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**"AN ACT CONCERNING CONVERTIBLE PISTOLS AND UNFINISHED FRAMES OR UNFINISHED LOWER RECEIVERS."**

1 Strike sections 1 and 2 in their entirety and insert the following in lieu  
2 thereof:

3 "Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 53-202 of the general statutes is  
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
5 *1, 2026*):

6 (a) As used in this section: (1) "Machine gun" [shall apply to and  
7 include] means (A) a weapon of any description, loaded or unloaded,  
8 [which] that shoots, is designed to shoot or can be readily restored to  
9 shoot automatically more than one projectile, without manual  
10 reloading, by a single function of the trigger, including any convertible  
11 pistol that is equipped with a pistol converter, as defined in subsection  
12 (c) of section 53-206g, as amended by this act, and [shall also include]  
13 (B) any part or combination of parts designed for use in converting a  
14 weapon into a machine gun and any combination of parts from which a

15 machine gun can be assembled if such parts are in the possession of or  
16 under the control of a person. (2) "Crime of violence" [shall apply to and  
17 include] means any of the following-named crimes or an attempt to  
18 commit any of the same: Murder, manslaughter, kidnapping, sexual  
19 assault and sexual assault with a firearm, assault in the first or second  
20 degree, robbery, burglary, larceny and riot in the first degree. (3)  
21 "Projectile" means any size bullet that when affixed to any cartridge case  
22 may be propelled through the bore of a machine gun. (4) "Convertible  
23 pistol" means any semiautomatic pistol with a cruciform trigger bar that  
24 can be readily altered by hand or with a common household tool so that  
25 the pistol can be readily converted into a machine gun by the installation  
26 or attachment of a pistol converter, as defined in subsection (c) of section  
27 53-206g, as amended by this act. "Convertible pistol" does not include  
28 (A) any hammer-fired semiautomatic pistol, or (B) any semiautomatic  
29 pistol with a cruciform trigger bar that has a tab or other piece of  
30 material molded to the pistol's frame that shields the cruciform trigger  
31 bar from interference by a pistol converter, unless the tab or other piece  
32 of material can be readily removed from the pistol's frame. (5)  
33 "Cruciform trigger bar" means a component in a semiautomatic pistol  
34 that serves as a linkage between the trigger and firing pin and has its  
35 sear incorporated in a cross-shaped surface. (6) "Common household  
36 tool" includes, but is not limited to, a knife, screwdriver, wrench,  
37 hacksaw, crowbar, electric drill, rotary tool, hammer, chisel, file or  
38 pliers.

39 Sec. 2. Subsection (c) of section 53-206g of the 2026 supplement to the  
40 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
41 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

42 (c) For purposes of this section, (1) "firearm" means firearm as defined  
43 in section 53a-3, as amended by this act, [and] (2) "rate of fire  
44 enhancement" means (A) any device, component, part, combination of  
45 parts, attachment or accessory that: [(1)] (i) Uses energy from the recoil  
46 of a firearm to generate a reciprocating action that causes repeated  
47 function of the trigger, including, but not limited to, a bump stock; [(2)]

48 (ii) repeatedly pulls or forcibly resets the trigger of a firearm through the  
49 use of a crank, lever or other part, including, but not limited to, a trigger  
50 crank or forced reset trigger; or [(3)] (iii) causes a semiautomatic firearm  
51 to fire more than one round per operation of the trigger, where the  
52 trigger pull and reset constitute a single operation of the trigger,  
53 including, but not limited to, a binary trigger system or a pistol  
54 converter, or (B) any other device, part, combination of parts, kit, tool or  
55 accessory that is not necessary for the function of the pistol and that,  
56 when built into, installed in or attached to the pistol, increases the rate  
57 of fire above the rate at which a person can fire the firearm without the  
58 device, part, combination of parts, kit, tool or accessory, and (3) "pistol  
59 converter" means any device or instrument that, when installed in or  
60 attached to the rear of the slide of a semiautomatic pistol, interferes with  
61 the trigger mechanism, thereby enabling the pistol to discharge a  
62 number of shots or bullets rapidly or automatically with one continuous  
63 pull of the trigger."

