



State of Wisconsin
2025 - 2026 LEGISLATURE

LRB-1468/P2
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DOA:.....Schmidt, BB0307 - Require transfers of firearms to include a locking device

FOR 2025-2027 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; relating to: the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

JUSTICE

Containers and trigger locks at sale

This bill requires a person who commercially sells or transfers a firearm to provide the purchaser or transferee with either a secure, lockable container that is designed to store a firearm or a trigger lock for the firearm. A seller or transferor who violates this requirement is subject to a fine of up to \$500 or imprisonment for up to 30 days, or both.

Because this bill creates a new crime or revises a penalty for an existing crime, the Joint Review Committee on Criminal Penalties may be requested to prepare a report.

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

SECTION 1. 175.37 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

175.37 (title) ~~Warning~~ Requirements whenever transferring a firearm.

****NOTE: This is reconciled s.175.37 (title). This SECTION has been affected by drafts with the following LRB numbers: -1468/P1 and -1469/P1.

SECTION 2. 175.37 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 175.37 (1) (intro.) and amended to read:

175.37 (1) (intro.) Upon the retail commercial sale or retail commercial transfer of any firearm, the seller or transferor shall provide to the buyer or transferee all of the following:

BILL**SECTION 2**

(a) A written warning in block letters not less than one-fourth inch in height: “IF YOU LEAVE A LOADED FIREARM WITHIN THE REACH OR EASY ACCESS OF A CHILD YOU MAY BE FINED OR IMPRISONED OR BOTH IF THE CHILD IMPROPERLY DISCHARGES, POSSESSES OR EXHIBITS THE FIREARM.”

SECTION 3. 175.37 (1) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

175.37 (1) (b) A secure, lockable container that is designed to store a firearm or a trigger lock for the firearm.

SECTION 9351. Initial applicability; Other.

(1) REQUIREMENTS WHEN SELLING OR TRANSFERRING FIREARMS. The treatment of s. 175.37 (title), the renumbering and amendment of s. 175.37 (1), and the creation of s. 175.37 (1) (b) first apply to sales and transfers that occur on the effective date of this subsection.

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