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Overview

This bill contains a variety of proposals intended to keep guns and ammunition out of the hands of violent offenders and the mentally ill. It also requires private citizens to provide proof of firearms eligibility prior to purchasing a pistol or semiautomatic military-style assault weapon at a gun show.

Section

- 1 Transmittal of data to National Instant Criminal Background Check System.** Directs a court to submit a mental health adjudication to NICS within three business days of issuing the ruling if it affects a mentally ill person's right to possess firearms. Establishes deadlines for the state court administrator to submit civil commitment rulings dating back to August 1, 1994, to NICS.
- 2 Report by court administrator.** Directs the superintendent of the BCA to require the state court administrator to provide the BCA, in electronic format, with the sentence for each felony, gross misdemeanor, and targeted misdemeanor case within three business days of disposition of the case.
- 3 Crime of violence.** Amends the definition of crime of violence to include violations of felony fifth degree assault, domestic assault by strangulation, and unlawful possession of firearms by juveniles. A person convicted of a crime of violence is ineligible to possess firearms for the remainder of his life.
- 4 Ammunition.** Defines "ammunition" for purposes of the gun control chapter (624).

Section

5 **Ineligible person.** Bars those who are not eligible to possess firearms from possessing ammunition. Prevents citizens who are ordered committed for mental illness from possessing firearms and ammunition even if the commitment order was stayed. Adds references to “ammunition” to reflect the ban on violent felons possessing ammunition contained in section 3.

6 **Aiding and abetting.** Clarifies that a person who aids or abets an ineligible person in violating the ban on possession of firearms or ammunition is also criminally liable for the violation.

7 **Gun shows; transfers of pistols and semiautomatic military-style assault weapons.**

Subd. 1. Definitions. Defines the term “gun show.”

Subd. 2. Transfers; proof of eligibility required. Unless one party to the transfer of a pistol or semiautomatic military-style assault weapon at a gun show is a federally licensed firearms dealer, the proposed transferee must present a valid permit to purchase or a valid permit to carry to the proposed transferor prior to the weapon being transferred.

Subd. 3. Exclusion. Excludes antique firearms from the requirements of this section.