

General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6667

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AN ACT ADDRESSING GUN VIOLENCE.

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

- Section 1. Section 29-35 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):
- (a) (1) No person shall carry any pistol or revolver upon [his or her] such person's person, except when such person is within the dwelling house or place of business of such person, without a permit to carry the same issued as provided in section 29-28, as amended by this act.
 - (2) No person shall knowingly carry any firearm openly, except when such person is within the dwelling house, on land leased or owned by the person appurtenant to such dwelling house or within the place of business of such person, or such person is engaged in firearm training or bona fide hunting activity. For the purposes of this subdivision, a person shall not be deemed to be carrying a firearm openly if such person has taken reasonable measures to conceal the fact that such person is carrying a firearm. A fleeting glimpse of a firearm shall not constitute a violation of this subdivision.
- 16 (3) No person shall carry any firearm upon such person's person in 17 any establishment with a permit for on-premises alcohol consumption 18 pursuant to chapter 545, unless such establishment is the dwelling

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20 21	(4) The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to the carrying of any [pistol or revolver] <u>firearm</u> by any: [parole]
22 23 24	(A) (i) Parole officer or peace officer of this state, or [any] (ii) parole officer or peace officer of any other state while engaged in the pursuit of official duties;
25 26 27 28	(B) Department of Motor Vehicles inspector appointed under section 14-8 and certified pursuant to section 7-294d; [, or parole officer or peace officer of any other state while engaged in the pursuit of official duties, or federal]
29 30	(C) Federal marshal or federal law enforcement agent; [, or to any member]
31 32 33	(D) Member of the armed forces of the United States, as defined in section 27-103, or of the state, as defined in section 27-2, when on duty or going to or from duty; [, or to any member]
34 35 36	(E) Member of any military organization when on parade or when going to or from any place of assembly; [, or to the transportation of pistols or revolvers]
37 38	(F) Person transporting a firearm as merchandise; [, or to any person transporting any pistol or revolver while]
39 40 41 42	(G) Person transporting a firearm contained in the package in which [it] such firearm was originally wrapped at the time of sale and while transporting the same from the place of sale to the purchaser's residence or place of business; [, or to any person]
43 44 45	(H) Person transporting a firearm as part of the process of removing such person's household goods or effects from one place to another; [, or to any person while]
46	(I) Person transporting [any such pistol or revolver] a firearm from

- 47 such person's place of residence or business to a place or [individual] 48 person where or by whom such [pistol or revolver] firearm is to be 49 repaired or while returning to such person's place of residence or 50 business after the same has been repaired; [, or to any person]
 - (J) Person transporting a [pistol or revolver] <u>firearm</u> in or through the state for the purpose of taking part in competitions, taking part in [formal pistol or revolver] firearm training, repairing such [pistol or revolver firearm or attending any meeting or exhibition of an organized collectors' group if such person is a bona fide resident of the United States and is permitted to possess and carry a [pistol or revolver] <u>firearm</u> in the state or subdivision of the United States in which such person resides; [, or to any person]
- 59 (K) Person transporting a [pistol or revolver] firearm to and from a 60 testing range at the request of the issuing authority; [, or to any person] 61 or
- 62 (L) Person transporting an antique pistol or revolver, as defined in section 29-33, as amended by this act.
 - (5) For the purposes of this subsection, ["formal pistol or revolver training" | "firearm training" means [pistol or revolver] firearm training at a [locally approved or permitted] firing range, [or] training facility or fish and game club or sporting club, and ["transporting a pistol or revolver"] "transporting a firearm" means transporting a [pistol or revolver] firearm that is unloaded and, if such [pistol or revolver] <u>firearm</u> is being transported in a motor vehicle, is not readily accessible or directly accessible from the passenger compartment of the vehicle or, if such [pistol or revolver] firearm is being transported in a motor vehicle that does not have a compartment separate from the passenger compartment, such [pistol or revolver] firearm shall be contained in a locked container other than the glove compartment or console. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the carrying of a [pistol or revolver] <u>firearm</u> during [formal pistol or revolver] <u>firearm</u> training or repair.

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(b) The holder of a permit issued pursuant to section 29-28, as amended by this act, shall carry such permit upon one's person while carrying such pistol or revolver. Such holder shall present his or her permit upon the request of a law enforcement officer who has reasonable suspicion of a crime for purposes of verification of the validity of the permit or identification of the holder, provided such holder is carrying a pistol or revolver that is observed by such law enforcement officer.

(c) Not later than February 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, each law enforcement unit, as defined in section 7-294a, shall prepare and submit a report to the Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy at The University of Connecticut concerning any stops conducted on suspicion of a violation of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section during the preceding calendar year, except that the initial report shall be based on the fifteen months preceding January 1, 2025. Such report shall be submitted electronically using a standardized method and form disseminated jointly by the Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy and the Police Officer Standards and Training Council. The standardized method and form shall allow compilation of statistics on each incident, including, but not limited to, the race and gender of the person stopped, provided the identification of such characteristics shall be based on the observation and perception of the police officer. The Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy and the Police Officer Standards and Training Council may revise the standardized method and form and disseminate such revisions to law enforcement units. Each law enforcement unit shall, prior to submission of any such report pursuant to this subsection, redact any information from such report that may identify a minor, witness or victim.

(d) The Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy at The University of Connecticut shall, within available appropriations, review the incidents reported pursuant to subsection (c) of this section. Not later than December 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, the institute shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, the results of

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- any such review, including any recommendations, to the Governor and
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- Sec. 2. Section 29-36a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 118 (a) No person shall complete the manufacture of a firearm without 119 subsequently (1) obtaining a unique serial number or other mark of 120 identification from the Department of Emergency Services and Public 121 Protection pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, and (2) engraving 122 upon or permanently affixing to the firearm such serial number or other 123 mark in a manner that conforms with the requirements imposed on 124 licensed importers and licensed manufacturers of firearms pursuant to 125 18 USC 923(i), as amended from time to time, and any regulation 126 adopted thereunder.
 - (b) Not later than thirty days after a person completes the manufacture of a firearm, [or ninety days after the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection provides notice in accordance with section 29-36b that the system to distribute a unique serial number or other mark of identification pursuant to this section is operational, whichever date is later, such person shall notify the department of such manufacture and provide any identifying information to the department concerning the firearm and the owner of such firearm, in a manner prescribed by the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection. Upon receiving a properly submitted request for a unique serial number or other mark of identification from a person who completes manufacture of a firearm, the department shall determine if such person is prohibited from purchasing a firearm and if not, shall issue to such person a unique serial number or other mark of identification immediately and in no instance more than three business days after the department receives such request. Issuance of a unique serial number or other mark of identification pursuant to this subsection shall not be evidence that the

145 firearm is otherwise lawfully possessed.

- (c) (1) On and after January 1, 2024, no person shall possess a firearm without a serial number or other mark of identification unless such person has (A) declared possession of such firearm pursuant to subdivision (2) or (3) of this subsection, or (B) applied to obtain a unique serial number or other mark of identification from the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) of this section and such person has not yet received such serial number or other mark of identification.
- (2) Any person who, prior to January 1, 2024, lawfully possesses a firearm without a serial number or other mark of identification manufactured prior to October 1, 2019, shall apply by January 1, 2024, or, if such person is a member of the military or naval forces of this state or of the United States and is unable to apply by January 1, 2024, because such member is or was on official duty outside of this state, shall apply within ninety days of returning to the state to the department to declare possession of such firearm. Such application shall be made on such form and in such manner as the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection prescribes.
 - (3) Any person who moves into the state in lawful possession of a firearm without a serial number or other mark of identification shall, within ninety days, either (A) obtain a unique serial number or other mark of identification from the department and engrave upon or permanently affix to the firearm such serial number or other mark pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, (B) render such firearm permanently inoperable, (C) sell such firearm to a federally licensed firearm dealer, or (D) remove such firearm from the state, except that any person who is a member of the military or naval forces of this state or of the United States, is in lawful possession of a firearm without a serial number or other mark of identification and has been transferred into the state after January 1, 2024, may, within ninety days of arriving in the state, apply to the department to declare possession of such firearm.

(4) For purposes of this subsection, "lawfully possesses", with respect to a firearm without a serial number or other mark of identification, means that a person has (A) actual and lawful possession of such firearm, (B) constructive possession of such firearm pursuant to a lawful purchase that was transacted prior to or on the date preceding the effective date of this section, regardless of whether the firearm was delivered to the purchaser prior to or on the date preceding the effective date of this section, which lawful purchase is evidenced by a writing sufficient to indicate that (i) a contract for sale was made between the parties prior to or on the date preceding the effective date of this section, for the purchase of the firearm, or (ii) full or partial payment for the firearm was made by the purchaser to the seller of the firearm prior to or on the date preceding the effective date of this section, or (C) actual possession under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, or constructive possession under subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, as evidenced by a written statement made under penalty of false statement on such form as the commissioner prescribes.

(5) The department may adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to establish procedures with respect to applications under this subsection. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 1-210 and 1-211, the name and address of a person who has declared possession of a firearm without a serial number or other mark of identification shall be confidential and shall not be disclosed, except such records may be disclosed to (A) law enforcement agencies and employees of the United States Probation Office acting in the performance of their duties and parole officers within the Department of Correction acting in the performance of their duties, and (B) the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services to carry out the provisions of subsection (c) of section 17a-500.

(6) (A) Except as provided in this subsection, no person within this state shall distribute, import into this state, keep for sale, offer or expose for sale or purchase a firearm without a serial number or other mark of identification.

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- 211 (B) The provisions of subparagraph (A) of this subdivision shall not 212 apply to the transfer of a firearm without a serial number or other mark 213 of identification (i) the possession of which has been declared to the 214 department pursuant to this section, by bequest or intestate succession, 215 or, upon the death of a testator or settlor: (I) To a trust, or (II) from a 216 trust to a beneficiary; or (ii) to a police department or the Department of 217 Emergency Services and Public Protection.
 - [(c)] (d) The provisions of subsections (a), [and] (b) and (c) of this section shall not apply to the manufacture of a firearm manufactured using an unfinished frame or lower receiver on which a serial number or other mark has been engraved or permanently affixed pursuant to subsection (c) of section 53-206j.
 - [(d)] (e) No person shall transfer to another person any firearm manufactured in violation of this section.
- [(e)] (f) The provisions of this section shall not apply to (1) the manufacture of firearms by a federally licensed firearm manufacturer, (2) (A) any antique firearm, as defined in 18 USC 921, as amended from time to time, or (B) any firearm manufactured prior to [the effective date of this section] December 16, 1968, provided such firearm is otherwise lawfully possessed, or (3) delivery or transfer of a firearm to a law enforcement agency.
 - [(f)] (g) No person shall knowingly, recklessly or with criminal negligence facilitate, aid or abet the manufacture of a firearm (1) by a person or for a person who is otherwise prohibited by law from purchasing or possessing a firearm, or (2) that a person is otherwise prohibited by law from purchasing or possessing.
 - [(g)] (h) If the court finds that a violation of this section is not of a serious nature and that the person charged with such violation (1) will probably not offend in the future, (2) has not previously been convicted of a violation of this section, and (3) has not previously had a prosecution under this section suspended pursuant to this subsection,

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the court may order suspension of prosecution. The court shall not order suspension of prosecution unless the accused person has acknowledged that he or she understands the consequences of the suspension of prosecution. Any person for whom prosecution is suspended shall agree to the tolling of any statute of limitations with respect to such violation and to a waiver of his or her right to a speedy trial. Such person shall appear in court and shall be released to the supervision of the Court Support Services Division for such period, not exceeding two years, and under such conditions as the court shall order. If the person refuses to accept, or, having accepted, violates such conditions, the court shall terminate the suspension of prosecution and the case shall be brought to trial. If such person satisfactorily completes such person's period of probation, he or she may apply for dismissal of the charges against such person and the court, on finding such satisfactory completion, shall dismiss such charges. If the person does not apply for dismissal of the charges against such person after satisfactorily completing such person's period of probation, the court, upon receipt of a report submitted by the Court Support Services Division that the person satisfactorily completed such person's period of probation, may on its own motion make a finding of such satisfactory completion and dismiss such charges. Upon dismissal, all records of such charges shall be erased pursuant to section 54-142a. An order of the court denying a motion to dismiss the charges against a person who has completed such person's period of probation or terminating the participation of a defendant in such program shall be a final judgment for purposes of appeal.

[(h)] (i) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be guilty of a class C felony for which two years of the sentence imposed may not be suspended or reduced by the court, and five thousand dollars of the fine imposed may not be remitted or reduced by the court unless the court states on the record its reasons for remitting or reducing such fine, and any firearm found in the possession of any person in violation of any provision of this section shall be forfeited.

[(i)] (i) For purposes of this section, "manufacture" means to fabricate

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- or construct a firearm including the initial assembly, "firearm" means
- 276 firearm, as defined in section 53a-3, as amended by this act, and "law
- 277 enforcement agency" means law enforcement agency, as defined in
- 278 section 29-1i.
- Sec. 3. Section 29-33 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- (a) No person, firm or corporation shall sell, deliver or otherwise transfer any pistol or revolver to any person who is prohibited from possessing a pistol or revolver as provided in section 53a-217c, as amended by this act.
- 285 (b) On and after October 1, 1995, no person may purchase or receive 286 any pistol or revolver unless such person holds a valid permit to carry a 287 pistol or revolver issued pursuant to subsection (b) of section 29-28, as 288 amended by this act, a valid permit to sell at retail a pistol or revolver 289 issued pursuant to subsection (a) of section 29-28, as amended by this 290 act, or a valid eligibility certificate for a pistol or revolver issued 291 pursuant to section 29-36f, as amended by this act, or is a federal 292 marshal, parole officer or peace officer.
 - (c) No person, firm or corporation shall sell, deliver or otherwise transfer any pistol or revolver except upon written application on a form prescribed and furnished by the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection. Such person, firm or corporation shall ensure that all questions on the application are answered properly prior to releasing the pistol or revolver and shall retain the application, which shall be attached to the federal sale or transfer document, for at least twenty years or until such vendor goes out of business. Such application shall be available for inspection during normal business hours by law enforcement officials. No sale, delivery or other transfer of any pistol or revolver shall be made unless the person making the purchase or to whom the same is delivered or transferred is personally known to the person selling such pistol or revolver or making delivery or transfer thereof or provides evidence of his identity in the form of a motor

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vehicle operator's license, identity card issued pursuant to section 1-1h or valid passport. No sale, delivery or other transfer of any pistol or revolver shall be made until the person, firm or corporation making such transfer obtains an authorization number from the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection. Said commissioner shall perform the national instant criminal background check and make a reasonable effort to determine whether there is any reason that would prohibit such applicant from possessing a pistol or revolver as provided in section 53a-217c, as amended by this act. If the commissioner determines the existence of such a reason, the commissioner shall (1) deny the sale and no pistol or revolver shall be sold, delivered or otherwise transferred by such person, firm or corporation to such applicant, and (2) inform the chief of police of the town in which the applicant resides, or, where there is no chief of police, the warden of the borough or the first selectman of the town, as the case may be, that there exists a reason that would prohibit such applicant from possessing a pistol or revolver.

- (d) No person, firm or corporation shall sell, deliver or otherwise transfer any pistol or revolver, other than at wholesale, unless such pistol or revolver is equipped with a reusable trigger lock, gun lock or gun locking device appropriate for such pistol or revolver, which lock or device shall be constructed of material sufficiently strong to prevent it from being easily disabled and have a locking mechanism accessible by key or by electronic or other mechanical accessory specific to such lock or device to prevent unauthorized removal. No pistol or revolver shall be loaded or contain therein any gunpowder or other explosive or any bullet, ball or shell when such pistol or revolver is sold, delivered or otherwise transferred.
- (e) Upon the sale, delivery or other transfer of any pistol or revolver, the person making the purchase or to whom the same is delivered or transferred shall sign a receipt for such pistol or revolver, which shall contain the name and address of such person, the date of sale, the caliber, make, model and manufacturer's number and a general

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description of such pistol or revolver, the identification number of such person's permit to carry pistols or revolvers, issued pursuant to subsection (b) of section 29-28, as amended by this act, permit to sell at retail pistols or revolvers, issued pursuant to subsection (a) of said section, or eligibility certificate for a pistol or revolver, issued pursuant to section 29-36f, as amended by this act, if any, and the authorization number designated for the transfer by the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection. The person, firm or corporation selling such pistol or revolver or making delivery or transfer thereof shall (1) give one copy of the receipt to the person making the purchase of such pistol or revolver or to whom the same is delivered or transferred, (2) retain one copy of the receipt for at least five years, and (3) send, by first class mail, or electronically transmit, within forty-eight hours of such sale, delivery or other transfer, (A) one copy of the receipt to the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection, and (B) one copy of the receipt to the chief of police of the municipality in which the transferee resides or, where there is no chief of police, the chief executive officer of the municipality, as defined in section 7-148, in which the transferee resides or, if designated by such chief executive officer, the resident state trooper serving such municipality or a state police officer of the state police troop having jurisdiction over such municipality.

(f) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, (A) no person shall sell, deliver or otherwise transfer more than one pistol or revolver to any individual during a thirty-day period, and (B) no person shall sell, deliver or otherwise transfer a pistol or revolver to any individual who has purchased a pistol or revolver in the previous thirty days.

