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Act No. 134 (H.606). An act relating to firearms relinquishment and storage procedures

Subjects: Firearms; criminal and civil procedures

This act enacts the recommendations of the Firearm Surrender Order Compliance Working Group, which the General Assembly established last year to develop a uniform process to ensure compliance with court orders to relinquish or surrender firearms. The act permits relinquishment to a third party other than a law enforcement agency or a firearms dealer only if the court first holds a hearing and finds that third-party relinquishment adequately protects the safety of the parties. Third parties must agree to undergo a firearms background check through the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) and must execute an affidavit acknowledging receipt of the firearms and assuming responsibility for them. The act details the procedures for law enforcement storage with firearms dealers; sets forth the procedures for release and sale of relinquished firearms, including permitting the agency or dealer to retain all proceeds from the sale; and provides participating firearms dealers with the same immunity from civil or criminal liability for storing firearms that law enforcement agencies have under current law. The act also requires the Department of Public Safety to direct the Law Enforcement Advisory Board (LEAB) to adopt a statewide model law enforcement policy addressing firearms access by persons who are prohibited from possessing firearms, and provides that State and local law enforcement agencies that do not adopt their own policies by June 30, 2027, are deemed to have adopted the LEAB model policy.

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