

**Proposed Substitute
Bill No. 7042**

January Session, 2025

LCO No. 7112

**AN ACT CONCERNING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FIREARM
INDUSTRY RESPONSIBILITY ACT.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025, and applicable to any civil*
2 *action filed on or after said date*) As used in this section and sections 2 and
3 3 of this act:

4 (1) "Firearm industry member" means a person, firm, corporation,
5 company, partnership, society, joint stock company, trade association,
6 or any other entity or association engaged in the manufacture,
7 distribution, importation, marketing, wholesale or retail sale of firearm
8 industry products.

9 (2) "Firearm industry product" means any of the following which are
10 or were (A) sold, made or distributed in this state; or (B) possessed in
11 this state and it was reasonably foreseeable that such product would be
12 possessed in this state:

13 (i) Ammunition or a magazine as those terms are defined in section
14 29-38m of the general statutes;

15 (ii) A firearm as defined in section 53a-3 of the general statutes;

16 (iii) An unfinished frame or lower receiver, as defined in section 53-
17 206j of the general statutes; or

18 (iv) A rate of firearm enhancement as defined in section 53-206g of

19 the general statutes.

20 (3) "Firearm trafficker" means an individual who engages in,
21 conspires to engage in, or attempts to engage in conduct that constitutes
22 firearms trafficking as described in section 53-202aa of the general
23 statutes or trafficking in firearms as described in 18 USC 933.

24 (4) "Reasonable controls" means procedures, acts and practices that
25 are designed, implemented and enforced to do all of the following:

26 (A) Prevent the sale or distribution of a firearm industry product to a
27 straw purchaser, a firearm trafficker, a person prohibited from
28 possessing a firearm under state or federal law, or a person about whom
29 there is reasonable cause to believe such person is at substantial risk of
30 using a firearm industry product to harm themselves or another or of
31 possessing or using a firearm industry product unlawfully.

32 (B) Ensure compliance with sections 29-28, 29-36f, 29-37p and 29-38o
33 of the general statutes, as applicable.

34 (C) Prevent the sale or distribution of a firearm industry product
35 designed, sold, advertised, marketed or promoted in a manner that
36 foreseeably promotes conversion of a legal firearm industry product
37 into an illegal firearm industry product.

38 (D) Ensure compliance with section 2 of this act.

39 (5) "Straw purchaser" means an individual who engages in or
40 attempts to engage in conduct that violates subsection (a) of section 29-
41 34 of the general statutes, section 29-37e of the general statutes or 18 USC
42 932.

43 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025, and applicable to any civil action*
44 *filed on or after said date*) (a) A firearm industry member shall establish,
45 implement and enforce reasonable controls.

46 (b) No firearm industry member shall provide a firearm industry

47 product to another firearm industry member when there is reasonable
48 cause to believe that such other firearm industry member is engaged in
49 conduct that is in violation of this section.

50 (c) No firearm industry member shall advertise, market or promote
51 firearm industry products in this state in a manner that promotes
52 unlawful sales, promotes unlawful use or promotes unreasonable risk
53 to public safety.

54 (d) No firearm industry member shall knowingly violate state or
55 federal law relating to the manufacture, distribution, importation,
56 marketing, wholesale or retail sale of firearm industry products.

57 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025, and applicable to any civil action*
58 *filed on or after said date*) (a) An act or omission by a firearm industry
59 member that fails to comply with any provision of section 2 of this act
60 constitutes a violation of said section and shall be actionable under this
61 section.

62 (b) Such action may be brought in the superior court for the judicial
63 district where the act, omission or harm is alleged to have occurred by:

64 (1) A person who has suffered harm in this state because of a firearm
65 industry member's violation of section 2 of this act;

66 (2) The corporation counsel or other chief legal officer of a
67 municipality in the name of the municipality; or

68 (3) The Attorney General in the name of the state.

69 (c) Any person bringing an action pursuant to subdivision (1) or (2)
70 of subsection (b) of this section shall provide notice of such action to the
71 Attorney General not later than thirty days after the date of filing such
72 action.

73 (d) If a court determines that a firearm industry member has violated
74 any provision of section 2 of this act, the court may award any or all of

75 the following:

76 (1) Injunctive relief sufficient to prevent the firearm industry member
77 and any other defendant from further violating the law.

78 (2) Compensatory damages.

79 (3) Punitive damages.

80 (4) Restitution.

81 (5) Costs and reasonable attorney's fees.

82 (6) Any other appropriate relief necessary to enforce the provisions
83 of chapter 529 of the general statutes and remedy the harm caused by
84 the conduct.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2025, and applicable to any civil action filed on or after said date</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2025, and applicable to any civil action filed on or after said date</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2025, and applicable to any civil action filed on or after said date</i>	New section