(2) The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to (A) any firearm transferred to a federal, state or municipal law enforcement agency, or any firearm legally transferred under the provisions of section 29-36k, (B) the exchange of a pistol or revolver purchased by an individual from a federally licensed firearm dealer for another pistol or revolver from the same federally licensed firearms dealer within thirty days of the

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- original transaction, provided that the federally licensed firearm dealer reports the transaction to the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection, (C) as otherwise provided in subsection (g) or (h) of this section, (D) any firearm transferred by beguest or intestate succession, or, upon the death of a testator or settlor: (i) To a trust, or (ii) from a trust to a beneficiary, or (E) a transfer to a museum at a fixed location that is open to the public and displays firearms as part of an educational mission.
 - [(f)] (g) The provisions of this section shall not apply to antique pistols or revolvers. An antique pistol or revolver, for the purposes of this section, means any pistol or revolver which was manufactured in or before 1898 and any replica of such pistol or revolver provided such replica is not designed or redesigned for using rimfire or conventional centerfire fixed ammunition except rimfire or conventional centerfire fixed ammunition which is no longer manufactured in the United States and not readily available in the ordinary channel of commercial trade.
 - [(g)] (h) The provisions of this section shall not apply to the sale, delivery or transfer of pistols or revolvers between (1) a federally-licensed firearm manufacturer and a federally-licensed firearm dealer, (2) a federally-licensed firearm importer and a federally-licensed firearm dealer, or (3) federally-licensed firearm dealers.
 - [(h)] (i) If the court finds that a violation of this section is not of a serious nature and that the person charged with such violation (1) will probably not offend in the future, (2) has not previously been convicted of a violation of this section, and (3) has not previously had a prosecution under this section suspended pursuant to this subsection, the court may order suspension of prosecution. The court shall not order suspension of prosecution unless the accused person has acknowledged that he understands the consequences of the suspension of prosecution. Any person for whom prosecution is suspended shall agree to the tolling of any statute of limitations with respect to such violation and to a waiver of his right to a speedy trial. Such person shall appear in court and shall be released to the supervision of the Court Support Services

Division for such period, not exceeding two years, and under such conditions as the court shall order. If the person refuses to accept, or, having accepted, violates such conditions, the court shall terminate the suspension of prosecution and the case shall be brought to trial. If such person satisfactorily completes his period of probation, he may apply for dismissal of the charges against him and the court, on finding such satisfactory completion, shall dismiss such charges. If the person does not apply for dismissal of the charges against him after satisfactorily completing his period of probation, the court, upon receipt of a report submitted by the Court Support Services Division that the person satisfactorily completed his period of probation, may on its own motion make a finding of such satisfactory completion and dismiss such charges. Upon dismissal, all records of such charges shall be erased pursuant to section 54-142a. An order of the court denying a motion to dismiss the charges against a person who has completed his period of probation or terminating the participation of a defendant in such program shall be a final judgment for purposes of appeal.

[(i)] (j) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be guilty of a class C felony for which two years of the sentence imposed may not be suspended or reduced by the court, and five thousand dollars of the fine imposed may not be remitted or reduced by the court unless the court states on the record its reasons for remitting or reducing such fine, except that any person who sells, delivers or otherwise transfers a pistol or revolver in violation of the provisions of this section knowing that such pistol or revolver is stolen or that the manufacturer's number or other mark of identification on such pistol or revolver has been altered, removed or obliterated, shall be guilty of a class B felony for which three years of the sentence imposed may not be suspended or reduced by the court, and ten thousand dollars of the fine imposed may not be remitted or reduced by the court unless the court states on the record its reasons for remitting or reducing such fine, and any pistol or revolver found in the possession of any person in violation of any provision of this section shall be forfeited.

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- Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of section 29-28 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*, 2023):
 - (a) (1) No person who sells ten or more [pistols or revolvers] <u>firearms</u> in a calendar year or is a federally licensed firearm dealer shall advertise, sell, deliver, or offer or expose for sale or delivery, or have in such person's possession with intent to sell or deliver, any pistol or revolver at retail without having a <u>local</u> permit, and, on or after October 1, 2023, a state license therefor issued as provided in this subsection.
 - (2) The chief of police or, where there is no chief of police, the chief executive officer of the municipality, as defined in section 7-148, or, if designated by such chief executive officer, the resident state trooper serving such municipality or a state police officer of the state police troop having jurisdiction over such municipality, may, upon the application of any person, issue a permit in such form as may be prescribed by the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection for the sale at retail of [pistols and revolvers] firearms within the jurisdiction of the authority issuing such permit. No local permit for the sale at retail of [any pistol or revolver] firearms shall be issued unless (A) if the application is filed prior to October 1, 2023, the applicant holds a valid eligibility certificate for a pistol or revolver issued pursuant to section 29-36f, as amended by this act, or a valid state permit to carry a pistol or revolver issued pursuant to subsection (b) of this section; and (B) the applicant submits documentation sufficient to establish that local zoning requirements have been met for the location where the sale is to take place. [, except that any person selling or exchanging a pistol or revolver for the enhancement of a personal collection or for a hobby or who sells all or part of such person's personal collection of pistols or revolvers shall not be required to submit such documentation for the location where the sale or exchange is to take place.
 - (3) The commissioner shall, upon the application of any person in such form and manner as may be prescribed by the commissioner, issue a state license to sell firearms at retail if the application includes:

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472	(A) Such person's valid federal firearms license;
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474	27 CFR 479.11, as amended from time to time, on such federal firearms
475	license, a valid state permit to carry a pistol or revolver issued to such
476	individual pursuant to subsection (b) of this section;
477	(C) A valid local permit issued pursuant to subdivision (2) of this
478	subsection; and
479	(D) Any other materials required by the commissioner.
480	(4) Each person who holds a state license to sell firearms at retail shall
481	apply to renew such license every five years in such form and manner
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483	(5) (A) For sufficient cause found pursuant to subparagraph (B) of
484	this subdivision, the commissioner may suspend or revoke a license
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486	more than twenty-five thousand dollars per violation, accept an offer in
487	compromise or refuse to grant or renew a state license issued pursuant
488	to subdivision (3) of this subsection or place such licensee on probation,
489	place conditions on such licensee or take other actions permitted by law.
490	Information from inspections and investigations conducted by the
491	Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection related to
492	administrative complaints or cases shall not be subject to disclosure
493	under the Freedom of Information Act, as defined in section 1-200,
494	except after the department has entered into a settlement agreement, or
495	concluded its investigation or inspection as evidenced by case closure,
496	provided that nothing in this section shall prevent the department from
497	sharing information with other state and federal agencies and law
498	enforcement as it relates to investigating violations of law.
499	(B) Any of the following shall constitute sufficient cause for such
500	action by the commissioner, including, but not limited to:
501	(i) Furnishing of false or fraudulent information in any application or

502	failure to comply with representations made in any application;
503	(ii) False, misleading or deceptive representations to the public or the
504	department;
505	(iii) Failure to maintain effective controls against theft of firearms
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507	alarm system required under section 29-37d;
508	(iv) An adverse administrative decision or delinquency assessment
509	from the Department of Revenue Services;
510	(v) Failure to cooperate or give information to the department, local
511	law enforcement authorities or any other enforcement agency upon any
512	matter arising out of conduct at the premises of the licensee;
513	(vi) Revocation, or suspension of the permit to carry a pistol or
514	revolver, or federal firearms license required pursuant to subdivision (3)
515	of this subsection;
516	(vii) Failure to acquire an authorization number for a firearm transfer
517	pursuant to sections 29-36l and 29-37a, as amended by this act;
518	(viii) Failure to verify that the recipient of a firearm is eligible to
519	receive such firearm;
520	(ix) Transfer of a firearm to a person ineligible to receive such firearm
521	unless the licensee relied in good faith on the information provided to
522	such licensee by the department in verifying the eligibility of such
523	ineligible person;
524	(x) Evidence that the licensee is not a suitable person to hold a state
525	<u>license; and</u>
526	(xi) Failure to comply with any other provision of sections 29-28 to
527	29-37s, inclusive, as amended by this act, or any other provision of state
528	or federal law regarding the manner in which licensed persons may
529	lawfully sell or otherwise transfer firearms.

- 530 (6) State licenses issued pursuant to this subsection may not be transferred.
- Sec. 5. Subsection (d) of section 29-28 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*, 2023):
- 535 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 1-210 and 1-211, the 536 name and address of a person issued a local permit to sell firearms at 537 retail [pistols and revolvers] pursuant to subsection (a) of this section or 538 a state or a temporary state permit to carry a pistol or revolver pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, or a local permit to carry pistols and 539 540 revolvers issued by local authorities prior to October 1, 2001, shall be 541 confidential and shall not be disclosed, except (1) such information may 542 be disclosed to law enforcement officials acting in the performance of 543 their duties, including, but not limited to, employees of the United 544 States Probation Office acting in the performance of their duties and 545 parole officers within the Department of Correction acting in the 546 performance of their duties, (2) the issuing authority may disclose such 547 information to the extent necessary to comply with a request made 548 pursuant to section 29-33, as amended by this act, 29-37a, as amended 549 by this act, or 29-38m, as amended by this act, for verification that such 550 state or temporary state permit is still valid and has not been suspended 551 or revoked, and the local authority may disclose such information to the 552 extent necessary to comply with a request made pursuant to section 29-553 33, as amended by this act, 29-37a, as amended by this act, or 29-38m, as 554 amended by this act, for verification that a local permit is still valid and 555 has not been suspended or revoked, and (3) such information may be 556 disclosed to the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services 557 to carry out the provisions of subsection (c) of section 17a-500.
- Sec. 6. Subsection (a) of section 29-30 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*, 2023):
- 561 (a) The fee for each <u>local</u> permit originally issued under the

provisions of subsection (a) of section 29-28, as amended by this act, for the sale at retail of [pistols and revolvers] firearms shall be two hundred dollars and for each renewal of such permit two hundred dollars. The fee for each state license originally issued under the provisions of subsection (a) of section 29-28, as amended by this act, shall be two hundred dollars and for each renewal of such license two hundred dollars, except that any person who applies for such state license prior to October 1, 2023, and is in possession of a local permit to sell or deliver pistols or revolvers at retail on the date such person applies shall not be charged any fee for such person's initial application. The fee for each state permit originally issued under the provisions of subsection (b) of section 29-28, as amended by this act, for the carrying of pistols and revolvers shall be one hundred forty dollars plus sufficient funds as required to be transmitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation to cover the cost of a national criminal history records check. The local authority shall forward sufficient funds for the national criminal history records check to the commissioner no later than five business days after receipt by the local authority of the application for the temporary state permit. Seventy dollars shall be retained by the local authority. Upon approval by the local authority of the application for a temporary state permit, seventy dollars shall be sent to the commissioner. The fee to renew each state permit originally issued under the provisions of subsection (b) of section 29-28, as amended by this act, shall be seventy dollars. Upon deposit of such fees in the General Fund, ten dollars of each fee shall be credited within thirty days to the appropriation for the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection to a separate nonlapsing account for the purposes of the issuance of permits under subsections (a) and (b) of section 29-28, as amended by this act.

Sec. 7. Section 29-31 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

No sale of any [pistol or revolver] <u>firearm</u> shall be made except in the room, store or place described in the [permit for the sale of pistols and revolvers] local permit and state license to sell firearms at retail, and

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such <u>local</u> permit <u>and state license</u> or a copy [thereof] <u>of each</u> certified by the authority issuing the same shall be exposed to view within the room, store or place where [pistols or revolvers] firearms are sold or offered or exposed for sale. No sale or delivery of any [pistol or revolver] firearm shall be made unless the purchaser or person to whom the same is to be delivered is personally known to the vendor of such [pistol or revolver] firearm or the person making delivery thereof or unless the person making such purchase or to whom delivery thereof is to be made provides evidence of his or her identity. The vendor of any [pistol or revolver] firearm shall keep a record of each [pistol or revolver] firearm sold in a book kept for that purpose, which record shall be in such form as is prescribed by 27 CFR 478.125. The vendor of any [pistol or revolver] firearm shall make such record available for inspection upon the request of any sworn member of an organized local police department or the Division of State Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection or any investigator assigned to the state-wide firearms trafficking task force established under section 29-38e or any investigator employed by a federal law enforcement agency.

Sec. 8. Subsection (b) of section 29-32b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October* 1, 2023):

(b) Any person aggrieved by any refusal to issue or renew a <u>license</u>, permit or certificate under the provisions of section 29-28, as amended by this act, 29-36f, 29-37p, as amended by this act, or 29-38n or by any limitation or revocation of a <u>license</u>, permit or certificate issued under any of said sections, or by a refusal or failure of any issuing authority to furnish an application as provided in section 29-28a, may, within ninety days after receipt of notice of such refusal, limitation or revocation, or refusal or failure to supply an application as provided in section 29-28a, and without prejudice to any other course of action open to such person in law or in equity, appeal to the board. On such appeal the board shall inquire into and determine the facts, de novo, and unless it finds that such a refusal, limitation or revocation, or such refusal or failure to

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- supply an application, as the case may be, would be for just and proper
- 629 cause, it shall order such license, permit or certificate to be issued,
- renewed or restored, or the limitation removed or modified, as the case
- 631 may be. If the refusal was for failure to document compliance with local
- zoning requirements, under subsection (a) of section 29-28, as amended
- 633 by this act, the board shall not issue a permit.
- Sec. 9. Section 29-33 of the general statutes, as amended by section 3
- of this act, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
- 636 (*Effective October 1, 2023*):
- 637 (a) No person, firm or corporation shall sell, deliver or otherwise
- 638 transfer any pistol or revolver to any person who is prohibited from
- 639 possessing a pistol or revolver as provided in section 53a-217c, as
- 640 amended by this act.
- (b) [On and after October 1, 1995, no] No person may purchase or
- receive any pistol or revolver unless such person holds a valid permit to
- carry a pistol or revolver issued pursuant to subsection (b) of section 29-
- 28, as amended by this act, a valid <u>local</u> permit <u>and state license</u> to sell
- 645 firearms at retail [a pistol or revolver] issued pursuant to subsection (a)
- of section 29-28, as amended by this act, or a valid eligibility certificate
- for a pistol or revolver issued pursuant to section 29-36f, as amended by
- 648 <u>this act</u>, or is a federal marshal, parole officer or peace officer.
- (c) No person, firm or corporation shall sell, deliver or otherwise
- 650 transfer any pistol or revolver except upon written application on a form
- prescribed and furnished by the Commissioner of Emergency Services
- and Public Protection. Such person, firm or corporation shall ensure that
- all questions on the application are answered properly prior to releasing
- 654 the pistol or revolver and shall retain the application, which shall be
- attached to the federal sale or transfer document, for at least twenty
- 656 years or until such vendor goes out of business. Such application shall
- 657 be available for inspection during normal business hours by law
- enforcement officials. No sale, delivery or other transfer of any pistol or
- revolver shall be made unless the person making the purchase or to

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whom the same is delivered or transferred is personally known to the person selling such pistol or revolver or making delivery or transfer thereof or provides evidence of his identity in the form of a motor vehicle operator's license, identity card issued pursuant to section 1-1h or valid passport. No sale, delivery or other transfer of any pistol or revolver shall be made until the person, firm or corporation making such transfer obtains an authorization number from the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection. Said commissioner shall perform the national instant criminal background check and make a reasonable effort to determine whether there is any reason that would prohibit such applicant from possessing a pistol or revolver as provided in section 53a-217c, as amended by this act. If the commissioner determines the existence of such a reason, the commissioner shall (1) deny the sale and no pistol or revolver shall be sold, delivered or otherwise transferred by such person, firm or corporation to such applicant, and (2) inform the chief of police of the town in which the applicant resides, or, where there is no chief of police, the warden of the borough or the first selectman of the town, as the case may be, that there exists a reason that would prohibit such applicant from possessing a pistol or revolver.

- (d) No person, firm or corporation shall sell, deliver or otherwise transfer any pistol or revolver, other than at wholesale, unless such pistol or revolver is equipped with a reusable trigger lock, gun lock or gun locking device appropriate for such pistol or revolver, which lock or device shall be constructed of material sufficiently strong to prevent it from being easily disabled and have a locking mechanism accessible by key or by electronic or other mechanical accessory specific to such lock or device to prevent unauthorized removal. No pistol or revolver shall be loaded or contain therein any gunpowder or other explosive or any bullet, ball or shell when such pistol or revolver is sold, delivered or otherwise transferred.
- (e) Upon the sale, delivery or other transfer of any pistol or revolver, the person making the purchase or to whom the same is delivered or

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transferred shall sign a receipt for such pistol or revolver, which shall contain the name and address of such person, the date of sale, the caliber, make, model and manufacturer's number and a general description of such pistol or revolver, the identification number of such person's permit to carry pistols or revolvers, issued pursuant to subsection (b) of section 29-28, as amended by this act, local permit and state license to sell firearms at retail, [pistols or revolvers,] issued pursuant to subsection (a) of said section, or eligibility certificate for a pistol or revolver, issued pursuant to section 29-36f, as amended by this act, if any, and the authorization number designated for the transfer by the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection. The person, firm or corporation selling such pistol or revolver or making delivery or transfer thereof shall (1) give one copy of the receipt to the person making the purchase of such pistol or revolver or to whom the same is delivered or transferred, (2) retain one copy of the receipt for at least five years, and (3) send, by first class mail, or electronically transmit, within forty-eight hours of such sale, delivery or other transfer, (A) one copy of the receipt to the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection, and (B) one copy of the receipt to the chief of police of the municipality in which the transferee resides or, where there is no chief of police, the chief executive officer of the municipality, as defined in section 7-148, in which the transferee resides or, if designated by such chief executive officer, the resident state trooper serving such municipality or a state police officer of the state police troop having jurisdiction over such municipality.

- (f) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, (A) no person shall sell, deliver or otherwise transfer more than one pistol or revolver to any individual during a thirty-day period, and (B) no person shall sell, deliver or otherwise transfer a pistol or revolver to any individual who has purchased a pistol or revolver in the previous thirty days.
- 724 (2) The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to (A) any firearm 725 transferred to a federal, state or municipal law enforcement agency, or

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any firearm legally transferred under the provisions of section 29-36k, (B) the exchange of a pistol or revolver purchased by an individual from a federally licensed firearm dealer for another pistol or revolver from the same federally licensed firearms dealer within thirty days of the original transaction, provided that the federally licensed firearm dealer reports the transaction to the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection, (C) as otherwise provided in subsection (g) or (h) of this section, (D) any firearm transferred by bequest or intestate succession, or, upon the death of a testator or settlor: (i) To a trust, or (ii) from a trust to a beneficiary, or (E) a transfer to a museum at a fixed location that is open to the public and displays firearms as part of an educational mission.

- (g) The provisions of this section shall not apply to antique pistols or revolvers. An antique pistol or revolver, for the purposes of this section, means any pistol or revolver which was manufactured in or before 1898 and any replica of such pistol or revolver provided such replica is not designed or redesigned for using rimfire or conventional centerfire fixed ammunition except rimfire or conventional centerfire fixed ammunition which is no longer manufactured in the United States and not readily available in the ordinary channel of commercial trade.
- (h) The provisions of this section shall not apply to the sale, delivery or transfer of pistols or revolvers between (1) a federally-licensed firearm manufacturer and a federally-licensed firearm dealer, (2) a federally-licensed firearm importer and a federally-licensed firearm dealer, or (3) federally-licensed firearm dealers.
- (i) If the court finds that a violation of this section is not of a serious nature and that the person charged with such violation (1) will probably not offend in the future, (2) has not previously been convicted of a violation of this section, and (3) has not previously had a prosecution under this section suspended pursuant to this subsection, the court may order suspension of prosecution. The court shall not order suspension of prosecution unless the accused person has acknowledged that he understands the consequences of the suspension of prosecution. Any

person for whom prosecution is suspended shall agree to the tolling of any statute of limitations with respect to such violation and to a waiver of his right to a speedy trial. Such person shall appear in court and shall be released to the supervision of the Court Support Services Division for such period, not exceeding two years, and under such conditions as the court shall order. If the person refuses to accept, or, having accepted, violates such conditions, the court shall terminate the suspension of prosecution and the case shall be brought to trial. If such person satisfactorily completes his period of probation, he may apply for dismissal of the charges against him and the court, on finding such satisfactory completion, shall dismiss such charges. If the person does not apply for dismissal of the charges against him after satisfactorily completing his period of probation, the court, upon receipt of a report submitted by the Court Support Services Division that the person satisfactorily completed his period of probation, may on its own motion make a finding of such satisfactory completion and dismiss such charges. Upon dismissal, all records of such charges shall be erased pursuant to section 54-142a. An order of the court denying a motion to dismiss the charges against a person who has completed his period of probation or terminating the participation of a defendant in such program shall be a final judgment for purposes of appeal.

