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Introduced by:
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***AN ACT CONCERNING SELF-DEFENSE AND CONCERNING THE
TRANSFER OF LARGE CAPACITY MAGAZINES AND ASSAULT
WEAPONS.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 53-203 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

3 (a) Any person who [intentionally] recklessly, negligently or
4 carelessly discharges any firearm in such a manner as to be likely to
5 cause bodily injury or death to persons or domestic animals, or the
6 wanton destruction of property, shall be guilty of a class C
7 misdemeanor.

8 (b) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall not be
9 construed to prohibit the intentional discharge of a firearm for the
10 purpose of lawful self-defense or lawful defense of another person.

11 Sec. 2. Section 26-66 of the general statutes is repealed and the
12 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

13 The commissioner may adopt regulations in accordance with the
14 provisions of chapter 54 governing the taking of wildlife, provided any
15 regulations concerning the taking of migratory game birds shall be

16 consistent with section 26-91. The regulations may: (1) Establish the
 17 open and closed seasons, which may be modified by decreasing or
 18 increasing the number of days for any specific species, (2) establish
 19 hours, days or periods during the open season when hunting shall not
 20 be permitted for specific species, (3) establish legal hours, (4) prescribe
 21 the legal methods, including type, kind, gauge and caliber of weapons
 22 and ammunition, including long bow, (5) prescribe the sex of wildlife
 23 that may be taken on a state-wide or local area basis, (6) establish the
 24 daily bag limit and the season bag limit, (7) establish the maximum
 25 number of persons that may hunt on designated areas during any
 26 twenty-four-hour period, (8) require that a permit be obtained from the
 27 landowner or such landowner's agent, or the commissioner or such
 28 commissioner's agent, to enter upon designated premises or areas for
 29 the purpose of hunting, and further require that such permit be returned
 30 within a specified time to the issuing authority with an accurate report
 31 of all wildlife taken under such permit, the time spent on the premises
 32 or area and any other data required by the commissioner for
 33 management purposes, (9) establish areas that shall be restricted for
 34 designated periods for hunting only with long bow or other specified
 35 weapons, (10) establish areas that shall be restricted for designated
 36 periods for hunting exclusively by persons with physical disabilities,
 37 (11) establish requirements and procedures for tagging and reporting
 38 birds or animals taken by hunting or trapping, [;] and (12) provided no
 39 regulation or order prohibits or may be construed to prohibit the
 40 intentional discharge of a firearm for the purpose of lawful self-defense
 41 or lawful defense of another person, in the interest of public safety and
 42 for the purpose of preventing unreasonable conduct and abuses by
 43 hunters, and to provide reasonable control of the actions and behavior
 44 of such persons, said commissioner may issue regulations and orders to
 45 [(12)] (A) prohibit the carrying of loaded firearms and hunting within
 46 specified distances of buildings, [(13)] (B) prohibit the discharge of
 47 firearms and other hunting devices within specified distances of
 48 buildings and, when within specified distances, the discharge of such
 49 firearms and devices toward persons, buildings and livestock, [(14)] (C)

50 prohibit hunting while on any road adjacent to any state park, state
 51 forest, premises used for the breeding, rearing or holding in captivity of
 52 wildlife or premises used for zoological purposes, [(15)] (D) establish
 53 minimum distances between fixed positions, floating and drift blinds
 54 for waterfowl hunting, [(16)] (E) prohibit crossing over lawns and lands
 55 under cultivation, [(17)] (F) prohibit damage to property, livestock and
 56 agricultural crops, [(18)] (G) prohibit, during specified periods on
 57 designated areas, the training, exercising and running of dogs under
 58 control or uncontrolled, [(19)] (H) prohibit the operation and parking of
 59 vehicles on designated portions of public and private roads, parking
 60 areas, lanes, passageways, rights-of-way, fields and lots, [(20)] (I)
 61 prohibit the discarding of bottles, glass, cans, paper, junk, litter and
 62 trash, [(21)] (J) control the launching, anchoring, mooring, storage and
 63 abandonment of boats, trailers and related equipment on properties
 64 under the control of the commissioner, [(22)] (K) specify [(A)] (i) the
 65 persons who shall wear fluorescent orange clothing, [(B)] (ii) the time
 66 periods during which such clothing shall be worn, and [(C)] (iii) the
 67 types and amounts of such clothing which shall be worn, on and after
 68 January 1, 1989, when hunting.

69 Sec. 3. Section 53-202w of the general statutes is repealed and the
 70 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

71 (a) As used in this section and section 53-202x:

72 (1) "Large capacity magazine" means any firearm magazine, belt,
 73 drum, feed strip or similar device that has the capacity of, or can be
 74 readily restored or converted to accept, more than ten rounds of
 75 ammunition, but does not include: (A) A feeding device that has been
 76 permanently altered so that it cannot accommodate more than ten
 77 rounds of ammunition, (B) a .22 caliber tube ammunition feeding
 78 device, (C) a tubular magazine that is contained in a lever-action
 79 firearm, or (D) a magazine that is permanently inoperable;

80 (2) "Lawfully possesses", with respect to a large capacity magazine,

81 means that a person has (A) actual and lawful possession of the large
82 capacity magazine, (B) constructive possession of the large capacity
83 magazine pursuant to a lawful purchase of a firearm that contains a
84 large capacity magazine that was transacted prior to or on April 4, 2013,
85 regardless of whether the firearm was delivered to the purchaser prior
86 to or on April 4, 2013, which lawful purchase is evidenced by a writing
87 sufficient to indicate that (i) a contract for sale was made between the
88 parties prior to or on April 4, 2013, for the purchase of the firearm, or (ii)
89 full or partial payment for the firearm was made by the purchaser to the
90 seller of the firearm prior to or on April 4, 2013, or (C) actual possession
91 under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, or constructive possession
92 under subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, as evidenced by a written
93 statement made under penalty of false statement on such form as the
94 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection prescribes;
95 and

96 (3) "Licensed gun dealer" means a person who has a federal firearms
97 license and a permit to sell firearms pursuant to section 29-28.

