An act relating to background checks for firearms sales

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. § 4019a is added to read:

§ 4019a. FIREARMS TRANSFERS: COMPLETION OF BACKGROUND CHECK REQUIRED

(a)(1) A person shall not transfer a firearm to another person until after the completion of the background check required by 18 U.S.C. § 922(t) or section 4019 of this title.

(2) As used in this subsection, “completion of the background check” means the national instant criminal background check system affirmatively
notifying the licensee pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 922(t)(2) that the transfer may proceed.

(b) A person who transfers a firearm to another person in violation of subsection (a) of this section shall be imprisoned not more than one year or fined not more than $500.00, or both.

(c) This section shall not apply to a firearm transfer that does not require a background check under 18 U.S.C. § 922(t) or section 4019 of this title.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.