(j) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be guilty of a class C felony for which two years of the sentence imposed may not be suspended or reduced by the court, and five thousand dollars of the fine imposed may not be remitted or reduced by the court unless the court states on the record its reasons for remitting or reducing such fine, except that any person who sells, delivers or otherwise transfers a pistol or revolver in violation of the provisions of this section knowing that such pistol or revolver is stolen or that the manufacturer's number or other mark of identification on such pistol or revolver has been altered, removed or obliterated, shall be guilty of a class B felony for which three years of the sentence imposed may not be suspended or reduced by the court, and ten thousand dollars of the fine imposed may not be remitted or reduced by the court unless the court states on the

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- record its reasons for remitting or reducing such fine, and any pistol or revolver found in the possession of any person in violation of any provision of this section shall be forfeited.
- Sec. 10. Section 29-36*l* of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):
 - (a) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall establish a state database that any person, firm or corporation who sells or otherwise transfers firearms may access, by telephone or other electronic means in addition to the telephone, for information to be supplied immediately, on whether a permit to carry a pistol or revolver, issued pursuant to subsection (b) of section 29-28, as amended by this act, a [permit] state license to sell firearms at retail, [a pistol or revolver,] issued pursuant to subsection (a) of section 29-28, as amended by this act, an eligibility certificate for a pistol or revolver, issued pursuant to section 29-36f, as amended by this act, or a long gun eligibility certificate, issued pursuant to section 29-37p, as amended by this act, is valid and has not been revoked or suspended.
 - (b) Upon establishment of the database, the commissioner shall notify each person, firm or corporation holding a [permit] <u>state license</u> to sell <u>firearms</u> at retail [pistols or revolvers] issued pursuant to subsection (a) of section 29-28, <u>as amended by this act</u>, of the existence and purpose of the system and the means to be used to access the database.
 - (c) The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall establish days and hours during which the telephone number or other electronic means shall be operational for purposes of responding to inquiries, taking into consideration the normal business hours of retail firearm businesses.
 - (d) (1) The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall be the point of contact for initiating a background check through the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS), established under section 103 of the Brady Handgun Violence

- 824 Prevention Act, on individuals purchasing firearms.
- (2) The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and Judicial Department shall, in accordance with state and federal law regarding confidentiality, enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the purpose of implementing the National Instant Criminal Background Check System in the state. The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall report the name, date of birth and physical description of any person prohibited from possessing a firearm pursuant to 18 USC 922(g) or (n) to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System Index, Denied Persons Files.
 - (e) Any person, firm or corporation that contacts the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection to access the database established under this section and determine if a person is eligible to receive or possess a firearm shall not be held civilly liable for the sale or transfer of a firearm to a person whose receipt or possession of such firearm is unlawful or for refusing to sell or transfer a firearm to a person who may lawfully receive or possess such firearm if such person, firm or corporation relied, in good faith, on the information provided to such person, firm or corporation by said department, unless the conduct of such person, firm or corporation was unreasonable or reckless.
 - (f) Any person, firm or corporation that sells, delivers or otherwise transfers any firearm pursuant to section 29-33, as amended by this act, or 29-37a, as amended by this act, shall contact the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection to access the database established under this section and receive an authorization number for such sale, delivery or transfer. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to: (1) Any sale, delivery or transfer of an antique firearm manufactured in or before 1898, including any firearm with a matchlock, flintlock, percussion cap or similar type of ignition system manufactured in or before 1898; (2) any sale, delivery or transfer of any replica of any firearm described in subdivision (1) of this subsection if

- 857 such replica uses rimfire or conventional centerfire fixed ammunition 858 which is no longer manufactured in the United States and which is not 859 readily available in the ordinary channels of commercial trade; (3) transactions between persons who are licensed as firearms importers or 860 861 collectors, manufacturers or dealers pursuant to 18 USC 921 et seq.; (4) 862 the transfer of firearms to and from gunsmiths for purposes of repair 863 only; and (5) any sale, delivery or transfer of any firearm to any agency 864 of the United States, the state of Connecticut or any local government.
- (g) No person shall complete the transfer of actual possession of any
 firearm for which an authorization number is required under this
 section until the eleventh calendar day or later after receipt of such
 authorization number.
- Sec. 11. Section 29-37a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):
 - (a) For the purposes of this section, "long gun" means a firearm, as defined in section 53a-3, as amended by this act, other than a pistol or revolver.
 - (b) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, no person, firm or corporation may sell, deliver or otherwise transfer, at retail, any long gun to any person under [eighteen] <u>twenty-one</u> years of age.
 - (2) [No person, firm or corporation may sell, deliver or otherwise transfer, at retail, any semi-automatic centerfire rifle that has or accepts a magazine with a capacity exceeding five rounds to any person under twenty-one years of age.] The provisions of this [subdivision] <u>subsection</u> shall not apply to the sale, delivery or transfer of [such a rifle] <u>any long gun</u> to any person who is a member or employee of an organized local police department, the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection or the Department of Correction or a member of the military or naval forces of this state or of the United States for use in the discharge of their duties.

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- (c) [On and after April 1, 2014, no] No person may purchase or receive any long gun unless such person holds a valid long gun eligibility certificate issued pursuant to section 29-37p, as amended by this act, a valid permit to carry a pistol or revolver issued pursuant to subsection (b) of section 29-28, as amended by this act, a valid [permit] state license to sell <u>firearms</u> at retail [a pistol or revolver] issued pursuant to subsection (a) of section 29-28, as amended by this act, or a valid eligibility certificate for a pistol or revolver issued pursuant to section 29-36f, as amended by this act.
- (d) No person, firm or corporation may sell, deliver or otherwise transfer, at retail, any long gun to any person unless such person makes application on a form prescribed and furnished by the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection, which shall be attached by the transferor to the federal sale or transfer document and filed and retained by the transferor for at least twenty years or until such transferor goes out of business. Such application shall be available for inspection during normal business hours by law enforcement officials. No such sale, delivery or other transfer of any long gun shall be made until the person, firm or corporation making such sale, delivery or transfer has ensured that such application has been completed properly and has obtained an authorization number from the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection for such sale, delivery or transfer. The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall make every effort, including performing the national instant criminal background check, to determine if the applicant is eligible to receive such long gun. If it is determined that the applicant is ineligible to receive such long gun, the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall immediately notify the (1) person, firm or corporation to whom such application was made and no such long gun shall be sold, delivered or otherwise transferred to such applicant by such person, firm or corporation, and (2) chief of police of the town in which the applicant resides, or, where there is no chief of police, the warden of the borough or the first selectman of the town, as the case may be, that the applicant is not eligible to receive a long gun. When any

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- (e) No sale, delivery or other transfer of any long gun shall be made by a person who [is not a federally licensed firearm manufacturer, importer or dealer] does not possess a local permit and state license to sell firearms at retail issued pursuant to subsection (a) of section 29-28, as amended by this act, to a person who is not a federally licensed firearm manufacturer, importer or dealer unless:
- (1) The prospective transferor and prospective transferee comply with the provisions of subsection (d) of this section, [and] the prospective transferor has obtained an authorization number from the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection for such sale, delivery or transfer and the prospective transferor will have sold ten or fewer firearms in the current calendar year and is not a federally licensed firearm manufacturer, importer or dealer; or

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(2) The prospective transferor or prospective transferee requests a federally licensed firearm dealer to contact the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection on behalf of such prospective transferor or prospective transferee and the federally licensed firearm dealer has obtained an authorization number from the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection for such sale, delivery or transfer, and the prospective transferor will have sold ten or fewer firearms in the current calendar year and is not a federally licensed firearm manufacturer, importer or dealer.

(f) (1) [On and after January 1, 2014, for] For purposes of a transfer pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of this section, a prospective transferor or prospective transferee may request a federally licensed firearm dealer to contact the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection to obtain an authorization number for such sale, delivery or transfer. If a federally licensed firearm dealer consents to contact the department on behalf of the prospective transferor or prospective transferee, the prospective transferor or prospective transferee shall provide to such dealer the name, sex, race, date of birth and state of residence of the prospective transferee and, if necessary to verify the identity of the prospective transferee, may provide a unique numeric identifier including, but not limited to, a Social Security number, and additional identifiers including, but not limited to, height, weight, eye and hair color, and place of birth. The prospective transferee shall present to the dealer such prospective transferee's valid long gun eligibility certificate issued pursuant to section 29-37p, as amended by this act, valid permit to carry a pistol or revolver issued pursuant to subsection (b) of section 29-28, as amended by this act, valid [permit] state license to sell firearms at retail [a pistol or revolver] issued pursuant to subsection (a) of section 29-28, as amended by this act, or valid eligibility certificate for a pistol or revolver issued pursuant to section 29-36f, as amended by this act. The dealer may charge a fee for contacting the department on behalf of the prospective transferor or prospective transferee.

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(2) The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall make every effort, including performing the national instant criminal background check, to determine if the prospective transferee is eligible to receive such long gun. The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall immediately notify the dealer of the department's determination and the dealer shall immediately notify the prospective transferor or prospective transferee of such determination. If the department determines the prospective transferee is ineligible to receive such long gun, no long gun shall be sold, delivered or otherwise transferred by the prospective transferor to the prospective transferee. If the department determines the prospective transferee is eligible to receive such long gun and provides an authorization number for such sale, delivery or transfer, the prospective transferor may proceed to sell, deliver or otherwise transfer the long gun to the prospective transferee.

(3) Upon the sale, delivery or other transfer of the long gun, the transferor or transferee shall complete a form, prescribed by the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection, that contains the name and address of the transferor, the name and address of the transferee, the date and place of birth of such transferee, the firearm permit or certificate number of the transferee, the firearm permit or certificate number of the transferor, if any, the date of such sale, delivery or transfer, the caliber, make, model and manufacturer's number and a general description of such long gun and the authorization number provided by the department. Not later than twenty-four hours after such sale, delivery or transfer, the transferor shall send by first class mail or electronically transfer one copy of such form to the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection and one copy to the chief of police of the municipality in which the transferee resides or, where there is no chief of police, the chief executive officer of the municipality, as defined in section 7-148, in which the transferee resides or, if designated by such chief executive officer, the resident state trooper serving such municipality or a state police officer of the state police troop having jurisdiction over such municipality, and shall retain one copy, for at least five years.

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(g) [Prior to April 1, 2014, no sale, delivery or other transfer of any long gun shall be made until the expiration of two weeks from the date of the application, except that such waiting period shall not apply to any federal marshal, parole officer or peace officer, or to the sale, delivery or other transfer of (1) any long gun to a holder of a valid state permit to carry a pistol or revolver issued under the provisions of section 29-28, a valid eligibility certificate issued under the provisions of section 29-36f, or a valid long gun eligibility certificate issued under the provisions of section 29-37p, (2) any long gun to an active member of the armed forces of the United States or of any reserve component thereof, (3) any long gun to a holder of a valid hunting license issued pursuant to chapter 490, or (4) antique firearms. For the purposes of this subsection, "antique firearm" means any firearm which was manufactured in or before 1898 and any replica of such firearm, provided such replica is not designed or redesigned for using rimfire or conventional centerfire fixed ammunition except rimfire or conventional centerfire fixed ammunition which is no longer manufactured in the United States and not readily available in the ordinary channel of commercial trade.] No person shall complete the transfer of actual possession of any long gun for which an authorization number is required under this section until the eleventh calendar day or later after receipt of such authorization number.

(h) The provisions of subsections [(c) to (g)] (b) to (f), inclusive, of this section shall not apply to the sale, delivery or transfer of (1) long guns to (A) the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, police departments, the Department of Correction, the Division of Criminal Justice, the Department of Motor Vehicles, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection or the military or naval forces of this state or of the United States, (B) a sworn and duly certified member of an organized police department, the Division of State Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection or the Department of Correction, a chief inspector or inspector in the Division of Criminal Justice, a salaried inspector of motor vehicles designated by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, a conservation officer or special conservation officer appointed by the Commissioner of Energy and

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Environmental Protection pursuant to section 26-5, or a constable who is certified by the Police Officer Standards and Training Council and appointed by the chief executive authority of a town, city or borough to perform criminal law enforcement duties, pursuant to a letter on the letterhead of such department, division, commissioner or authority authorizing the purchase and stating that the sworn member, inspector, officer or constable will use the long gun in the discharge of official duties, and that a records check indicates that the sworn member, inspector, officer or constable has not been convicted of a crime of family violence, for use by such sworn member, inspector, officer or constable in the discharge of such sworn member's, inspector's, officer's or constable's official duties or when off duty, (C) a member of the military or naval forces of this state or of the United States, or (D) a nuclear facility licensed by the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the purpose of providing security services at such facility, or any contractor or subcontractor of such facility for the purpose of providing security services at such facility; (2) long guns to or between federally licensed firearm manufacturers, importers or dealers; (3) curios or relics, as defined in 27 CFR 478.11, to or between federally licensed firearm collectors; or (4) antique firearms. [, as defined in subsection (g) of this section] For the purposes of this subsection, "antique firearm" means any firearm which was manufactured in or before 1898 and any replica of such firearm, provided such replica is not designed or redesigned for using rimfire or conventional centerfire fixed ammunition except rimfire or conventional centerfire fixed ammunition which is no longer manufactured in the United States and not readily available in the ordinary channel of commercial trade.

(i) If the court finds that a violation of this section is not of a serious nature and that the person charged with such violation (1) will probably not offend in the future, (2) has not previously been convicted of a violation of this section, and (3) has not previously had a prosecution under this section suspended pursuant to this subsection, it may order suspension of prosecution. The court shall not order suspension of prosecution unless the accused person has acknowledged that he

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understands the consequences of the suspension of prosecution. Any person for whom prosecution is suspended shall agree to the tolling of any statute of limitations with respect to such violation and to a waiver of his right to a speedy trial. Such person shall appear in court and shall be released to the supervision of the Court Support Services Division for such period, not exceeding two years, and under such conditions as the court shall order. If the person refuses to accept, or, having accepted, violates such conditions, the court shall terminate the suspension of prosecution and the case shall be brought to trial. If such person satisfactorily completes his period of probation, he may apply for dismissal of the charges against him and the court, on finding such satisfactory completion, shall dismiss such charges. If the person does not apply for dismissal of the charges against him after satisfactorily completing his period of probation, the court, upon receipt of a report submitted by the Court Support Services Division that the person satisfactorily completed his period of probation, may on its own motion make a finding of such satisfactory completion and dismiss such charges. Upon dismissal, all records of such charges shall be erased pursuant to section 54-142a. An order of the court denying a motion to dismiss the charges against a person who has completed his period of probation or terminating the participation of a defendant in such program shall be a final judgment for purposes of appeal.

- (j) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be guilty of a class D felony, except that any person who sells, delivers or otherwise transfers a long gun in violation of the provisions of this section, knowing that such long gun is stolen or that the manufacturer's number or other mark of identification on such long gun has been altered, removed or obliterated, shall be guilty of a class B felony, and any long gun found in the possession of any person in violation of any provision of this section shall be forfeited.
- Sec. 12. Section 29-37i of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1*, 2023):
- No person shall store or keep any firearm, as defined in section 53a-

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1123 3, as amended by this act, on any premises under such person's control 1124 [if such person knows or reasonably should know that (1) a minor is 1125 likely to gain access to the firearm without the permission of the parent 1126 or guardian of the minor, (2) a resident of the premises is ineligible to 1127 possess a firearm under state or federal law, (3) a resident of the 1128 premises is subject to a risk protection order issued pursuant to section 1129 29-38c, or (4) a resident of the premises poses a risk of imminent 1130 personal injury to himself or herself or to another person, unless such 1131 person [(A)] (1) keeps the firearm in a securely locked box or other 1132 container or in a manner which a reasonable person would believe to be 1133 secure, or [(B)] (2) carries the firearm on his or her person or within such 1134 close proximity thereto that such person can readily retrieve and use the 1135 firearm as if such person carried the firearm on his or her person. [For 1136 the purposes of this section, "minor" means any person under the age of 1137 eighteen years.]

Sec. 13. Section 29-38b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

(a) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection, in fulfilling [his] the commissioner's obligations under sections 29-28 to 29-38, inclusive, as amended by this act, and section 53-202d, as amended by this act, shall verify that any person who [, on or after October 1, 1998, applies for or seeks renewal of a [permit] state license to sell firearms at retail, [a pistol or revolver,] a permit to carry a pistol or revolver, an eligibility certificate for a pistol or revolver or a certificate of possession for an assault weapon, or who [, on or after July 1, 2013,] applies for or seeks renewal of a long gun eligibility certificate, has not been confined in a hospital for persons with psychiatric disabilities, as defined in section 17a-495, within the preceding sixty months by order of a probate court or has not been voluntarily admitted to a hospital for persons with psychiatric disabilities, as defined in section 17a-495, within the preceding six months for care and treatment of a psychiatric disability and not solely for being an alcohol-dependent person or a drug-dependent person as those terms are defined in section 17a-680, by

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- 1156 making an inquiry to the Department of Mental Health and Addiction 1157 Services in such a manner so as to only receive a report on the commitment or admission status of the person with respect to whom the 1159 inquiry is made including identifying information in accordance with the provisions of subsection (b) of section 17a-500.
 - (b) If the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection determines pursuant to subsection (a) of this section that a person has been confined in a hospital for persons with psychiatric disabilities, as defined in section 17a-495, within the preceding sixty months by order of a probate court or has been voluntarily admitted to a hospital for persons with psychiatric disabilities, as defined in section 17a-495, within the preceding six months for care and treatment of a psychiatric disability and not solely for being an alcohol-dependent person or a drug-dependent person as those terms are defined in section 17a-680, said commissioner shall report the status of such person's application for or renewal of a [permit] state license to sell firearms at retail, [a pistol or revolver,] a permit to carry a pistol or revolver, an eligibility certificate for a pistol or revolver, a certificate of possession for an assault weapon or a long gun eligibility certificate to the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services for the purpose of fulfilling his responsibilities under subsection (c) of section 17a-500.
- 1177 Sec. 14. Section 29-38m of the general statutes is repealed and the 1178 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):
- 1179 (a) For the purposes of this section and sections 29-38n to 29-38p, 1180 inclusive, "ammunition" means a loaded cartridge, consisting of a 1181 primed case, propellant or projectile, designed for use in any firearm, 1182 "firearm" has the meaning provided in section 53a-3, as amended by this 1183 act, and "magazine" means any firearm magazine, belt, drum, feed strip 1184 or similar device that accepts ammunition.
 - (b) No person, firm or corporation shall sell ammunition or an ammunition magazine to any person under eighteen years of age.

