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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill creates the new crime of manufacturing, transferring, or possessing large capacity-magazines for firearms.

#### Section

**1 Large-capacity magazine.** Defines what constitutes a “large-capacity magazine” as an ammunition feeding device that can accept more than ten rounds or a set of parts that could be assembled into such a device. Makes certain exceptions.

**2 Large-capacity magazines prohibited.**

**Subd. 1. Definition.** Defines the term “transfer” for use in this statute.

**Subd. 2. Prohibition.** Prohibits the manufacture, importation, transfer, or possession of large-capacity magazines.

**Subd. 3. Exceptions.** Excepts the manufacture for, transfer to, or possession by authorized government employees of large-capacity magazines from the prohibition established in subdivision 2.

**Subd. 4. Penalty. Para. (a).** Establishes a five-year felony for violations of subdivision 2.

**Para. (b).** Establishes a ten-year felony for violators of subdivision 2 who are barred from possessing firearms because of mental illness or a past gross misdemeanor conviction for a crime of violence.

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**Para. (c).** Establishes a 20-year felony for violators of subdivision 2 who are barred from possessing firearms because of a past felony conviction for a crime of violence.

- 3** **Persons possessing large-capacity magazines on effective date of act; required actions.** Grants those who possess large-capacity magazines on August 1, 2013, 120 days to: permanently modify the magazine to limit its capacity to ten rounds or less; remove the non-conforming magazine from the state; or surrender the magazine to law enforcement.