

LFC Requester:

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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS
2024 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

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Check all that apply:

Original Amendment

Correction Substitute

Date 18JAN2024

Bill No: HB 127

Sponsor:	Reena Szczepanski, Dayan Hochman-Vigil	Agency Name and Code	790-Department of Public Safety
Short Title:	AGE 21 FOR FIREARM PURCHASES	Number:	
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25		
NFI	NFI	N/A	N/A
NFI	NFI	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25	FY26		
NFI	NFI	NFI	N/A	N/A
NFI	NFI	NFI	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY24	FY25	FY26	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	NFI	NFI	NFI	NFI	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

This bill proposes a new section to the Criminal Code which would establish 21 years of age as the minimum age to purchase or possess an automatic, semiautomatic firearm, or large-capacity ammunition feeding device and would make it illegal to knowingly sell or transfer ownership of a firearm to a person under the age of 21 with convictions subject to misdemeanor penalties.

With the addition of an exception carved out for security officers licensed under the Private Investigations Act, the bill language tracks exactly Senate Bill 116 as introduced during the 2023 regular session. Additional exceptions include peace officers, active or reserved members of the Armed Forces or the Air/Army national guards, and individuals engaged in a hunter’s safety or firearm safety class, target shooting at a legally established range, organized shooting competitions, practice/performance associated with an IRS exempt organization, legal hunting activities, travel with an unloaded firearm in a locked container, or on private property under the control of certain family members and legal guardians.

The bill includes definitions for automatic firearm, firearm, large-capacity ammunition feeding device, and semiautomatic firearm.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No fiscal implications to DPS.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

No significant issues to DPS.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

This bill if passed, would allow individuals between the ages of 18 and 21 to possess certain firearms so long as they are lawfully participating in certain sanctioned recreational and work activities or are otherwise under the supervision of a family member or legal guardian.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

No administrative implications to DPS.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

No conflict, duplication, companionship or relationship issues to DPS.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

No technical issues to DPS.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

No other substantive issues to DPS.

ALTERNATIVES

Not applicable as no impact to DPS.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status quo.

AMENDMENTS

None at this time.