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(c) [On and after October 1, 2013, no] No person, firm or corporation shall sell ammunition or an ammunition magazine to any person unless such person holds a valid permit to carry a pistol or revolver issued pursuant to subsection (b) of section 29-28, as amended by this act, a valid <u>local</u> permit <u>and state license</u> to sell <u>firearms</u> at retail [a pistol or revolver] issued pursuant to subsection (a) of section 29-28, as amended by this act, a valid eligibility certificate for a pistol or revolver issued pursuant to section 29-36f, as amended by this act, or a valid long gun eligibility certificate issued pursuant to section 29-37p, as amended by this act, and presents to the transferor such permit or certificate, or unless such person holds a valid ammunition certificate issued pursuant to section 29-38n and presents to the transferor such certificate and such person's motor vehicle operator's license, passport or other valid form of identification issued by the federal government or a state or municipal government that contains such person's date of birth and photograph.

(d) The provisions of [subsection] subsections (b) and (c) of this section shall not apply to the sale of ammunition to (1) the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, police departments, the Department of Correction, the Division of Criminal Justice, the Department of Motor Vehicles, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection or the military or naval forces of this state or of the United States; (2) a sworn and duly certified member of an organized police department, the Division of State Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection or the Department of Correction, a chief inspector or inspector in the Division of Criminal Justice, a salaried inspector of motor vehicles designated by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, a conservation officer or special conservation officer appointed by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection pursuant to section 26-5, or a constable who is certified by the Police Officer Standards and Training Council and appointed by the chief executive authority of a town, city or borough to perform criminal law enforcement duties, for use by such sworn member, inspector, officer or constable in the discharge of such sworn

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- member's, inspector's, officer's or constable's official duties or when off
- duty; (3) a member of the military or naval forces of this state or of the
- 1223 United States; (4) a nuclear facility licensed by the United States Nuclear
- 1224 Regulatory Commission for the purpose of providing security services
- at such facility, or any contractor or subcontractor of such facility for the
- purpose of providing security services at such facility; or (5) a federally
- licensed firearm manufacturer, importer, dealer or collector.
- (e) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be
- 1229 guilty of a class D felony.
- Sec. 15. Subsections (d) to (f), inclusive, of section 53-202f of the
- 1231 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
- 1232 thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 1233 (d) (1) Not later than December 31, 2013, any person who lawfully
- 1234 possessed an assault weapon described in any provision of
- subparagraphs (B) to (F), inclusive, of subdivision (1) of section 53-202a,
- as amended by this act, on April 4, 2013, which was lawful under the
- provisions of sections 53-202a to 53-202k, inclusive, as amended by this
- 1238 act, in effect on January 1, 2013, may transfer possession of the assault
- 1239 weapon to a licensed gun dealer within or outside of this state for sale
- outside of this state, and may transport the assault weapon to such
- dealer for the purpose of making such transfer, without obtaining a
- 1242 certificate of possession under section 53-202d, as amended by this act.
- 1243 (2) Not later than December 31, 2023, any person who lawfully
- possessed a 2023 assault weapon on the date immediately preceding the
- 1245 effective date of this section, which was lawful under the provisions of
- sections 53-202a to 53-202k, inclusive, as amended by this act, in effect
- on January 1, 2023, may transfer possession of the 2023 assault weapon
- to a licensed gun dealer within or outside of this state for sale outside of
- this state, and may transport the 2023 assault weapon to such dealer for
- the purpose of making such transfer, without obtaining a certificate of
- possession under section 53-202d, as amended by this act.

- (e) (1) Not later than October 1, 2013, any licensed gun dealer, 1252 1253 pawnbroker licensed under section 21-40, or consignment shop 1254 operator, as defined in section 21-39a, may transfer possession of an 1255 assault weapon to any person who [(1)] (A) legally possessed the assault 1256 weapon prior to or on April 4, 2013, [(2)] (B) placed the assault weapon 1257 in the possession of such dealer, pawnbroker or operator prior to or on 1258 April 4, 2013, pursuant to an agreement between such person and such 1259 dealer, pawnbroker or operator for the sale of the assault weapon to a 1260 third person, and [(3)] (C) is eligible to possess a firearm on the date of 1261 such transfer.
- 1262 (2) Not later than October 1, 2023, any licensed gun dealer, 1263 pawnbroker licensed under section 21-40, or consignment shop 1264 operator, as defined in section 21-39a, may transfer possession of a 2023 assault weapon to any person who (A) legally possessed the 2023 assault 1265 weapon prior to the effective date of this section, (B) placed the 2023 1266 1267 assault weapon in the possession of such dealer, pawnbroker or 1268 operator prior to the effective date of this section, pursuant to an 1269 agreement between such person and such dealer, pawnbroker or 1270 operator for the sale of the assault weapon to a third person, and (C) is 1271 eligible to possess a firearm on the date of such transfer.
 - (f) The term "licensed gun dealer", as used in sections 53-202a to 53-202k, inclusive, as amended by this act, means a person who has a federal firearms license, and (1) prior to October 1, 2023, a permit to sell firearms pursuant to section 29-28, as amended by this act, or (2) on or after October 1, 2023, a local permit and state license to sell firearms at retail pursuant to section 29-28, as amended by this act.
- Sec. 16. Subsection (a) of section 53-202w of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October* 1, 2023):
- 1281 (a) As used in this section and section 53-202x, as amended by this act:

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- (1) "Large capacity magazine" means any firearm magazine, belt, drum, feed strip or similar device that has the capacity of, or can be readily restored or converted to accept, more than ten rounds of ammunition, but does not include: (A) A feeding device that has been permanently altered so that it cannot accommodate more than ten rounds of ammunition, (B) a .22 caliber tube ammunition feeding device, (C) a tubular magazine that is contained in a lever-action firearm, or (D) a magazine that is permanently inoperable;
- 1291 (2) "Lawfully possesses", with respect to a large capacity magazine, 1292 means that a person has (A) actual and lawful possession of the large 1293 capacity magazine, (B) constructive possession of the large capacity 1294 magazine pursuant to a lawful purchase of a firearm that contains a 1295 large capacity magazine that was transacted prior to or on April 4, 2013, 1296 regardless of whether the firearm was delivered to the purchaser prior 1297 to or on April 4, 2013, which lawful purchase is evidenced by a writing 1298 sufficient to indicate that (i) a contract for sale was made between the 1299 parties prior to or on April 4, 2013, for the purchase of the firearm, or (ii) 1300 full or partial payment for the firearm was made by the purchaser to the 1301 seller of the firearm prior to or on April 4, 2013, or (C) actual possession 1302 under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, or constructive possession 1303 under subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, as evidenced by a written 1304 statement made under penalty of false statement on such form as the 1305 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection prescribes; 1306 and
- 1307 (3) "Licensed gun dealer" means a person who has a federal firearms 1308 license and a <u>local permit and state license</u> to sell firearms pursuant to 1309 section 29-28, as amended by this act.
- Sec. 17. Subsection (e) of section 53-202x of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October* 1312 1, 2023):
- (e) (1) If an owner of a large capacity magazine transfers the large capacity magazine to a licensed gun dealer, such dealer shall, at the time

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- 1315 of delivery of the large capacity magazine, execute a certificate of 1316 transfer. For any transfer prior to January 1, 2014, the dealer shall 1317 provide to the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public 1318 Protection monthly reports, on such form as the commissioner 1319 prescribes, regarding the number of transfers that the dealer has 1320 accepted. For any transfer on or after January 1, 2014, the dealer shall 1321 cause the certificate of transfer to be mailed or delivered to the 1322 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection. The 1323 certificate of transfer shall contain: (A) The date of sale or transfer; (B) 1324 the name and address of the seller or transferor and the licensed gun 1325 dealer, and their Social Security numbers or motor vehicle operator 1326 license numbers, if applicable; (C) the licensed gun dealer's federal 1327 firearms license number; and (D) a description of the large capacity 1328 magazine.
- 1329 (2) The licensed gun dealer shall present such dealer's federal firearms license and seller's <u>local</u> permit <u>and state license</u> to the seller or transferor for inspection at the time of purchase or transfer.
- 1332 (3) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection 1333 shall maintain a file of all certificates of transfer at the commissioner's 1334 central office.
- Sec. 18. Subsection (b) of section 54-36e of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October* 1337 1, 2023):
 - (b) Firearms and ammunition turned over to the state police pursuant to subsection (a) of this section which are not destroyed or retained for appropriate use shall be sold at public auctions, conducted by the Commissioner of Administrative Services or said commissioner's designee. Pistols and revolvers, as defined in section 53a-3, as amended by this act, which are antiques, as defined in section 29-33, as amended by this act, or curios or relics, as defined in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 27, Chapter 1, Part 178, or modern pistols and revolvers which have a current retail value of one hundred dollars or

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- 1347 more may be sold at such public auctions, provided such pistols and 1348 revolvers shall be sold only to persons who have a valid local permit 1349 and state license to sell [a pistol or revolver] firearms at retail, or a valid 1350 permit to carry a pistol or revolver, issued pursuant to section 29-28, as 1351 amended by this act. Rifles and shotguns, as defined in section 53a-3, as 1352 amended by this act, shall be sold only to persons qualified under 1353 federal law to purchase such rifles and shotguns and who have a valid 1354 long gun eligibility certificate issued pursuant to section 29-37p, as 1355 amended by this act. The proceeds of any such sale shall be paid to the 1356 State Treasurer and deposited by the State Treasurer in the forfeit 1357 firearms account within the General Fund.
- Sec. 19. Subsection (e) of section 53-202*l* of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
 - (e) If the court finds that a violation of this section is not of a serious nature and that the person charged with such violation (1) will probably not offend in the future, (2) has not previously been convicted of a violation of this section, and (3) has not previously had a prosecution under this section suspended pursuant to this subsection, it may order suspension of prosecution in accordance with the provisions of subsection [(h)] (i) of section 29-33, as amended by this act.
- Sec. 20. Subsection (g) of section 53-202w of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
 - (g) If the court finds that a violation of this section is not of a serious nature and that the person charged with such violation (1) will probably not offend in the future, (2) has not previously been convicted of a violation of this section, and (3) has not previously had a prosecution under this section suspended pursuant to this subsection, it may order suspension of prosecution in accordance with the provisions of subsection [(h)] (i) of section 29-33, as amended by this act.

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- 1378 Sec. 21. Subsection (f) of section 53-206g of the general statutes is 1379 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from 1380 passage):
- 1381 (f) If the court finds that a violation of this section is not of a serious 1382 nature and that the person charged with such violation (1) will probably 1383 not offend in the future, (2) has not previously been convicted of a 1384 violation of this section, and (3) has not previously had a prosecution 1385 under this section suspended pursuant to this subsection, it may order 1386 suspension of prosecution in accordance with the provisions of 1387 subsection [(h)] (i) of section 29-33, as amended by this act.
- 1388 Sec. 22. Section 53a-217a of the general statutes is repealed and the 1389 following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2023):
- 1390 (a) A person is guilty of criminally negligent storage of a firearm when such person violates the provisions of section 29-37i, as amended 1392 by this act. [and a minor or, a resident of the premises who is ineligible 1393 to possess a firearm under state or federal law or who poses a risk of 1394 imminent personal injury to himself or herself or to other individuals, obtains the firearm and causes the injury or death of such minor, resident or any other person. For the purposes of this section, "minor" 1397 means any person under the age of eighteen years.
 - (b) The provisions of this section shall not apply if the minor obtains the firearm as a result of an unlawful entry to any premises by any person.]
- 1401 [(c)] (b) Criminally negligent storage of a firearm is a class D felony.
- 1402 Sec. 23. Section 54-66a of the general statutes is repealed and the 1403 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 1404 Any bail bond posted in any criminal proceeding in this state shall be automatically terminated and released whenever the defendant: (1) Is 1405 1406 granted accelerated rehabilitation pursuant to section 54-56e; (2) is 1407 granted admission to the pretrial alcohol education program pursuant

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1408 to section 54-56g; (3) is granted admission to the pretrial family violence 1409 education program pursuant to section 46b-38c; (4) is granted admission 1410 to the pretrial drug education and community service program pursuant to section 54-56i; (5) has the complaint or information filed 1411 1412 against such defendant dismissed; (6) has the prosecution of the 1413 complaint or information filed against such defendant terminated by entry of a nolle prosequi; (7) is acquitted; (8) is sentenced by the court 1414 1415 and a stay of such sentence, if any, is lifted; (9) is granted admission to 1416 the pretrial school violence prevention program pursuant to section 54-1417 56j; (10) is charged with a violation of section 29-33, as amended by this 1418 act, 53-202l or 53-202w, as amended by this act, and prosecution has 1419 been suspended pursuant to subsection [(h)] (i) of section 29-33, as 1420 amended by this act; (11) is charged with a violation of section 29-37a, 1421 as amended by this act, and prosecution has been suspended pursuant 1422 to subsection (i) of section 29-37a, as amended by this act; (12) is granted 1423 admission to the supervised diversionary program for persons with 1424 psychiatric disabilities, or persons who are veterans, pursuant to section 1425 54-56l; (13) is granted admission to a diversionary program for young 1426 persons charged with a motor vehicle violation or an alcohol-related 1427 offense pursuant to section 54-56p; (14) is granted admission to the 1428 pretrial drug intervention and community service program pursuant to 1429 section 54-56q; or (15) is granted admission to the pretrial impaired 1430 driving intervention program pursuant to section 54-56r.

Sec. 24. Subdivision (8) of section 54-280 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(8) "Offense committed with a deadly weapon" or "offense" means: (A) A violation of subsection (c) of section 2-1e, subsection (e) of section 29-28, subsections (a) to (e), inclusive, or [(i)] (j) of section 29-33, as amended by this act, section 29-34, subsection (a) of section 29-35, as amended by this act, section 29-36, 29-36k, 29-37a, as amended by this act, or 29-37e, subsection (c) of section 29-37g, section 29-37j, subsection (b), (c) or (g) of section 53-202, section 53-202b, 53-202c, as amended by

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- 1441 <u>this act</u>, 53-202j, 53-202k, 53-202*l*, as amended by this act, 53-202aa or 53-
- 1442 206b, subsection (b) of section 53a-8, section 53a-55a, 53a-56a, 53a-60a,
- 1443 53a-60c, 53a-72b, 53a-92a, 53a-94a, 53a-102a, 53a-103a, 53a-211, 53a-212,
- 1444 53a-216, 53a-217, 53a-217a, as amended by this act, 53a-217b or 53a-217c,
- as amended by this act, or a second or subsequent violation of section
- 1446 53-202g; or (B) a violation of any section of the general statutes which
- 1447 constitutes a felony, as defined in section 53a-25, provided the court
- makes a finding that, at the time of the offense, the offender used a
- 1449 deadly weapon, or was armed with and threatened the use of or
- 1450 displayed or represented by words or conduct that the offender
- 1451 possessed a deadly weapon;
- Sec. 25. Section 53-202a of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 1453 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 1454 As used in this section and sections 53-202b to 53-202k, inclusive:
- 1455 (1) "Assault weapon" means:
- 1456 (A) (i) Any selective-fire firearm capable of fully automatic,
- semiautomatic or burst fire at the option of the user or any of the
- 1458 following specified semiautomatic firearms: Algimec Agmi; Armalite
- 1459 AR-180; Australian Automatic Arms SAP Pistol; Auto-Ordnance
- 1460 Thompson type; Avtomat Kalashnikov AK-47 type; Barrett Light-Fifty
- 1461 model 82A1; Beretta AR-70; Bushmaster Auto Rifle and Auto Pistol;
- 1462 Calico models M-900, M-950 and 100-P; Chartered Industries of
- 1463 Singapore SR-88; Colt AR-15 and Sporter; Daewoo K-1, K-2, Max-1 and
- 1464 Max-2; Encom MK-IV, MP-9 and MP-45; Fabrique Nationale FN/FAL,
- 1465 FN/LAR, or FN/FNC; FAMAS MAS 223; Feather AT-9 and Mini-AT;
- 1466 Federal XC-900 and XC-450; Franchi SPAS-12 and LAW-12; Galil AR
- 1467 and ARM; Goncz High-Tech Carbine and High-Tech Long Pistol;
- 1468 Heckler & Koch HK-91, HK-93, HK-94 and SP-89; Holmes MP-83; MAC-
- 1469 10, MAC-11 and MAC-11 Carbine type; Intratec TEC-9 and Scorpion;
- 1470 Iver Johnson Enforcer model 3000; Ruger Mini-14/5F folding stock
- model only; Scarab Skorpion; SIG 57 AMT and 500 series; Spectre Auto
- 1472 Carbine and Auto Pistol; Springfield Armory BM59, SAR-48 and G-3;

