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Introduction and first reading
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OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; requiring that persons purchasing a firearm be trained in
1.3 firearm safety; requiring the retention of records relating to firearm sales; providing
1.4 criminal penalties; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter
1.5 624.

1.6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.7 Section 1. [624.7135] SALE OF FIREARM; TRAINING IN SAFE USE REQUIRED;
1.8 RECORD KEEPING; CRIMINAL PENALTY.

1.9 Subdivision 1. Definitions. As used in this section:

1.10 (1) "firearms dealer" has the meaning given in section 624.7134;

1.11 (2) "sale" or "sell" includes any permanent transfer of ownership of a firearm, regardless
1.12 of whether any consideration was given;

1.13 (3) "state or federally issued identification" has the meaning given in section 624.7134;
1.14 and

1.15 (4) "unlicensed person" has the meaning given in section 624.7134.

1.16 Subd. 2. Sale of firearm; training required. A person may not sell a firearm unless
1.17 the person purchasing or otherwise taking ownership of the firearm presents evidence of
1.18 training in the safe use of a firearm as provided in subdivision 3.

1.19 Subd. 3. Training in safe use of a firearm. (a) A person purchasing or otherwise taking
1.20 ownership of a firearm must present evidence to the seller that the person has received
1.21 training in the safe use of a firearm within one year of the date of the sale. Training may be
1.22 demonstrated by:

2.1 (1) employment as a peace officer in the state of Minnesota within the past year; or
2.2 (2) completion of a firearms safety or training course providing basic training in the safe
2.3 use of a firearm and conducted by a certified instructor.

2.4 (b) Basic training must include:

2.5 (1) instruction in the fundamentals of firearm use, including firearm mechanics and
2.6 operation, safe handling and storage, and injury and suicide prevention;

2.7 (2) successful completion of an actual shooting qualification exercise; and

2.8 (3) instruction in the fundamental legal aspects of firearm possession, carry, and use,
2.9 including self-defense and the restrictions on the use of deadly force.

2.10 (c) The certified instructor must issue a certificate to a person who has completed a
2.11 firearms safety or training course described in paragraph (b). The certificate must be signed
2.12 and dated by the instructor and attest that the person attended and completed the course.

2.13 (d) A person qualifies as a certified instructor if the person is certified as a firearms
2.14 instructor within the past five years by an organization or government entity that has been
2.15 approved by the Department of Public Safety in accordance with the department's standards.

2.16 Subd. 4. **Scope.** Except as otherwise provided in subdivision 8, this section applies to
2.17 all sales of firearms regardless of whether the parties involved are firearms dealers or
2.18 unlicensed persons.

2.19 Subd. 5. **Record of safety training; required information.** (a) All parties to a sale of
2.20 a firearm must complete a record of safety training on a form designed and made publicly
2.21 available without fee for this purpose by the superintendent of the Bureau of Criminal
2.22 Apprehension. Each page of the record must be signed and dated by the parties and contain
2.23 the serial number of the firearm.

2.24 (b) The record must contain the following information:

2.25 (1) a clear copy of each person's current state or federally issued identification; and

2.26 (2) a clear copy of the firearms safety training certificate of the purchaser or person
2.27 otherwise taking ownership of the firearm, or proof that the person was employed as a peace
2.28 officer within the state of Minnesota within the year preceding the sale.

2.29 (c) In addition, the record must include the following information:

2.30 (1) the type of firearm;

2.31 (2) the manufacturer, make, and model of the firearm; and

3.1 (3) the firearm's manufacturer-assigned serial number.

3.2 (d) All parties to the sale must retain a copy of the record and any attachments to the
3.3 record for ten years from the date of the sale. A copy in digital form shall be acceptable for
3.4 the purposes of this paragraph.

3.5 **Subd. 6. Compulsory production of record of safety training; misdemeanor**
3.6 **penalty.** (a) All parties to a sale of a firearm must produce the record of safety training
3.7 when a peace officer requests the record as part of a criminal investigation.

3.8 (b) A person who refuses or is unable to produce the record in response to a request for
3.9 production made by a peace officer pursuant to paragraph (a) is guilty of a misdemeanor.
3.10 A prosecution or conviction for violation of this subdivision is not a bar to conviction of,
3.11 or punishment for, any other crime committed involving the sold firearm.

3.12 **Subd. 7. Immunity.** A person is immune to a charge of violating this section if the person
3.13 presents a record of safety training that satisfies the requirements of subdivision 3.

3.14 **Subd. 8. Exclusions.** (a) This section shall not apply to the following:

3.15 (1) a sale to a firearms dealer;

3.16 (2) a sale to any law enforcement agency;

3.17 (3) a sale to an executor, administrator, trustee, or personal representative of an estate
3.18 or a trust that occurs by operation of law upon the death of the former owner of the firearm;

3.19 (4) a sale of an antique firearm as defined in section 624.712, subdivision 3;

3.20 (5) a sale of a curio or relic, as defined in Code of Federal Regulations, title 27, section
3.21 478.11, if the sale is between collectors of firearms as curios or relics as defined by United
3.22 States Code, title 18, section 921(a)(13), who each have in their possession a valid collector
3.23 of curio and relics license issued by the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of
3.24 Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; and

3.25 (6) a sale to or by an auctioneer who is in compliance with chapter 330 and acting in
3.26 the person's official role as an auctioneer to facilitate or conduct an auction of the firearm.

3.27 **Subd. 9. Consolidated record.** Parties to a firearm sale under this section may use a
3.28 consolidated record of transfer form designed and made publicly available without fee for
3.29 this purpose by the superintendent of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension that combines
3.30 the record keeping requirements of both this section and section 624.7134.

3.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2026, and applies to sales of
3.32 firearms occurring on or after that date.