AN ACT to amend 175.35 (title), 175.35 (1) (ar), 175.35 (2) (d), 175.35 (2g) (c) 4. c. and 941.237 (1) (cm) of the statutes; relating to: waiting period for handgun purchases.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 175.35 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

175.35 (title) Waiting period for purchase of handguns.

SECTION 2. 175.35 (1) (ar) of the statutes is amended to read:

175.35 (1) (ar) “Firearms dealer” means any person engaged in the business of importing, manufacturing or dealing in firearms and having a license as an importer, manufacturer or dealer issued by the U.S. department of the treasury.

SECTION 3. 175.35 (2) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

175.35 (2) (d) Forty-eight hours, subject to extension under sub. (2g) (c) 4. c., have elapsed from the time that the firearms dealer has received a confirmation of an approval number regarding the firearms restrictions record search under sub. (2g) (c) from the department of justice and the firearms dealer has not been notified that the transfer would be in violation of s. 941.29.

SECTION 4. 175.35 (2g) (c) 4. c. of the statutes is amended to read:

175.35 (2g) (c) 4. c. If the search indicates a felony charge without a recorded disposition, the deadline under sub. (2) (d) is extended to the end of the 3rd complete working day commencing after the day on which the finding is made. The department shall notify the firearms dealer of the extension as soon as practicable. During the extended period, if it is unclear whether the person is prohibited under state or federal law from possessing a firearm and the department needs more time to make the determination, the department shall make every reasonable effort to determine the disposition of the charge and notify the firearms dealer of the results as soon as practicable but no later than 5 working days after the search was requested.

SECTION 5. 941.237 (1) (cm) of the statutes is amended to read:

941.237 (1) (cm) “Firearms dealer” means any person engaged in the business of importing, manufacturing or dealing in firearms and having a license as an importer, manufacturer or dealer issued by the U.S. department of the treasury.

SECTION 6. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to sales that occur on the effective date of this subsection.

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. “Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor’s partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication.”