- 1473 Sterling MK-6 and MK-7; Steyr AUG; Street Sweeper and Striker 12
- 1474 revolving cylinder shotguns; USAS-12; UZI Carbine, Mini-Carbine and
- 1475 Pistol; Weaver Arms Nighthawk; Wilkinson "Linda" Pistol;
- 1476 (ii) A part or combination of parts designed or intended to convert a
- 1477 firearm into an assault weapon, as defined in subparagraph (A)(i) of this
- subdivision, or any combination of parts from which an assault weapon,
- 1479 as defined in subparagraph (A)(i) of this subdivision, may be rapidly
- assembled if those parts are in the possession or under the control of the
- 1481 same person;
- (B) Any of the following specified semiautomatic centerfire rifles, or
- 1483 copies or duplicates thereof with the capability of any such rifles, that
- were in production prior to or on April 4, 2013: (i) AK-47; (ii) AK-74; (iii)
- 1485 AKM; (iv) AKS-74U; (v) ARM; (vi) MAADI AK47; (vii) MAK90; (viii)
- 1486 MISR; (ix) NHM90 and NHM91; (x) Norinco 56, 56S, 84S and 86S; (xi)
- Poly Technologies AKS and AK47; (xii) SA 85; (xiii) SA 93; (xiv) VEPR;
- 1488 (xv) WASR-10; (xvi) WUM; (xvii) Rock River Arms LAR-47; (xviii)
- 1489 Vector Arms AK-47; (xix) AR-10; (xx) AR-15; (xxi) Bushmaster Carbon
- 1490 15, Bushmaster XM15, Bushmaster ACR Rifles, Bushmaster MOE Rifles;
- 1491 (xxii) Colt Match Target Rifles; (xxiii) Armalite M15; (xxiv) Olympic
- 1492 Arms AR-15, A1, CAR, PCR, K3B, K30R, K16, K48, K8 and K9 Rifles;
- 1493 (xxv) DPMS Tactical Rifles; (xxvi) Smith and Wesson M&P15 Rifles;
- 1494 (xxvii) Rock River Arms LAR-15; (xxviii) Doublestar AR Rifles; (xxix)
- Barrett REC7; (xxx) Beretta Storm; (xxxi) Calico Liberty 50, 50 Tactical,
- 1496 100, 100 Tactical, I, I Tactical, II and II Tactical Rifles; (xxxii) Hi-Point
- 1497 Carbine Rifles; (xxxiii) HK-PSG-1; (xxxiv) Kel-Tec Sub-2000, SU Rifles,
- and RFB; (xxxv) Remington Tactical Rifle Model 7615; (xxxvi) SAR-8,
- 1499 SAR-4800 and SR9; (xxxvii) SLG 95; (xxxviii) SLR 95 or 96; (xxxix) TNW
- 1500 M230 and M2HB; (xl) Vector Arms UZI; (xli) Galil and Galil Sporter;
- 1501 (xlii) Daewoo AR 100 and AR 110C; (xliii) Fabrique Nationale/FN 308
- 1502 Match and L1A1 Sporter; (xliv) HK USC; (xlv) IZHMASH Saiga AK;
- 1503 (xlvi) SIG Sauer 551-A1, 556, 516, 716 and M400 Rifles; (xlvii) Valmet
- 1504 M62S, M71S and M78S; (xlviii) Wilkinson Arms Linda Carbine; and
- 1505 (xlix) Barrett M107A1;

- 1506 (C) Any of the following specified semiautomatic pistols, or copies or 1507 duplicates thereof with the capability of any such pistols, that were in 1508 production prior to or on April 4, 2013: (i) Centurion 39 AK; (ii) Draco 1509 AK-47; (iii) HCR AK-47; (iv) IO Inc. Hellpup AK-47; (v) Mini-Draco AK-1510 47; (vi) Yugo Krebs Krink; (vii) American Spirit AR-15; (viii) Bushmaster 1511 Carbon 15; (ix) Doublestar Corporation AR; (x) DPMS AR-15; (xi) 1512 Olympic Arms AR-15; (xii) Rock River Arms LAR 15; (xiii) Calico 1513 Liberty III and III Tactical Pistols; (xiv) Masterpiece Arms MPA Pistols 1514 and Velocity Arms VMA Pistols; (xv) Intratec TEC-DC9 and AB-10; (xvi) 1515
- Colefire Magnum; (xvii) German Sport 522 PK and Chiappa Firearms
- 1516 Mfour-22; (xviii) DSA SA58 PKP FAL; (xix) I.O. Inc. PPS-43C; (xx) Kel-
- 1517 Tec PLR-16 Pistol; (xxi) Sig Sauer P516 and P556 Pistols; and (xxii)
- 1518 Thompson TA5 Pistols;
- 1519 (D) Any of the following semiautomatic shotguns, or copies or 1520 duplicates thereof with the capability of any such shotguns, that were in 1521 production prior to or on April 4, 2013: All IZHMASH Saiga 12 1522 Shotguns;
- 1523 (E) Any semiautomatic firearm regardless of whether such firearm is 1524 listed in subparagraphs (A) to (D), inclusive, of this subdivision, and 1525 regardless of the date such firearm was produced, that meets the 1526 following criteria:
- 1527 (i) A semiautomatic, centerfire rifle that has an ability to accept a 1528 detachable magazine and has at least one of the following:
- 1529 (I) A folding or telescoping stock;
- 1530 (II) Any grip of the weapon, including a pistol grip, a thumbhole 1531 stock, or any other stock, the use of which would allow an individual to 1532 grip the weapon, resulting in any finger on the trigger hand in addition 1533 to the trigger finger being directly below any portion of the action of the 1534 weapon when firing;
- 1535 (III) A forward pistol grip;

1536	(IV) A flash suppressor; or
1537	(V) A grenade launcher or flare launcher; or
1538 1539	(ii) A semiautomatic, centerfire rifle that has a fixed magazine with the ability to accept more than ten rounds; or
1540 1541	(iii) A semiautomatic, centerfire rifle that has an overall length of less than thirty inches; or
1542 1543	(iv) A semiautomatic pistol that has an ability to accept a detachable magazine and has at least one of the following:
1544 1545	(I) An ability to accept a detachable ammunition magazine that attaches at some location outside of the pistol grip;
1546 1547	(II) A threaded barrel capable of accepting a flash suppressor, forward pistol grip or silencer;
1548 1549 1550	(III) A shroud that is attached to, or partially or completely encircles, the barrel and that permits the shooter to fire the firearm without being burned, except a slide that encloses the barrel; or
1551	(IV) A second hand grip; or
1552 1553	(v) A semiautomatic pistol with a fixed magazine that has the ability to accept more than ten rounds; or
1554	(vi) A semiautomatic shotgun that has both of the following:
1555	(I) A folding or telescoping stock; and
1556 1557 1558 1559 1560	(II) Any grip of the weapon, including a pistol grip, a thumbhole stock, or any other stock, the use of which would allow an individual to grip the weapon, resulting in any finger on the trigger hand in addition to the trigger finger being directly below any portion of the action of the weapon when firing; or
1561	(vii) A semiautomatic shotgun that has the ability to accept a

1562	detachable magazine; or
1563	(viii) A shotgun with a revolving cylinder; or
1564	(ix) Any semiautomatic firearm that meets the criteria set forth in
1565	subdivision (3) or (4) of subsection (a) of section 53-202a of the general
1566	statutes, revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 2013; or
1567	(F) A part or combination of parts designed or intended to convert a
1568	firearm into an assault weapon, as defined in any provision of
1569	subparagraphs (B) to (E), inclusive, of this subdivision, or any
1570	combination of parts from which an assault weapon, as defined in any
1571	provision of subparagraphs (B) to (E), inclusive, of this subdivision, may
1572	be assembled if those parts are in the possession or under the control of
1573	the same person;
1574	(G) Any semiautomatic firearm regardless of whether such firearm is
1575	listed in subparagraphs (A) to (D), inclusive, of this subdivision, and
1576	regardless of the date such firearm was produced, that meets the
1577	following criteria:
1578	(i) A semiautomatic firearm, other than a pistol, revolver, rifle or
1579	shotgun, that has at least one of the following:
1580	(I) Any grip of the weapon, including a pistol grip, a thumbhole stock
1581	or any other stock, the use of which would allow an individual to grip
1582	the weapon, resulting in any finger on the trigger hand in addition to
1583	the trigger finger being directly below any portion of the action of the
1584	weapon when firing;
1585	(II) An ability to accept a detachable ammunition magazine that
1586	attaches at some location outside of the pistol grip;
1587	(III) A fixed magazine with the ability to accept more than ten rounds;
1588	(IV) A flash suppressor or silencer, or a threaded barrel capable of
1589	accepting a flash suppressor or silencer;

1590	(V) A shroud that is attached to, or partially or completely encircles,
1591	the barrel and that permits the shooter to fire the firearm without being
1592	burned, except a slide that encloses the barrel;
1593	(VI) A second hand grip; or
1594	(VII) An arm brace or other stabilizing brace that could allow such
1595	firearm to be fired from the shoulder, with or without a strap designed
1596	to attach to an individual's arm;
1597	(ii) A semiautomatic, rimfire rifle that has an ability to accept a
1598	detachable magazine and has at least one of the following:
1599	(I) A folding or telescoping stock;
1600	(II) Any grip of the weapon, including a pistol grip, a thumbhole
1601	stock, or any other stock, the use of which would allow an individual to
1602	grip the weapon, resulting in any finger on the trigger hand in addition
1603	to the trigger finger being directly below any portion of the action of the
1604	weapon when firing;
1605	(III) A forward pistol grip;
1606	(IV) A flash suppressor; or
1607	(V) A grenade launcher or flare launcher;
1608	(H) Any semiautomatic firearm that meets the criteria set forth in
1609	subdivision (3) or (4) of subsection (a) of section 53-202a of the general
1610	statutes, revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 2013, that was legally
1611	manufactured prior to September 13, 1994; or
1612	(I) A part or combination of parts designed or intended to convert a
1613	firearm into an assault weapon, as defined in any provision of
1614	subparagraph (G) or (H) of this subdivision, or any combination of parts
1615	from which an assault weapon, as defined in any provision of
1616	subparagraph (G) or (H) of this subdivision, may be assembled if those
1617	parts are in the possession or under the control of the same person;

- 1618 (2) "Assault weapon" does not include (A) any firearm modified to 1619 render it permanently inoperable, or (B) a part or any combination of 1620 parts of an assault weapon, that are not assembled as an assault weapon, 1621 when in the possession of a licensed gun dealer, as defined in subsection 1622 (f) of section 53-202f, as amended by this act, or a gunsmith who is in 1623 the licensed gun dealer's employ, for the purposes of servicing or 1624 repairing lawfully possessed assault weapons under sections 53-202a to 1625 53-202k, inclusive, as amended by this act;
- (3) "Action of the weapon" means the part of the firearm that loads, fires and ejects a cartridge, which part includes, but is not limited to, the upper and lower receiver, charging handle, forward assist, magazine release and shell deflector;
- 1630 (4) "Detachable magazine" means an ammunition feeding device that can be removed without disassembling the firearm action;
- 1632 (5) "Firearm" means a firearm, as defined in section 53a-3, as amended by this act;
- 1634 (6) "Forward pistol grip" means any feature capable of functioning as 1635 a grip that can be held by the nontrigger hand;
- 1636 (7) "Lawfully possesses" means [, with]
- 1637 (A) With respect to an assault weapon described in any provision of 1638 subparagraphs (B) to (F), inclusive, of [this] subdivision (1) of this 1639 section, [(A)] (i) actual possession that is lawful under sections 53-202b 1640 to 53-202k, [(B)] (ii) constructive possession pursuant to a lawful 1641 purchase transacted prior to or on April 4, 2013, regardless of whether 1642 the assault weapon was delivered to the purchaser prior to or on April 1643 4, 2013, which lawful purchase is evidenced by a writing sufficient to 1644 indicate that [(i)] (I) a contract for sale was made between the parties 1645 prior to or on April 4, 2013, for the purchase of the assault weapon, or 1646 [(ii)] (II) full or partial payment for the assault weapon was made by the 1647 purchaser to the seller of the assault weapon prior to or on April 4, 2013, 1648 or [(C)] (iii) actual possession under subparagraph [(A)] (A)(i) of this

649 subdivision, or constructive possession under subparagraph [(B)] (A)(i
of this subdivision, as evidenced by a written statement made under
651 penalty of false statement on such form as the Commissioner of
652 Emergency Services and Public Protection prescribes; <u>or</u>
(B) With respect to a 2023 assault weapon, (i) actual possession that
654 <u>is lawful under sections 53-202b to 53-202k, inclusive, (ii) constructive</u>
655 possession pursuant to a lawful purchase transacted prior to th
656 effective date of this section, regardless of whether such assault weapo
657 was delivered to the purchaser prior to the effective date of this section
658 which lawful purchase is evidenced by a writing sufficient to indicate
659 that (I) a contract for sale was made between the parties prior to th
effective date of this section, for the purchase of such assault weapon, of
661 (II) full or partial payment for such assault weapon was made by th
662 purchaser to the seller of such assault weapon prior to the effective dat
of this section, or (iii) actual possession under subparagraph (B)(i) of this
664 subdivision, or constructive possession under subparagraph (B)(ii) of
665 this subdivision, as evidenced by a written statement made under
666 penalty of false statement on such form as the Commissioner of
667 <u>Emergency Services and Public Protection prescribes;</u>
(8) "Pistol grip" means a grip or similar feature that can function as
669 grip for the trigger hand; [and]
670 (9) "Second hand grip" means a grip or similar feature that ca
function as a grip that is additional to the trigger hand grip; and
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672 (10) "2023 assault weapon" means an assault weapon described in an
673 provision of subparagraphs (G) to (I), inclusive, of subdivision (1) of this
674 <u>section</u> .
Sec. 26. Section 53-202c of the general statutes is repealed and the
following is substituted in lieu thereof (<i>Effective from passage</i>):
677 (a) Except as provided in section 53-202e, any person who, within the
state, possesses an assault weapon, except as provided in sections 53

202a to 53-202k, inclusive, as amended by this act, and 53-202o, shall be

guilty of a class D felony and shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of which one year may not be suspended or reduced by the court, except that a first-time violation of this subsection shall be a class A misdemeanor if (1) the person presents proof that such person lawfully possessed the assault weapon (A) prior to October 1, 1993, with respect to an assault weapon described in subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of section 53-202a, as amended by this act, or (B) on April 4, 2013, under the provisions of sections 53-202a to 53-202k, inclusive, as amended by this act, in effect on January 1, 2013, with respect to an assault weapon described in any provision of subparagraphs (B) to (F), inclusive, of subdivision (1) of section 53-202a, as amended by this act, and (2) the person has otherwise possessed the assault weapon in compliance with subsection (f) of section 53-202d.

(b) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to the possession of assault weapons by: (1) The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, police departments, the Department of Correction, the Division of Criminal Justice, the Department of Motor Vehicles, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection or the military or naval forces of this state or of the United States, (2) a sworn and duly certified member of an organized police department, the Division of State Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection or the Department of Correction, a chief inspector or inspector in the Division of Criminal Justice, a salaried inspector of motor vehicles designated by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, a conservation officer or special conservation officer appointed by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection pursuant to section 26-5, or a constable who is certified by the Police Officer Standards and Training Council and appointed by the chief executive authority of a town, city or borough to perform criminal law enforcement duties, for use by such sworn member, inspector, officer or constable in the discharge of such sworn member's, inspector's, officer's or constable's official duties or when off duty, (3) a member of the military or naval forces of this state or of the United States, or (4) a nuclear facility licensed by the United States Nuclear Regulatory

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1714	Commission for the purpose of providing security services at such
1715	facility, or any contractor or subcontractor of such facility for the
1716	purpose of providing security services at such facility.
1717	(c) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to
1718	the possession of an assault weapon described in subparagraph (A) of
1719	subdivision (1) of section 53-202a, as amended by this act, by any person
1720	prior to July 1, 1994, if all of the following are applicable:
1721	(1) The person is eligible under sections 53-202a to 53-202k, inclusive,
1722	as amended by this act, to apply for a certificate of possession for the
1723	assault weapon by July 1, 1994;
1724	(2) The person lawfully possessed the assault weapon prior to
1725	October 1, 1993; and
1726	(3) The person is otherwise in compliance with sections 53-202a to 53-
1727	202k, inclusive, as amended by this act.
1728	(d) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to
1729	the possession of an assault weapon described in any provision of
1730	subparagraphs (B) to (F), inclusive, of subdivision (1) of section 53-202a,
1731	as amended by this act, by any person prior to April 5, 2013, if all of the
1732	following are applicable:
1733	(1) The person is eligible under sections 53-202a to 53-202k, inclusive,
1734	as amended by this act, to apply for a certificate of possession for the
1735	assault weapon by January 1, 2014;
1736	(2) The person lawfully possessed the assault weapon on April 4,

- 1737 2013, under the provisions of sections 53-202a to 53-202k, inclusive, as 1738 amended by this act, in effect on January 1, 2013; and
- 1739 (3) The person is otherwise in compliance with sections 53-202a to 53-202k, inclusive, as amended by this act. 1740
- (e) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to 1741

- the possession of a 2023 assault weapon by any person prior to January 1, 2024, if all of the following are applicable:
- 1744 (1) The person is eligible under sections 53-202a to 53-202k, inclusive, 1745 as amended by this act, to apply for a certificate of possession for such 1746 assault weapon by January 1, 2024;
- 1747 (2) The person lawfully possessed such assault weapon on the date 1748 immediately preceding the effective date of this section, under the 1749 provisions of sections 53-202a to 53-202k, inclusive, as amended by this 1750 act, and section 53-202m of the general statutes, revision of 1958, revised 1751 to January 1, 2023; and
- 1752 (3) The person is otherwise in compliance with sections 53-202a to 53-1753 202k, inclusive, as amended by this act.
 - [(e)] (f) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to a person who is the executor or administrator of an estate that includes an assault weapon, or the trustee of a trust that includes an assault weapon, for which a certificate of possession has been issued under section 53-202d, as amended by this act, if the assault weapon is possessed at a place set forth in subdivision (1) of subsection (f) of section 53-202d or as authorized by the Probate Court.
 - [(f)] (g) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to the possession of a semiautomatic pistol that is defined as an assault weapon in any provision of subparagraphs (B) to (F), inclusive, of subdivision (1) of section 53-202a, as amended by this act, that the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection designates as being designed expressly for use in target shooting events at the Olympic games sponsored by the International Olympic Committee pursuant to regulations adopted under subdivision (4) of subsection (b) of section 53-202b that is (1) possessed and transported in accordance with subsection (f) of section 53-202d, or (2) possessed at or transported to or from a collegiate, Olympic or target pistol shooting competition in this state which is sponsored by, conducted under the auspices of, or

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- approved by a law enforcement agency or a nationally or state recognized entity that fosters proficiency in, or promotes education about, firearms, provided such pistol is transported in the manner prescribed in subsection (a) of section 53-202f.
- Sec. 27. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 53-202d of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
 - (a) (1) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, any person who lawfully possesses an assault weapon, as defined in subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of section 53-202a, as amended by this act, prior to October 1, 1993, shall apply by October 1, 1994, or, if such person is a member of the military or naval forces of this state or of the United States and is unable to apply by October 1, 1994, because such member is or was on official duty outside of this state, shall apply within ninety days of returning to the state to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, for a certificate of possession with respect to such assault weapon.
 - (B) No person who lawfully possesses an assault weapon pursuant to subdivision (1), (2) or (4) of subsection (b) of section 53-202c, as amended by this act, shall be required to obtain a certificate of possession pursuant to this subdivision with respect to an assault weapon used for official duties, except that any person described in subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 53-202c, as amended by this act, who purchases an assault weapon, as defined in subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of section 53-202a, as amended by this act, for use in the discharge of official duties who retires or is otherwise separated from service shall apply within ninety days of such retirement or separation from service to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection for a certificate of possession with respect to such assault weapon.
 - (2) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, any person who lawfully possesses an assault weapon, as defined in any provision of subparagraphs (B) to (F), inclusive, of subdivision (1) of

section 53-202a, as amended by this act, on April 4, 2013, under the provisions of sections 53-202a to 53-202k, inclusive, as amended by this act, in effect on January 1, 2013, or any person who regains possession of an assault weapon as defined in any provision of said subparagraphs pursuant to subsection (e) of section 53-202f, or any person who lawfully purchases a firearm on or after April 4, 2013, but prior to June 18, 2013, that meets the criteria set forth in subdivision (3) or (4) of subsection (a) of section 53-202a of the general statutes, revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 2013, shall apply by January 1, 2014, or, if such person is a member of the military or naval forces of this state or of the United States and is unable to apply by January 1, 2014, because such member is or was on official duty outside of this state, shall apply within ninety days of returning to the state to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection for a certificate of possession with respect to such assault weapon. Any person who lawfully purchases a semiautomatic pistol that is defined as an assault weapon in any provision of subparagraphs (B) to (F), inclusive, of subdivision (1) of section 53-202a, as amended by this act, that the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection designates as being designed expressly for use in target shooting events at the Olympic games sponsored by the International Olympic Committee pursuant to regulations adopted under subdivision (4) of subsection (b) of section 53-202b shall apply within ninety days of such purchase to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection for a certificate of possession with respect to such assault weapon.

