

Act No. 14 (S.141). Crimes and criminal procedures; firearms

An act relating to possession of firearms

This act contains a number of provisions related to firearms. The act:

- (1) prohibits a person convicted of a violent crime from possessing a firearm;
- (2) requires the Department of Mental Health to report on the establishment of a Vermont version of the New Hampshire Gun Shop Project, an initiative in New Hampshire to reduce the number of firearms-related suicide deaths by helping gun shop owners and friends of gun owners avoid providing firearms to suicidal persons;
- (3) requires personal service notification prior to sale of firearms relinquished pursuant to a relief from abuse order; and
- (4) requires the Court Administrator to report to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) established by the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act of 1993 when a person is:
 - (A) subject to a hospitalization order or nonhospitalization order after a determination by a court that the person is a danger to himself or herself or others; or
 - (B) found not responsible for a crime by reason of insanity or incompetent to stand trial due to a mental illness and is committed to the Department of Mental Health after a determination by a court that the person is a danger to himself or herself or others.

The act permits the person to petition the Court to order that his or her name be removed from the NICS system if the Court finds that the person is no longer a danger to himself or herself or others.

Multiple effective dates, beginning on July 1, 2015