosecuting authority
259 states in open court such prosecutor's reasons for the reduction, nolle or
260 dismissal.

261 Sec. 511. Section 53a-59 of the general statutes is repealed and the
262 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

263 (a) A person is guilty of assault in the first degree when: (1) With
264 intent to cause serious physical injury to another person, he causes such
265 injury to such person or to a third person by means of a deadly weapon
266 or a dangerous instrument; or (2) with intent to disfigure another person
267 seriously and permanently, or to destroy, amputate or disable
268 permanently a member or organ of his body, he causes such injury to
269 such person or to a third person; or (3) under circumstances evincing an
270 extreme indifference to human life he recklessly engages in conduct
271 which creates a risk of death to another person, and thereby causes
272 serious physical injury to another person; or (4) with intent to cause
273 serious physical injury to another person and while aided by two or
274 more other persons actually present, he causes such injury to such
275 person or to a third person; or (5) with intent to cause physical injury to
276 another person, he causes such injury to such person or to a third person
277 by means of the discharge of a firearm.

278 (b) Assault in the first degree is a class B felony provided (1) any
279 person found guilty under subdivision (1) of subsection (a) shall be
280 sentenced to a term of imprisonment of which five years of the sentence
281 imposed may not be suspended or reduced by the court and (2) any
282 person found guilty under subsection (a) shall be sentenced to a term of
283 imprisonment of which ten years of the sentence imposed may not be
284 suspended or reduced by the court if the victim of the offense is a person
285 under ten years of age or if the victim of the offense is a witness, as
286 defined in section 53a-146, and the actor knew the victim was a witness.

287 (c) If a person is charged with a violation of the provisions of this
288 section and if in the commission of such offense in the commission of
289 such offense he uses or is armed with and threatens the use of or uses or
290 displays or represents by his words or conduct that he possesses a pistol,
291 revolver, machine gun, shotgun, rifle or other firearm, the charge may
292 not be reduced, nolle or dismissed unless the prosecuting authority
293 states in open court such prosecutor's reasons for the reduction, nolle or
294 dismissal."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Sec. 501	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	53a-55
Sec. 502	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	53a-56a
Sec. 503	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	53a-60a
Sec. 504	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	53a-60c
Sec. 505	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	53a-72b
Sec. 506	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	53a-92a
Sec. 507	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	53a-94a
Sec. 508	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	53a-54a
Sec. 509	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	53a-54b
Sec. 510	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	53a-54c
Sec. 511	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	53a-59