(B) No person who lawfully possesses an assault weapon pursuant to subdivision (1), (2) or (4) of subsection (b) of section 53-202c, as amended by this act, shall be required to obtain a certificate of possession pursuant to this subdivision with respect to an assault weapon used for official duties, except that any person described in subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 53-202c, as amended by this act, who purchases an assault weapon, as defined in any provision of subparagraphs (B) to (F), inclusive, of subdivision (1) of section 53-202a, as amended by this act, for use in the discharge of official duties who retires or is otherwise

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- separated from service shall apply within ninety days of such retirement or separation from service to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection for a certificate of possession with respect to such assault weapon.
- (3) Any person who obtained a certificate of possession for an assault weapon, as defined in subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of section 53-202a, as amended by this act, prior to April 5, 2013, that is defined as an assault weapon pursuant to any provision of subparagraphs (B) to (F), inclusive, of subdivision (1) of section 53-202a, as amended by this act, shall be deemed to have obtained a certificate of possession for such assault weapon for the purposes of sections 53-202a to 53-202k, inclusive, as amended by this act, and shall not be required to obtain a subsequent certificate of possession for such assault weapon.
- (4) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, any person who lawfully possesses a 2023 assault weapon on the date immediately preceding the effective date of this section, under the provisions of sections 53-202a to 53-202k, inclusive, as amended by this act, in effect on January 1, 2023, or any person who regains possession of a 2023 assault weapon pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of section 53-202f, as amended by this act, shall apply by January 1, 2024, or, if such person is a member of the military or naval forces of this state or of the United States and is unable to apply by January 1, 2024, because such member is or was on official duty outside of this state, shall apply within ninety days of returning to the state to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection for a certificate of possession with respect to such assault weapon.
- (B) No person who lawfully possesses an assault weapon pursuant to subdivision (1), (2) or (4) of subsection (b) of section 53-202c, as amended by this act, shall be required to obtain a certificate of possession pursuant to this subdivision with respect to an assault weapon used for official duties, except that any person described in subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 53-202c, as amended by this act, who purchases a 2023 assault weapon for use in the discharge of official duties who

- retires or is otherwise separated from service shall apply within ninety days of such retirement or separation from service to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection for a certificate of possession with respect to such assault weapon.
 - (5) Any person who obtained a certificate of possession for an assault weapon, as defined in any provision of subparagraphs (A) to (F), inclusive, of subdivision (1) of section 53-202a, as amended by this act, prior to the effective date of this section, that is a 2023 assault weapon shall be deemed to have obtained a certificate of possession for such assault weapon for the purposes of sections 53-202a to 53-202k, inclusive, as amended by this act, and shall not be required to obtain a subsequent certificate of possession for such assault weapon.
 - [(4)] (6) The certificate of possession shall contain a description of the firearm that identifies it uniquely, including all identification marks, the full name, address, date of birth and thumbprint of the owner, and any other information as the department may deem appropriate.
 - [(5)] (7) The department shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to establish procedures with respect to the application for and issuance of certificates of possession pursuant to this section. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 1-210 and 1-211, the name and address of a person issued a certificate of possession shall be confidential and shall not be disclosed, except such records may be disclosed to (A) law enforcement agencies and employees of the United States Probation Office acting in the performance of their duties and parole officers within the Department of Correction acting in the performance of their duties, and (B) the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services to carry out the provisions of subsection (c) of section 17a-500.
 - (b) (1) No assault weapon, as defined in subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of section 53-202a, as amended by this act, possessed pursuant to a certificate of possession issued under this section may be sold or transferred on or after January 1, 1994, to any person within this

- state other than to a licensed gun dealer, as defined in subsection (f) of section 53-202f, as amended by this act, or as provided in section 53-202e, or by bequest or intestate succession, or, upon the death of a testator or settlor: (A) To a trust, or (B) from a trust to a beneficiary who is eligible to possess the assault weapon.
- 1909 (2) No assault weapon, as defined in any provision of subparagraphs 1910 (B) to (F), inclusive, of subdivision (1) of section 53-202a, as amended by this act, possessed pursuant to a certificate of possession issued under 1911 1912 this section may be sold or transferred on or after April 5, 2013, to any 1913 person within this state other than to a licensed gun dealer, as defined 1914 in subsection (f) of section 53-202f, as amended by this act, or as 1915 provided in section 53-202e, or by bequest or intestate succession, or, 1916 upon the death of a testator or settlor: (A) To a trust, or (B) from a trust 1917 to a beneficiary who is eligible to possess the assault weapon.
 - (3) No 2023 assault weapon possessed pursuant to a certificate of possession issued under this section may be sold or transferred on or after the effective date of this section, to any person within this state other than to a licensed gun dealer, or as provided in section 53-202e, or by bequest or intestate succession, or, upon the death of a testator or settlor: (A) To a trust, or (B) from a trust to a beneficiary who is eligible to possess the assault weapon.
- Sec. 28. Subsection (b) of section 29-36n of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
 - (b) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection, in conjunction with the Chief State's Attorney and the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association, shall update the protocol developed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section to reflect the provisions of sections 29-7h, 29-28, as amended by this act, 29-28a, 29-29, 29-30, 29-32 and 29-35, as amended by this act, subsections (b) and (h) of section 46b-15, subsections (c) and (d) of section 46b-38c and sections 53-202a, as amended by this act, 53-202l [, 53-202m] and 53a-217, as amended by

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- 1936 this act, and shall include in such protocol specific instructions for the
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- 1939 enforcement agency is necessary to effect the requirements of section 29-
- 1940 36k.
- 1941 Sec. 29. Subsection (c) of section 53-202w of the general statutes is
- repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
- 1943 1, 2023):
- 1944 (c) Except as provided in this section and section 53-202x, as amended
- by this act, [: (1) Any person who possesses a large capacity magazine
- on or after January 1, 2014, that was obtained prior to April 5, 2013, shall
- 1947 commit an infraction and be fined not more than ninety dollars for a first
- offense and shall be guilty of a class D felony for any subsequent offense,
- and (2) any person who possesses a large capacity magazine on or after
- 1950 January 1, 2014, that was obtained on or after April 5, 2013, shall be
- 1951 guilty of a class D felony] any person who possesses a large capacity
- 1952 <u>magazine shall be guilty of a class D felony</u>.
- 1953 Sec. 30. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 29-37p of the general
- statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
- 1955 (*Effective October 1, 2023*):
- 1956 (a) Any person who is [eighteen] twenty-one years of age or older
- 1957 may apply to the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public
- 1958 Protection for a long gun eligibility certificate.
- 1959 (b) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection
- shall issue a long gun eligibility certificate unless said commissioner
- 1961 finds that the applicant: (1) [Has] (A) For any application filed prior to
- 1962 July 1, 2024, has failed to successfully complete a course approved by
- 1963 the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection in the
- 1964 safety and use of firearms including, but not limited to, a safety or
- training course in the use of firearms available to the public offered by
- 1966 a law enforcement agency, a private or public educational institution or

a firearms training school, utilizing instructors certified by the National 1967 1968 Rifle Association or the Department of Energy and Environmental 1969 Protection and a safety or training course in the use of firearms 1970 conducted by an instructor certified by the state or the National Rifle 1971 Association, or (B) for any application filed on or after July 1, 2024, has 1972 failed to successfully complete, not later than one year following the 1973 submission of such application, a course approved by the Commissioner 1974 of Emergency Services and Public Protection in the safety and use of 1975 firearms conducted by an instructor certified by the National Rifle 1976 Association or by the state, provided any such course includes at least 1977 four hours of classroom training, including at least two hours of 1978 instruction on state laws on ownership and use of firearms, and two 1979 hours of live-fire training including training on pistols and revolvers; (2) 1980 has been convicted of (A) a felony, (B) a misdemeanor violation of 1981 section 21a-279 on or after October 1, 2015, [or] (C) a misdemeanor 1982 violation of section 53a-58, 53a-61, 53a-61a, 53a-62, 53a-63, 53a-96, 53a-1983 175, 53a-176, 53a-178 or 53a-181d during the preceding twenty years, or 1984 (D) a misdemeanor violation of any law of this state that has been 1985 designated as a family violence crime pursuant to section 46b-38h; (3) 1986 has been convicted as delinquent for the commission of a serious 1987 juvenile offense, as defined in section 46b-120; (4) has been discharged 1988 from custody within the preceding twenty years after having been 1989 found not guilty of a crime by reason of mental disease or defect 1990 pursuant to section 53a-13; (5) has been confined in a hospital for 1991 persons with psychiatric disabilities, as defined in section 17a-495, 1992 within the preceding sixty months by order of a probate court; (6) has 1993 been voluntarily admitted to a hospital for persons with psychiatric 1994 disabilities, as defined in section 17a-495, within the preceding six 1995 months for care and treatment of a psychiatric disability and not solely for being an alcohol-dependent person or a drug-dependent person as 1996 those terms are defined in section 17a-680; (7) is subject to a restraining 1997 1998 or protective order issued by a court in a case involving the use, 1999 attempted use or threatened use of physical force against another 2000 person, including an ex parte order issued pursuant to section 46b-15 or 2001 46b-16a; (8) is subject to a firearms seizure order issued prior to June 1,

2002 2022, pursuant to section 29-38c after notice and hearing, or a risk protection order or risk protection investigation order issued on or after June 1, 2022, pursuant to section 29-38c; (9) is prohibited from shipping, transporting, possessing or receiving a firearm pursuant to [18 USC 922(g)(4)] 18 USC 922(g)(2), (g)(4) or (g)(9); or (10) is an alien illegally or unlawfully in the United States.

Sec. 31. Subsection (b) of section 29-28 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October* 1, 2023):

(b) Upon the application of any person having a bona fide permanent residence within the jurisdiction of any such authority, such chief of police or, where there is no chief of police, such chief executive officer or designated resident state trooper or state police officer, as applicable, may issue a temporary state permit to such person to carry a pistol or revolver within the state, provided such authority shall find that such applicant intends to make no use of any pistol or revolver which such applicant may be permitted to carry under such permit other than a lawful use and that such person is a suitable person to receive such permit. If the applicant has a bona fide permanent residence within the jurisdiction of any federally recognized Native American tribe within the borders of the state, and such tribe has a law enforcement unit, as defined in section 7-294a, the chief of police of such law enforcement unit may issue a temporary state permit to such person pursuant to the provisions of this subsection, and any chief of police of any other law enforcement unit having jurisdiction over an area containing such person's bona fide permanent residence shall not issue such temporary state permit if such tribal law enforcement unit accepts applications for temporary state permits. No state or temporary state permit to carry a pistol or revolver shall be issued under this subsection if the applicant: (1) (A) For any application filed prior to July 1, 2024, has failed to successfully complete a course approved by the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection in the safety and use of pistols and revolvers including, but not limited to, a safety or training

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2035 course in the use of pistols and revolvers available to the public offered 2036 by a law enforcement agency, a private or public educational institution 2037 or a firearms training school, utilizing instructors certified by the 2038 National Rifle Association or the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and a safety or training course in the use of 2039 2040 pistols or revolvers conducted by an instructor certified by the state or 2041 the National Rifle Association, and (B) for any application filed on or after July 1, 2024, has failed to successfully complete, not later than one 2042 2043 year following the submission of such application, a course approved 2044 by the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection in 2045 the safety and use of firearms conducted by an instructor certified by 2046 the National Rifle Association or by the state, provided any such course includes at least four hours of classroom training, including at least two 2047 2048 hours of instruction on state laws on ownership and use of firearms, and 2049 two hours of live-fire training including training on pistols and 2050 revolvers. Any person wishing to provide such course, may apply in the 2051 form and manner prescribed by the commissioner. The commissioner shall approve or deny any application for provision of such a course not 2052 2053 later than July 1, 2024, in the case of an application submitted before 2054 October 1, 2023; (2) has been convicted of (A) a felony, [or] (B) a 2055 misdemeanor violation of section 21a-279 on or after October 1, 2015, 2056 [or] (C) a misdemeanor violation of section 53a-58, 53a-61, 53a-61a, 53a-2057 62, 53a-63, 53a-96, 53a-175, 53a-176, 53a-178 or 53a-181d during the 2058 preceding twenty years, a misdemeanor violation of any law of this state 2059 that has been designated as a family violence crime pursuant to section 46b-38h; (3) has been convicted as delinquent for the commission of a 2060 serious juvenile offense, as defined in section 46b-120; [,] (4) has been 2061 2062 discharged from custody within the preceding twenty years after 2063 having been found not guilty of a crime by reason of mental disease or 2064 defect pursuant to section 53a-13; [,] (5) (A) has been confined in a 2065 hospital for persons with psychiatric disabilities, as defined in section 2066 17a-495, within the preceding sixty months by order of a probate court, 2067 or (B) has been voluntarily admitted on or after October 1, 2013, to a 2068 hospital for persons with psychiatric disabilities, as defined in section 2069 17a-495, within the preceding six months for care and treatment of a psychiatric disability and not solely for being an alcohol-dependent person or a drug-dependent person, as those terms are defined in section 17a-680; [,] (6) is subject to a restraining or protective order issued by a court in a case involving the use, attempted use or threatened use of physical force against another person, including an ex parte order issued pursuant to section 46b-15 or 46b-16a; [,] (7) is subject to a firearms seizure order issued prior to June 1, 2022, pursuant to section 29-38c after notice and hearing, or a risk protection order or risk protection investigation order issued on or after June 1, 2022, pursuant to section 29-38c; [,] (8) is prohibited from shipping, transporting, possessing or receiving a firearm pursuant to [18 USC 922(g)(4),] 18 USC 922(g)(2), (g)(4) or (g)(9); (9) is an alien illegally or unlawfully in the United States; [,] or (10) is less than twenty-one years of age. Nothing in this section shall require any person who holds a valid permit to carry a pistol or revolver on [October 1, 1994] July 1, 2024, to participate in any additional training in the safety and use of pistols and revolvers. No person may apply for a temporary state permit to carry a pistol or revolver more than once within any twelve-month period, and no temporary state permit to carry a pistol or revolver shall be issued to any person who has applied for such permit more than once within the preceding twelve months. Any person who applies for a temporary state permit to carry a pistol or revolver shall indicate in writing on the application, under penalty of false statement in such manner as the issuing authority prescribes, that such person has not applied for a temporary state permit to carry a pistol or revolver within the past twelve months. Upon issuance of a temporary state permit to carry a pistol or revolver to the applicant, the local authority shall forward the original application to the commissioner. Not later than sixty days after receiving a temporary state permit, an applicant shall appear at a location designated by the commissioner to receive the state permit. The commissioner may then issue, to any holder of any temporary state permit, a state permit to carry a pistol or revolver within the state. Upon issuance of the state permit, the commissioner shall make available to the permit holder a copy of the law regarding the permit holder's responsibility to report the loss or theft of a firearm and the penalties

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2105 associated with the failure to comply with such law. Upon issuance of 2106 the state permit, the commissioner shall forward a record of such permit 2107 to the local authority issuing the temporary state permit. The 2108 commissioner shall retain records of all applications, whether approved 2109 or denied. The copy of the state permit delivered to the permittee shall 2110 be laminated and shall contain a full-face photograph of such permittee. 2111 A person holding a state permit issued pursuant to this subsection shall 2112 notify the issuing authority within two business days of any change of 2113 such person's address. The notification shall include the old address and 2114 the new address of such person.