64 Strike line 62 in its entirety and insert "similar entity that knowingly  
65 imports into this state or knowingly advertises, sells, offers or" in lieu  
66 thereof

67 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
68 internal references accordingly:

69 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) (a) Any individual may, at  
70 any time, deliver or surrender any firearm, as defined in section 53a-3  
71 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or ammunition in the  
72 possession of such individual to the Commissioner of Emergency  
73 Services and Public Protection for a period of not less than fourteen  
74 days, provided a local police department may accept such firearm or  
75 ammunition on behalf of said commissioner. The commissioner or local  
76 police department shall exercise due care in the receipt and holding of  
77 such firearm or ammunition.

78 (b) An individual who delivers or surrenders a firearm or  
79 ammunition to the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public

80 Protection or a local police department may request the return of such  
81 firearm or ammunition on or after the fifteenth day after the date of such  
82 delivery or surrender, but not later than two years after such date. Such  
83 request shall include a completed and signed form promulgated  
84 pursuant to subsection (b) of section 502 of this act.

85 (c) Not later than five days after receiving a request pursuant to  
86 subsection (b) of this section, the commissioner or a local police  
87 department shall review the request and make available for retrieval  
88 any firearm or ammunition to such individual, provided the  
89 commissioner or local police department confirms that such individual  
90 (1) submitted the signed form required pursuant to subsection (b) of this  
91 section, (2) is not otherwise disqualified from possessing such firearm  
92 or ammunition, and (3) was legally entitled to possess such firearm or  
93 ammunition at the time of delivery or surrender to the commissioner or  
94 a local police department. If such firearm or ammunition has not been  
95 collected by the individual at the end of the two-year period  
96 immediately following the date of delivery or surrender of such firearm  
97 or ammunition, the commissioner or a local police department, as  
98 applicable, shall cause such firearm or ammunition to be destroyed. Not  
99 later than ninety days prior to such destruction, the commissioner or  
100 local police department, as applicable, shall notify, in writing, the  
101 individual who delivered or surrendered the firearm or ammunition of  
102 the date of such destruction.

103 Sec. 502. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than thirty days  
104 after the effective date of this section, the Commissioner of Emergency  
105 Services and Public Protection shall, within available appropriations,  
106 provide written notification of the provisions of section 501 of this act  
107 by posting the notification on the Department of Emergency Services  
108 and Public Protection's Internet web site. Such notification shall include  
109 directions concerning how an individual who delivers or surrenders  
110 any firearm, as defined in section 53a-3 of the general statutes, as  
111 amended by this act, or ammunition in the possession of such individual  
112 to the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection for a

113 period of not less than fourteen days, may on or after the fifteenth day  
114 after the date of such delivery or surrender, but not later than two years  
115 after such date, request the return of such firearm or ammunition, and  
116 which requirements the individual must satisfy in order to have such  
117 firearm or ammunition returned to such person. Such notice shall also  
118 provide that such firearm or ammunition shall be destroyed if not  
119 collected by the individual before the end of the two-year period  
120 immediately following the date of delivery or surrender of a firearm or  
121 ammunition.

122 (b) On or before October 1, 2027, the Commissioner of Emergency  
123 Services and Public Protection shall promulgate and make available on  
124 the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection's Internet  
125 web site a form to be signed by any individual who is seeking the return  
126 of a firearm or ammunition pursuant to section 501 of this act.