- Sec. 32. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2024*) (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, no person shall sell, deliver or otherwise transfer any semiautomatic pistol or revolver manufactured after January 1, 2024, unless such pistol or revolver (1) is equipped with a loaded chamber indicator, and (2) if the pistol or revolver accepts a detachable magazine, is equipped with a magazine disconnect lockout.
- (b) The provisions of this section shall not apply to (1) a federal, state or municipal law enforcement agency purchasing pistols or revolvers for use by officers in the performance of their law enforcement duties, (2) any firearm legally transferred under the provisions of section 29-36k of the general statutes, or (3) as otherwise provided in subsection (f) or (g) of section 29-33 of the general statutes, as amended by this act.
- (c) For purposes of this section, "loaded chamber indicator" means a device that plainly indicates that a cartridge is in the firing chamber and "magazine disconnect lockout" means a mechanism that prevents a semiautomatic pistol that has a detachable magazine from operating to strike the primer of ammunition in the firing chamber when a detachable magazine is not inserted in the semiautomatic pistol.
- Sec. 33. Subsection (b) of section 29-36f of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October* 1, 2023):

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(b) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall issue an eligibility certificate unless said commissioner finds that the applicant: (1) [Has] (A) For any application filed prior to July 1, 2024, has failed to successfully complete a course approved by the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection in the safety and use of pistols and revolvers including, but not limited to, a safety or training course in the use of pistols and revolvers available to the public offered by a law enforcement agency, a private or public educational institution or a firearms training school, utilizing instructors certified by the National Rifle Association or the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and a safety or training course in the use of pistols or revolvers conducted by an instructor certified by the state or the National Rifle Association, or (B) for any application filed on or after July 1, 2024, has failed to successfully complete, not later than one year following the submission of such application, a course approved by the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection in the safety and use of firearms conducted by an instructor certified by the National Rifle Association or by the state, provided any such course includes at least four hours of classroom training, including at least two hours of instruction on state laws on ownership and use of firearms, and two hours of live-fire training including training on pistols and revolvers; (2) has been convicted of (A) a felony, (B) a misdemeanor violation of section 21a-279 on or after October 1, 2015, [or] (C) a misdemeanor violation of section 53a-58, 53a-61, 53a-61a, 53a-62, 53a-63, 53a-96, 53a-175, 53a-176, 53a-178 or 53a-181d during the preceding twenty years, or (D) a misdemeanor violation of any law of this state that has been designated as a family violence crime pursuant to section 46b-38h; (3) has been convicted as delinquent for the commission of a serious juvenile offense, as defined in section 46b-120; (4) has been discharged from custody within the preceding twenty years after having been found not guilty of a crime by reason of mental disease or defect pursuant to section 53a-13; (5) (A) has been confined in a hospital for persons with psychiatric disabilities, as defined in section 17a-495, within the preceding sixty months by order of a probate court; or (B) has been voluntarily admitted on or after October 1, 2013, to a hospital for

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Sec. 34. Section 53a-217 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

(a) A person is guilty of criminal possession of a firearm, ammunition or an electronic defense weapon when such person possesses a firearm, ammunition or an electronic defense weapon and (1) has been convicted of (A) a felony committed prior to, on or after October 1, 2013, (B) a misdemeanor violation of section 21a-279 on or after October 1, 2015, [or] (C) a misdemeanor violation of section 53a-58, 53a-61, 53a-61a, 53a-62, 53a-63, 53a-96, 53a-175, 53a-176, 53a-178 or 53a-181d committed on or after October 1, 2013, and during the preceding twenty years, or (D) a misdemeanor violation of any law of this state that has been designated as a family violence crime pursuant to section 46b-38h and was committed on or after October 1, 2023, (2) has been convicted as delinquent for the commission of a serious juvenile offense, as defined in section 46b-120, (3) has been discharged from custody within the preceding twenty years after having been found not guilty of a crime by reason of mental disease or defect pursuant to section 53a-13, (4) knows that such person is subject to (A) a restraining or protective order of a court of this state that has been issued against such person, after notice

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- 2238 (b) Criminal possession of a firearm, ammunition or an electronic 2239 defense weapon is a class C felony, for which two years and one day of 2240 the sentence imposed may not be suspended or reduced by the court, and five thousand dollars of the fine imposed may not be remitted or 2242 reduced by the court unless the court states on the record its reasons for 2243 remitting or reducing such fine.
- 2244 Sec. 35. Section 53a-217c of the general statutes is repealed and the 2245 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):
 - (a) A person is guilty of criminal possession of a pistol or revolver when such person possesses a pistol or revolver, as defined in section 29-27, and (1) has been convicted of (A) a felony committed prior to, on or after October 1, 2013, (B) a misdemeanor violation of section 21a-279 committed on or after October 1, 2015, [or] (C) a misdemeanor violation of section 53a-58, 53a-61, 53a-61a, 53a-62, 53a-63, 53a-96, 53a-175, 53a-176, 53a-178 or 53a-181d committed during the preceding twenty years, or (D) a misdemeanor violation of any law of this state that has been designated as a family violence crime pursuant to section 46b-38h and was committed on or after October 1, 2023, (2) has been convicted as delinquent for the commission of a serious juvenile offense, as defined in section 46b-120, (3) has been discharged from custody within the preceding twenty years after having been found not guilty of a crime by reason of mental disease or defect pursuant to section 53a-13, (4) (A) has been confined prior to October 1, 2013, in a hospital for persons with psychiatric disabilities, as defined in section 17a-495, within the preceding twelve months by order of a probate court, or has been confined on or after October 1, 2013, in a hospital for persons with psychiatric disabilities, as defined in section 17a-495, within the preceding sixty months by order of a probate court, or, with respect to any person who holds a valid permit or certificate that was issued or renewed under the provisions of section 29-28, as amended by this act, or 29-36f, as amended by this act, in effect prior to October 1, 2013, such person has been confined in such hospital within the preceding twelve months, or (B) has been voluntarily admitted on or after October 1, 2013,

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(b) Criminal possession of a pistol or revolver is a class C felony, for which two years of the sentence imposed may not be suspended or reduced by the court, and five thousand dollars of the fine imposed may not be remitted or reduced by the court unless the court states on the record its reasons for remitting or reducing such fine.

Sec. 36. Subsection (a) of section 29-37b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October* 1, 2023):

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- (a) Each person, firm or corporation which engages in the retail sale of any [pistol or revolver] <u>firearm</u>, at the time of sale of any such [pistol or revolver] <u>firearm</u>, shall (1) equip such [pistol or revolver] <u>firearm</u> with a reusable trigger lock, gun lock or gun locking device appropriate for such firearm, which lock or device shall be constructed of material sufficiently strong to prevent it from being easily disabled and have a locking mechanism accessible by key or by electronic or other mechanical accessory specific to such lock or device to prevent unauthorized removal, and (2) provide to the purchaser thereof a written warning which shall state in block letters not less than one inch in height: "UNLAWFUL STORAGE OF A LOADED FIREARM MAY RESULT IN IMPRISONMENT OR FINE."
- Sec. 37. Subsection (a) of section 53-205 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*, 2023):
- 2319 (a) No person shall carry or possess in any vehicle or snowmobile any 2320 [shotgun, rifle or muzzleloader of any gauge or caliber] firearm, other 2321 than a pistol or revolver, while such [shotgun, rifle or muzzleloader] 2322 firearm contains in the barrel, chamber or magazine any loaded shell or, 2323 if such firearm is a muzzleloader, any cartridge capable of being 2324 discharged or, if such firearm is a flintlock, when such muzzleloader has 2325 a percussion cap in place or when the powder pan of a flintlock contains 2326 powder. As used in this subsection, "muzzleloader" means a rifle or 2327 shotgun that is incapable of firing a self-contained cartridge and must 2328 be loaded at the muzzle end.
- Sec. 38. Section 53-341b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):
- 2331 (a) No person, firm or corporation shall sell or deliver body armor to another person unless the transferee (1) meets in person with the transferor to accomplish the sale or delivery, and (2) possesses a permit or certificate issued under the provisions of section 29-28, as amended by this act, 29-36f, 29-37p, as amended by this act, or 29-38n.

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- 2336 (b) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to 2337 the sale or delivery of body armor to (1) a sworn member or authorized 2338 official of an organized local police department, the Division of State 2339 Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, the Division of Criminal Justice, the Department of 2340 2341 Correction, the Board of Pardons and Paroles or the Department of 2342 Motor Vehicles, (2) an authorized official of a municipality or the 2343 Department of Administrative Services that purchases body armor on 2344 behalf of an organized local police department, the Division of State 2345 Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public 2346 Protection, the Division of Criminal Justice, the Department of 2347 Correction, the Board of Pardons and Paroles or the Department of Motor Vehicles, (3) a judicial marshal or probation officer or an 2348 2349 authorized official of the Judicial Branch who purchases body armor on 2350 behalf of a probation officer or a judicial marshal, or (4) a member of the 2351 National Guard or the armed forces reserve.
- (c) As used in this section, "body armor" means any [material] item
 designed to provide bullet penetration resistance and to be worn on or
 under clothing on the body, [and to provide bullet penetration
 resistance] like a vest or other article of clothing, or any plate designed
 to provide bullet penetration resistance when inserted into such an item.
- 2357 (d) Any person, firm or corporation that violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a class B misdemeanor.
- Sec. 39. Section 53a-3 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):
- Except where different meanings are expressly specified, the following terms have the following meanings when used in this title:
- 2363 (1) "Person" means a human being, and, where appropriate, a public 2364 or private corporation, a limited liability company, an unincorporated 2365 association, a partnership, a government or a governmental 2366 instrumentality;

- 2367 (2) "Possess" means to have physical possession or otherwise to 2368 exercise dominion or control over tangible property;
- 2369 (3) "Physical injury" means impairment of physical condition or pain;
- 2370 (4) "Serious physical injury" means physical injury which creates a 2371 substantial risk of death, or which causes serious disfigurement, serious 2372 impairment of health or serious loss or impairment of the function of 2373 any bodily organ;
- 2374 (5) "Deadly physical force" means physical force which can be reasonably expected to cause death or serious physical injury;
 - (6) "Deadly weapon" means any weapon, whether loaded or unloaded, from which a shot may be discharged, or a switchblade knife, gravity knife, billy, blackjack, bludgeon, or metal knuckles. The definition of "deadly weapon" in this subdivision shall be deemed not to apply to section 29-38 or 53-206;
 - (7) "Dangerous instrument" means any instrument, article or substance which, under the circumstances in which it is used or attempted or threatened to be used, is capable of causing death or serious physical injury, and includes a "vehicle" as that term is defined in this section and includes a dog that has been commanded to attack, except a dog owned by a law enforcement agency of the state or any political subdivision thereof or of the federal government when such dog is in the performance of its duties under the direct supervision, care and control of an assigned law enforcement officer;
 - (8) "Vehicle" means a "motor vehicle" as defined in section 14-1, a snowmobile, any aircraft, or any vessel equipped for propulsion by mechanical means or sail;
 - (9) "Peace officer" means a member of the Division of State Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection or an organized local police department, a chief inspector or inspector in the Division of Criminal Justice, a state marshal while exercising

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2397 authority granted under any provision of the general statutes, a judicial 2398 marshal in the performance of the duties of a judicial marshal, a 2399 conservation officer or special conservation officer, as defined in section 2400 26-5, a constable who performs criminal law enforcement duties, a special policeman appointed under section 29-18, 29-18a, 29-18b or 29-2401 2402 19, an adult probation officer, an official of the Department of Correction 2403 authorized by the Commissioner of Correction to make arrests in a 2404 correctional institution or facility, any investigator in the investigations 2405 unit of the office of the State Treasurer, an inspector of motor vehicles in 2406 the Department of Motor Vehicles, who is certified under the provisions 2407 of sections 7-294a to 7-294e, inclusive, a United States marshal or deputy 2408 marshal, any special agent of the federal government authorized to 2409 enforce the provisions of Title 21 of the United States Code, or a member 2410 of a law enforcement unit of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe or the 2411 Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut created and governed by a 2412 memorandum of agreement under section 47-65c who is certified as a 2413 police officer by the Police Officer Standards and Training Council 2414 pursuant to sections 7-294a to 7-294e, inclusive;

(10) "Firefighter" means any agent of a municipality whose duty it is to protect life and property therein as a member of a duly constituted fire department whether professional or volunteer;

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- 2418 (11) A person acts "intentionally" with respect to a result or to conduct 2419 described by a statute defining an offense when his conscious objective 2420 is to cause such result or to engage in such conduct;
 - (12) A person acts "knowingly" with respect to conduct or to a circumstance described by a statute defining an offense when he is aware that his conduct is of such nature or that such circumstance exists;
 - (13) A person acts "recklessly" with respect to a result or to a circumstance described by a statute defining an offense when he is aware of and consciously disregards a substantial and unjustifiable risk that such result will occur or that such circumstance exists. The risk must be of such nature and degree that disregarding it constitutes a

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2431	(14) A person acts with "criminal negligence" with respect to a result
2432	or to a circumstance described by a statute defining an offense when he
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2438	(15) "Machine gun" means a weapon of any description, irrespective
2439	of size, by whatever name known, loaded or unloaded, from which a
2440	number of shots or bullets may be rapidly or automatically discharged
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2443	(16) "Rifle" means a weapon designed or redesigned, made or
2444	remade, and intended to be fired from the shoulder and designed or
2445	redesigned and made or remade to use the energy of the explosive in a
2446	fixed metallic cartridge to fire only a single projectile through a rifled
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2448	(17) "Shotgun" means a weapon designed or redesigned, made or
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2451	fixed shotgun shell to fire through a smooth bore either a number of ball
2452	shot or a single projectile for each single pull of the trigger;
2453	(18) "Pistol" or "revolver" means any firearm having a barrel less than
2454	twelve inches;
2455	(19) "Firearm" means any sawed-off shotgun, machine gun, rifle,
2456	shotgun, pistol, revolver or other weapon, whether loaded or unloaded
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(20) "Electronic defense weapon" means a weapon which by

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2461	(21) "Martial arts weapon" means a nunchaku, kama, kasari-fundo,
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2463	(22) "Employee of an emergency medical service organization" means
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2466	(23) "Railroad property" means all tangible property owned, leased
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2471	including a train, locomotive, engine, railroad car, signals or safety
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2473	(24) "Serious firearm offense" means a violation of section 29-36, 29-
2474	36a, as amended by this act, or 53-202w, as amended by this act,
2475	possession of a stolen firearm or a firearm that is altered in a manner
2476	that renders the firearm unlawful; and
2477	(25) "Serious firearm offender" means a person who stands (A) twice
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2480	36a, as amended by this act, subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section
2481	53a-217, as amended by this act, or subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of
2482	section 53a-217c, as amended by this act, or (C) convicted of a serious
2483	firearm offense and was previously convicted of two or more additional
2484	felony offenses.
2485	Sec. 40. Section 53a-32 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2486	following is substituted in lieu thereof (<i>Effective October 1, 2023</i>):
2487	(a) At any time during the period of probation or conditional
2488	discharge, the court or any judge thereof may issue a warrant for the

arrest of a defendant for violation of any of the conditions of probation or conditional discharge, or may issue a notice to appear to answer to a charge of such violation, which notice shall be personally served upon the defendant. Whenever a probation officer has probable cause to believe that a person on probation who is a serious firearm offender has violated a condition of probation, or knows that a person on probation for a felony conviction has been arrested for the commission of a serious firearm offense, such probation officer shall apply to the court or any judge thereof for a warrant for the arrest of such person for violation of a condition or conditions of probation or conditional discharge. Any such warrant shall authorize all officers named therein to return the defendant to the custody of the court or to any suitable detention facility designated by the court. Whenever a probation officer has probable cause to believe that a person has violated a condition of such person's probation, such probation officer (1) may notify any police officer that such person has, in such officer's judgment, violated the conditions of such person's probation, and [such] (2) shall notify such police officer if such person is a serious firearm offender or is on probation for a felony conviction and has been arrested for the commission of a serious firearm offense. Such notice shall be sufficient warrant for the police officer to arrest such person and return such person to the custody of the court or to any suitable detention facility designated by the court. Whenever a probation officer so notifies a police officer, the probation officer shall notify the victim of the offense for which such person is on probation, and any victim advocate assigned to assist the victim, provided the probation officer has been provided with the name and contact information for such victim or victim advocate. Any probation officer may arrest any defendant on probation without a warrant or may deputize any other officer with power to arrest to do so by giving such other officer a written statement setting forth that the defendant has, in the judgment of the probation officer, violated the conditions of the defendant's probation. Such written statement, delivered with the defendant by the arresting officer to the official in charge of any correctional center or other place of detention, shall be sufficient warrant for the detention of the defendant. After making such an arrest,

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such probation officer shall present to the detaining authorities a similar statement of the circumstances of violation. [Provisions] Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, provisions regarding release on bail of persons charged with a crime shall be applicable to any defendant arrested under the provisions of this section. Upon such arrest and detention, the probation officer shall immediately so notify the court or any judge thereof.

- (b) When the defendant is presented for arraignment on the charge of violation of any of the conditions of probation or conditional discharge, the court shall review any conditions previously imposed on the defendant and may order, as a condition of the pretrial release of the defendant, that the defendant comply with any or all of such conditions in addition to any conditions imposed pursuant to section 54-64a, as amended by this act. Unless the court, pursuant to subsection (c) of section 54-64a, as amended by this act, orders that the defendant remain under the supervision of a probation officer or other designated person or organization, the defendant shall be supervised by the Court Support Services Division of the Judicial Branch in accordance with subsection (a) of section 54-63b.
- (c) Upon notification by the probation officer of the arrest of the defendant or upon an arrest by warrant as herein provided, the court shall cause the defendant to be brought before it without unnecessary delay for a hearing on the violation charges. At such hearing the defendant shall be informed of the manner in which such defendant is alleged to have violated the conditions of such defendant's probation or conditional discharge, shall be advised by the court that such defendant has the right to retain counsel and, if indigent, shall be entitled to the services of the public defender, and shall have the right to cross-examine witnesses and to present evidence in such defendant's own behalf. Unless good cause is shown, a charge of violation of any of the conditions of probation or conditional discharge shall be disposed of or scheduled for a hearing not later than one hundred twenty days after the defendant is arraigned on such charge, except, if the defendant is a

- serious firearm offender, or is on probation for a felony conviction and has been arrested for the commission of a serious firearm offense, such charge shall be disposed of or scheduled for a hearing not later than sixty days after the defendant is arraigned on such charge.
- (d) If such violation is established and the violation consisted of the 2562 commission of a serious firearm offense or the defendant is a serious 2563 firearm offender, the court shall revoke the sentence of probation or 2564 conditional discharge, otherwise, the court may: (1) Continue the sentence of probation or conditional discharge; (2) modify or enlarge the 2566 conditions of probation or conditional discharge; (3) extend the period 2567 of probation or conditional discharge, provided the original period with 2568 any extensions shall not exceed the periods authorized by section 2569 53a-29; or (4) revoke the sentence of probation or conditional discharge. 2570 If such sentence is revoked, the court shall require the defendant to serve the sentence imposed or impose any lesser sentence. Any such lesser 2572 sentence may include a term of imprisonment, all or a portion of which 2573 may be suspended entirely or after a period set by the court, followed 2574 by a period of probation with such conditions as the court may establish. 2575 No such revocation shall be ordered, except upon consideration of the 2576 whole record and unless such violation is established by the 2577 introduction of reliable and probative evidence and by a preponderance 2578 of the evidence.
 - (e) Provisions regarding release on bail of any serious firearm offender arrested pursuant to this section who is charged with a crime, or any felony offender arrested pursuant to this section for a serious firearm offense, shall be applicable to such serious firearm offender provided that, for the purpose of applying such provisions, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that such serious firearm offender poses a danger to the safety of other persons.
 - Sec. 41. Section 54-64a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):
- 2588 (a) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection and

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subsection (b) or (c) of this section, when any arrested person is presented before the Superior Court, said court shall, in bailable offenses, promptly order the release of such person upon the first of the following conditions of release found sufficient to reasonably ensure the appearance of the arrested person in court: (A) Upon execution of a written promise to appear without special conditions, (B) upon execution of a written promise to appear with nonfinancial conditions, (C) upon execution of a bond without surety in no greater amount than necessary, or (D) upon execution of a bond with surety in no greater amount than necessary, but in no event shall a judge prohibit a bond from being posted by surety. In addition to or in conjunction with any of the conditions enumerated in subparagraphs (A) to (D), inclusive, of this subdivision the court may, when it has reason to believe that the person is drug-dependent and where necessary, reasonable and appropriate, order the person to submit to a urinalysis drug test and to participate in a program of periodic drug testing and treatment. The results of any such drug test shall not be admissible in any criminal proceeding concerning such person.

(2) If the arrested person is charged with no offense other than a misdemeanor, the court shall not impose financial conditions of release on the person unless (A) the person is charged with a family violence crime, as defined in section 46b-38a, or (B) the person requests such financial conditions, or (C) the court makes a finding on the record that there is a likely risk that (i) the arrested person will fail to appear in court, as required, or (ii) the arrested person will obstruct or attempt to obstruct justice, or threaten, injure or intimidate or attempt to threaten, injure or intimidate a prospective witness or juror, or (iii) the arrested person will engage in conduct that threatens the safety of himself or herself or another person. In making a finding described in this subsection, the court may consider past criminal history, including any prior record of failing to appear as required in court that resulted in any conviction for a violation of section 53a-172 or any conviction during the previous ten years for a violation of section 53a-173 and any other pending criminal cases of the person charged with a misdemeanor.

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(3) The court may, in determining what conditions of release will reasonably ensure the appearance of the arrested person in court, consider the following factors: (A) The nature and circumstances of the offense, (B) such person's record of previous convictions, (C) such person's past record of appearance in court, (D) such person's family ties, (E) such person's employment record, (F) such person's financial resources, character and mental condition, (G) such person's community ties, and (H) in the case of a violation of section 53a-222a, as amended by this act, when the condition of release was issued for a family violence crime, as defined in section 46b-38a, the heightened risk posed to victims of family violence by violations of conditions of release.

(b) (1) [When] Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, any arrested person charged with the commission of a class A felony, a class B felony, except a violation of section 53a-86 or 53a-122, a class C felony, except a violation of section 53a-87, 53a-152 or 53a-153, or a class D felony under sections 53a-60 to 53a-60c, inclusive, section 53a-72a, 53a-95, 53a-103, 53a-103a, 53a-114, 53a-136 or 53a-216, or a family violence crime, as defined in section 46b-38a, is presented before the Superior Court, said court shall, in bailable offenses, promptly order the release of such person upon the first of the following conditions of release found sufficient to reasonably ensure the appearance of the arrested person in court and that the safety of any other person will not be endangered: (A) Upon such person's execution of a written promise to appear without special conditions, (B) upon such person's execution of a written promise to appear with nonfinancial conditions, (C) upon such person's execution of a bond without surety in no greater amount than necessary, or (D) upon such person's execution of a bond with surety in no greater amount than necessary, but in no event shall a judge prohibit a bond from being posted by surety. In addition to or in conjunction with any of the conditions enumerated in subparagraphs (A) to (D), inclusive, of this subdivision, the court may, when it has reason to believe that the person is drug-dependent and where necessary, reasonable and appropriate, order the person to submit to a urinalysis drug test and to participate in a program of periodic drug testing and treatment. The

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results of any such drug test shall not be admissible in any criminal proceeding concerning such person.

- (2) The court may, in determining what conditions of release will reasonably ensure the appearance of the arrested person in court and that the safety of any other person will not be endangered, consider the following factors: (A) The nature and circumstances of the offense, (B) such person's record of previous convictions, (C) such person's past record of appearance in court after being admitted to bail, (D) such person's family ties, (E) such person's employment record, (F) such person's financial resources, character and mental condition, (G) such person's community ties, (H) the number and seriousness of charges pending against the arrested person, (I) the weight of the evidence against the arrested person, (I) the arrested person's history of violence, (K) whether the arrested person has previously been convicted of similar offenses while released on bond, (L) the likelihood based upon the expressed intention of the arrested person that such person will commit another crime while released, and (M) the heightened risk posed to victims of family violence by violations of conditions of release and court orders of protection.
- (3) When imposing conditions of release under this subsection, the court shall state for the record any factors under subdivision (2) of this subsection that it considered and the findings that it made as to the danger, if any, that the arrested person might pose to the safety of any other person upon the arrested person's release that caused the court to impose the specific conditions of release that it imposed.
- (c) (1) When any arrested person charged with the commission of a serious firearm offense, as defined in section 53a-3, as amended by this act, is (A) a serious firearm offender, (B) has two previous convictions for a violation of section 29-35, as amended by this act, 29-36, 29-36a, as amended by this act, 53-202b, 53-202c, 53-202w, as amended by this act, 53-202a, 53-206i, 53a-54a, 53a-54b, 53a-54c, 53a-54d, 53a-55, 53a-55a, 53a-56, 53a-56a, 53a-59, 53a-60, 53a-60a, 53a-134, 53a-212, 53a-216, 53a-217, as amended by this act,

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53a-217b or 53a-217c, as amended by this act, or (C) two or more convictions during the five-year period immediately prior to the current arrest for a violation of section 21a-277, 21a-278, 53a-122 or 53a-123, is presented before the Superior Court, the court shall, in bailable offenses, promptly order the release of such person after establishing a bond amount found sufficient to reasonably ensure the appearance of the arrested person in court, and that the safety of any other person will not be endangered and upon such person's execution of a bond with or without surety in no greater amount than necessary. The prosecutorial official shall petition for the arrested person to deposit at least thirty per cent of the bond amount directly with the court, and there shall be a rebuttable presumption that the safety of other persons will be endangered without the granting of such petition. Additionally, the court may, when it has reason to believe that the person is drugdependent and where necessary, reasonable and appropriate, order the person to submit to a urinalysis drug test and to participate in a program of periodic drug testing and treatment. The results of any such drug test shall not be admissible in any criminal proceeding concerning such person.

(2) When any arrested person charged with the commission of a serious firearm offense, as defined in section 53a-3, as amended by this act, other than a person described in subdivision (1) of this subsection, is presented before the Superior Court, the court shall, in bailable offenses, promptly order the release of such person upon the first of the following conditions of release found sufficient to reasonably ensure the appearance of the arrested person in court and that the safety of any other person will not be endangered: (A) Upon such person's execution of a written promise to appear without special conditions, (B) upon such person's execution of a written promise to appear with nonfinancial conditions, (C) upon such person's execution of a bond without surety in no greater amount than necessary, but in no event shall a judge prohibit a bond from being posted by surety. The prosecutorial official may petition the court to deem such

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person a serious risk to the safety of another person or persons. The prosecutorial official may present any information developed by federal, state and local law enforcement agencies in the course of a criminal investigation or enforcement action, including, but not limited to, social media posts, pictures or videos threatening violence, claiming responsibility for violence or suggesting possession of a firearm. If the court finds that the arrested person poses a serious risk to the safety of another person or persons, the arrested person may only be released pursuant to subparagraph (C) or (D) of this subdivision and the arrested person shall be required to deposit at least thirty per cent of any bond amount directly with the court. Additionally, the court may, when it has reason to believe that the person is drug-dependent and where necessary, reasonable and appropriate, order the person to submit to a urinalysis drug test and to participate in a program of periodic drug testing and treatment. The results of any such drug test shall not be admissible in any criminal proceeding concerning such person.

(3) The court may, in determining what conditions of release will reasonably ensure the appearance of the arrested person in court and that the safety of any other person will not be endangered, consider the following factors: (A) The nature and circumstances of the offense, (B) such person's record of previous convictions, (C) such person's past record of appearances in court after being admitted to bail, (D) such person's family ties, (E) such person's employment record, (F) such person's financial resources, character and mental condition, (G) such person's community ties, (H) the number and seriousness of charges pending against the arrested person, (I) the weight of the evidence against the arrested person, (J) the arrested person's history of violence, (K) whether the arrested person has previously been convicted of similar offenses while released on bond, and (L) the likelihood based upon the expressed intention of the arrested person that such person will commit another crime while released.

(4) When imposing conditions of release under this subsection, the court shall state for the record any factors under subdivision (3) of this

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subsection that it considered and the findings that it made as to the danger, if any, that the arrested person might pose to the safety of any other person upon the arrested person's release that caused the court to impose the specific conditions of release that the court imposed.

[(c)] (d) If the court determines that a nonfinancial condition of release should be imposed pursuant to subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) or (b) of this section, the court shall order the pretrial release of the person subject to the least restrictive condition or combination of conditions that the court determines will reasonably ensure the appearance of the arrested person in court and, with respect to the release of the person pursuant to subsection (b) or (c) of this section, that the safety of any other person will not be endangered, which conditions may include an order that the arrested person do one or more of the following: (1) Remain under the supervision of a designated person or organization; (2) comply with specified restrictions on such person's travel, association or place of abode; (3) not engage in specified activities, including the use or possession of a dangerous weapon, an intoxicant or a controlled substance; (4) provide sureties of the peace pursuant to section 54-56f under supervision of a designated bail commissioner or intake, assessment and referral specialist employed by the Judicial Branch; (5) avoid all contact with an alleged victim of the crime and with a potential witness who may testify concerning the offense; (6) maintain employment or, if unemployed, actively seek employment; (7) maintain or commence an educational program; (8) be subject to electronic monitoring; or (9) satisfy any other condition that is reasonably necessary to ensure the appearance of the person in court and that the safety of any other person will not be endangered. The court shall state on the record its reasons for imposing any such nonfinancial condition.

[(d)] (e) If the arrested person is not released, the court shall order him committed to the custody of the Commissioner of Correction until he is released or discharged in due course of law.

[(e)] (f) The court may require that the person subject to electronic

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monitoring pursuant to subsection [(c)] (d) of this section pay directly to the electronic monitoring service provider a fee for the cost of such electronic monitoring services. If the court finds that the person subject to electronic monitoring is indigent and unable to pay the costs of electronic monitoring services, the court shall waive such costs. Any contract entered into by the Judicial Branch and the electronic monitoring service provider shall include a provision stating that the total cost for electronic monitoring services shall not exceed five dollars per day. Such amount shall be indexed annually to reflect the rate of inflation.

- Sec. 42. Section 54-64f of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):
- (a) Upon application by the prosecuting authority alleging that a defendant has violated the conditions of the defendant's release, the court may, if probable cause is found, order that the defendant appear in court for an evidentiary hearing upon such allegations. An order to appear shall be served upon the defendant by any law enforcement officer delivering a copy to the defendant personally, or by leaving it at the defendant's usual place of abode with a person of suitable age and discretion then residing therein, or mailing it by registered or certified mail to the last-known address of the defendant.
- (b) [If] Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, if the court, after an evidentiary hearing at which hearsay or secondary evidence shall be admissible, finds by clear and convincing evidence that the defendant has violated reasonable conditions imposed on the defendant's release it may impose different or additional conditions upon the defendant's release. If the defendant is on release with respect to an offense for which a term of imprisonment of ten or more years may be imposed and the court, after an evidentiary hearing at which hearsay or secondary evidence shall be admissible, finds by clear and convincing evidence that the defendant has violated reasonable conditions of the defendant's release and that the safety of any other person is endangered while the defendant is on release, it may revoke such

- release. The revocation of a defendant's release pursuant to this subsection shall cause any bond posted in the criminal proceeding to be automatically terminated and the surety to be released.
- (c) [If] Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, if the defendant is a serious firearm offender or is on release with respect to a serious firearm offense as defined in section 53a-3, as amended by this act, or the defendant is on release with respect to an offense for which a term of imprisonment of ten or more years may be imposed and the court, after an evidentiary hearing at which hearsay or secondary evidence shall be admissible, finds by clear and convincing evidence that the safety of any other person is endangered while the defendant is on release and that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant has committed a federal, state or local crime while on release, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that the defendant's release should be revoked.
 - (d) If the defendant is a serious firearm offender as defined in section 53a-3, as amended by this act, and is on release with respect to any offense and the court, after an evidentiary hearing at which hearsay or secondary evidence shall be admissible, finds by the preponderance of the evidence that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant has committed a serious firearm offense, as defined in section 53a-3, as amended by this act, while on release, or if the defendant is on release with respect to any offense referenced in subsection (c) of section 54-64a, as amended by this act, and the court, after an evidentiary hearing at which hearsay or secondary evidence shall be admissible, finds by the preponderance of evidence that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant has committed a serious firearm offense, the defendant's release shall be revoked.
 - [(d)] (e) The revocation of a defendant's release pursuant to this section shall cause any bond posted in the criminal proceeding to be automatically terminated and the surety to be released.
 - (f) If the defendant commits a serious firearm offense while on

- pretrial release and is subsequently convicted of any offense for which the defendant was on pretrial release and a serious firearm offense committed while on pretrial release, any bond posted in the criminal proceeding for the offense for which the defendant was on pretrial release shall be forfeited.
- Sec. 43. Section 54-127 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):
- 2862 The request of the Commissioner of Correction or any officer of the 2863 Department of Correction so designated by the commissioner, or of the 2864 Board of Pardons and Paroles or its chairman shall be sufficient warrant 2865 to authorize any officer of the Department of Correction or any officer 2866 authorized by law to serve criminal process within this state, to return 2867 any [convict or inmate] parolee on parole into actual custody; and any 2868 such officer, police officer, constable or state marshal shall arrest and 2869 hold any parolee [or inmate] when so requested, without any written 2870 warrant, and the commissioner shall make such request if the parolee is 2871 a serious firearm offender, as defined in section 53a-3, as amended by 2872 this act, and is arrested while on parole for a felony offense, or if the 2873 parolee is arrested for a serious firearm offense as defined in section 53a-2874 3, as amended by this act.
- Sec. 44. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) For the purposes of this section, "firearm-related crime docket" means a docket in a geographical area separate and apart from other criminal matters for the hearing of firearm-related matters.
- (b) Not later than December 31, 2023, the Chief Court Administrator shall establish a firearm-related crime docket to serve the geographical area courts in Fairfield, Hartford, New Haven and Waterbury. The Chief Court Administrator shall establish policies and procedures to implement such firearm-related crime docket.
- Sec. 45. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2023*) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, any peace officer who is a sworn

member of a law enforcement agency or any prosecutorial official who is aware of any person released on parole or serving probation who poses a serious threat to public safety, may file an emergency petition with the supervisory staff of the probation or parole office, as applicable, and a copy of such petition with the office of the Chief State's Attorney. Such petition shall cite risk factors pointing to the person released on parole or serving probation as a serious threat to public safety and may present any information developed by federal, state and local law enforcement agencies in the course of a criminal investigation or enforcement action, including, but not limited to, social media posts, pictures or videos threatening violence, claiming responsibility for violence or suggesting possession of a firearm. Not later than forty-eight hours after receiving such petition, the supervisory staff of the probation or parole office, as applicable, shall (1) seek a warrant for such person serving probation for a violation of such probation, as applicable, or (2) provide the rationale for not taking an action described in subdivision (1) of this section.

- Sec. 46. Subsection (a) of section 53a-222 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October* 1, 2023):
- (a) A person is guilty of violation of conditions of release in the first degree when, while charged with the commission of a felony, such person is released pursuant to subsection (b) of section 54-63c, subsection (c) of section 54-63d or subsection [(c)] (d) of section 54-64a, as amended by this act, and intentionally violates one or more of the imposed conditions of release.
- Sec. 47. Subsection (a) of section 53a-222a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October* 2914 1, 2023):
 - (a) A person is guilty of violation of conditions of release in the second degree when, while charged with the commission of a misdemeanor or motor vehicle violation for which a sentence to a term

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of imprisonment may be imposed, such person is released pursuant to subsection (b) of section 54-63c, subsection (c) of section 54-63d or subsection [(c)] (d) of section 54-64a, as amended by this act, and intentionally violates one or more of the imposed conditions of release.

Sec. 48. Section 53-202m of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective from passage*)

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This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following					
sections:					
Section 1	October 1, 2023	29-35			
Sec. 2	from passage	29-36a			
Sec. 3	from passage	29-33			
Sec. 4	July 1, 2023	29-28(a)			
Sec. 5	July 1, 2023	29-28(d)			
Sec. 6	July 1, 2023	29-30(a)			
Sec. 7	October 1, 2023	29-31			
Sec. 8	October 1, 2023	29-32b(b)			
Sec. 9	October 1, 2023	29-33			
Sec. 10	October 1, 2023	29-36 <i>l</i>			
Sec. 11	October 1, 2023	29-37a			
Sec. 12	October 1, 2023	29-37i			
Sec. 13	October 1, 2023	29-38b			
Sec. 14	October 1, 2023	29-38m			
Sec. 15	from passage	53-202f(d) to (f)			
Sec. 16	October 1, 2023	53-202w(a)			
Sec. 17	October 1, 2023	53-202x(e)			
Sec. 18	October 1, 2023	54-36e(b)			
Sec. 19	from passage	53-202l(e)			
Sec. 20	from passage	53-202w(g)			
Sec. 21	from passage	53-206g(f)			
Sec. 22	October 1, 2023	53a-217a			
Sec. 23	from passage	54-66a			
Sec. 24	from passage	54-280(8)			
Sec. 25	from passage	53-202a			
Sec. 26	from passage	53-202c			
Sec. 27	from passage	53-202d(a) and (b)			
Sec. 28	from passage	29-36n(b)			

Sec. 29	October 1, 2023	53-202w(c)
Sec. 30	October 1, 2023	29-37p(a) and (b)
Sec. 31	October 1, 2023	29-28(b)
Sec. 32	January 1, 2024	New section
Sec. 33	October 1, 2023	29-36f(b)
Sec. 34	October 1, 2023	53a-217
Sec. 35	October 1, 2023	53a-217c
Sec. 36	October 1, 2023	29-37b(a)
Sec. 37	July 1, 2023	53-205(a)
Sec. 38	October 1, 2023	53-341b
Sec. 39	October 1, 2023	53a-3
Sec. 40	October 1, 2023	53a-32
Sec. 41	October 1, 2023	54-64a
Sec. 42	October 1, 2023	54-64f
Sec. 43	October 1, 2023	54-127
Sec. 44	from passage	New section
Sec. 45	October 1, 2023	New section
Sec. 46	October 1, 2023	53a-222(a)
Sec. 47	October 1, 2023	53a-222a(a)
Sec. 48	from passage	Repealer section

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