127 Sec. 503. Subsections (a) to (e), inclusive, of section 29-30 of the 2026  
128 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following is  
129 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

130 (a) The fee for each permit originally issued under the provisions of  
131 subsection (b) of section 29-28, as amended by this act, for the sale at  
132 retail of firearms shall be two hundred dollars and the fee for each  
133 renewal of such permit shall be two hundred dollars. The fee for each  
134 state permit originally issued under the provisions of subsection (c) of  
135 section 29-28, for the carrying of pistols and revolvers shall be one  
136 hundred forty dollars plus sufficient funds as required to be transmitted  
137 to the Federal Bureau of Investigation to cover the cost of a national  
138 criminal history records check. The local permitting authority, as  
139 defined in section 29-28, as amended by this act, or the chief of police of  
140 a law enforcement unit of any federally recognized Native American  
141 tribe within the borders of the state, as referenced in subsection (c) of  
142 section 29-28, shall forward sufficient funds for the national criminal  
143 history records check to the commissioner no later than five business  
144 days after receipt by the local permitting authority, or such chief of  
145 police of a law enforcement unit of any federally recognized Native

146 American tribe, of the application for the temporary state permit.  
147 [Seventy] Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, seventy  
148 dollars shall be retained by the local permitting authority, or such chief  
149 of police of a law enforcement unit of any federally recognized Native  
150 American tribe. Upon approval by the local permitting authority, or  
151 such chief of police of a law enforcement unit of any federally  
152 recognized Native American tribe, of the application for a temporary  
153 state permit, seventy dollars shall be sent to the commissioner. The fee  
154 to renew each state permit originally issued under the provisions of  
155 subsection (c) of section 29-28 shall be seventy dollars. Upon deposit of  
156 such fees in the General Fund, ten dollars of each fee shall be credited  
157 within thirty days to the appropriation for the Department of  
158 Emergency Services and Public Protection to a separate nonlapsing  
159 account for the purposes of the issuance of permits under subsections  
160 (b) and (c) of section 29-28, as amended by this act.

161 (b) A local permit originally issued before October 1, 2001, whether  
162 for the sale at retail of pistols and revolvers or for the carrying of pistols  
163 and revolvers, shall expire five years after the date it becomes effective  
164 and each renewal of such permit shall expire five years after the  
165 expiration date of the permit being renewed. On and after October 1,  
166 2001, no local permit for the carrying of pistols and revolvers shall be  
167 renewed.

168 (c) A state permit originally issued under the provisions of section 29-  
169 28, as amended by this act, for the carrying of pistols and revolvers shall  
170 expire five years after the date such permit becomes effective and each  
171 renewal of such permit shall expire five years after the expiration date  
172 of the state permit being renewed and such renewal shall not be  
173 contingent on the renewal or issuance of a local permit. A temporary  
174 state permit issued for the carrying of pistols and revolvers shall expire  
175 sixty days after the date it becomes effective, and may not be renewed.

176 (d) The renewal fee required pursuant to subsection (a) of this section  
177 shall apply for each renewal which is requested not earlier than thirty-  
178 one days before, and not later than thirty-one days after, the expiration

179 date of the state permit being renewed.

180 (e) No fee or portion of any fee paid under the provisions of this  
 181 section for issuance or renewal of a state permit shall be refundable  
 182 except if (1) such permit for which the fee or portion was paid was not  
 183 issued or renewed, or (2) the local permitting authority fails to discharge  
 184 any obligation applicable to such local permitting authority pursuant to  
 185 subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 29-28a or subsection (b) or (c)  
 186 of section 29-29 within the applicable time limits established under said  
 187 subdivision or subsections, in which case the local permitting authority  
 188 shall refund seventy dollars to the applicant. A refund issued pursuant  
 189 to the provisions of subdivision (2) of this subsection shall not alleviate  
 190 the local permitting authority from discharging any obligation specified  
 191 in said subdivision or subsections after such applicable time limits. The  
 192 portion of the fee expended on the national criminal history records  
 193 check for any such permit that was not issued or renewed shall not be  
 194 refunded."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	53-202(a)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	53-206g(c)
Sec. 501	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 502	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 503	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	29-30(a) to (e)