98 (b) Except as provided in this section, on and after April 5, 2013, any
99 person who, within this state, distributes, imports into this state, keeps
100 for sale, offers or exposes for sale, or purchases a large capacity
101 magazine shall be guilty of a class D felony. On and after April 5, 2013,
102 any person who, within this state, transfers a large capacity magazine,
103 except as provided in subsection (f) of this section, shall be guilty of a
104 class D felony.

105 (c) Except as provided in this section and section 53-202x, any person
106 who possesses a large capacity magazine shall be guilty of a (1) class D
107 felony if such person is ineligible to possess a firearm under state or
108 federal law, or (2) class A misdemeanor if such person is not ineligible
109 to possess a firearm under state or federal law.

110 (d) A large capacity magazine may be possessed, purchased or
111 imported by:

112 (1) The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection,
113 police departments, the Department of Correction, the Division of
114 Criminal Justice, the Department of Motor Vehicles, the Department of
115 Energy and Environmental Protection or the military or naval forces of
116 this state or of the United States;

117 (2) A sworn and duly certified member of an organized police
118 department, the Division of State Police within the Department of
119 Emergency Services and Public Protection or the Department of
120 Correction, a chief inspector or inspector in the Division of Criminal
121 Justice, a salaried inspector of motor vehicles designated by the
122 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, a conservation officer or special
123 conservation officer appointed by the Commissioner of Energy and
124 Environmental Protection pursuant to section 26-5, or a constable who
125 is certified by the Police Officer Standards and Training Council and
126 appointed by the chief executive authority of a town, city or borough to
127 perform criminal law enforcement duties, for use by such sworn
128 member, inspector, officer or constable in the discharge of such sworn
129 member's, inspector's, officer's or constable's official duties or when off
130 duty;

131 (3) A member of the military or naval forces of this state or of the
132 United States;

133 (4) A nuclear facility licensed by the United States Nuclear
134 Regulatory Commission for the purpose of providing security services
135 at such facility, or any contractor or subcontractor of such facility for the
136 purpose of providing security services at such facility;

137 (5) Any person who is sworn and acts as a policeman on behalf of an
138 armored car service pursuant to section 29-20 in the discharge of such
139 person's official duties; or

140 (6) Any person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of
141 manufacturing large capacity magazines in this state that manufactures,
142 purchases, tests or transports large capacity magazines in this state for

143 sale within this state to persons specified in subdivisions (1) to (5),
144 inclusive, of this subsection or for sale outside this state, or a federally-
145 licensed firearm manufacturer engaged in the business of
146 manufacturing firearms or large capacity magazines in this state that
147 manufactures, purchases, tests or transports firearms or large capacity
148 magazines in this state for sale within this state to persons specified in
149 subdivisions (1) to (5), inclusive, of this subsection or for sale outside
150 this state.

151 (e) A large capacity magazine may be possessed by:

152 (1) A licensed gun dealer;

153 (2) A gunsmith who is in a licensed gun dealer's employ, who
154 possesses such large capacity magazine for the purpose of servicing or
155 repairing a lawfully possessed large capacity magazine;

156 (3) A person, firm, corporation or federally-licensed firearm
157 manufacturer described in subdivision (6) of subsection (d) of this
158 section that possesses a large capacity magazine that is lawfully
159 possessed by another person for the purpose of servicing or repairing
160 the large capacity magazine;

161 (4) Any person who has declared possession of the magazine
162 pursuant to section 53-202x; or

163 (5) Any person who is the executor or administrator of an estate that
164 includes a large capacity magazine, or the trustee of a trust that includes
165 a large capacity magazine, the possession of which has been declared to
166 the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection pursuant
167 to section 53-202x, which is disposed of as authorized by the Probate
168 Court, if the disposition is otherwise permitted by this section and
169 section 53-202x.

170 (f) Subsection (b) of this section shall not prohibit:

171 (1) The transfer of a large capacity magazine, the possession of which

172 has been declared to the Department of Emergency Services and Public
173 Protection pursuant to section 53-202x, by bequest or intestate
174 succession, or, upon the death of a testator or settlor: (A) To a trust, or
175 (B) from a trust to a beneficiary;

176 (2) The transfer of a large capacity magazine to a police department
177 or the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection;

178 (3) The transfer of a large capacity magazine to a licensed gun dealer
179 in accordance with section 53-202x; [or]

180 (4) The transfer of a large capacity magazine prior to October 1, 2013,
181 from a licensed gun dealer, pawnbroker licensed under section 21-40, or
182 consignment shop operator, as defined in section 21-39a, to any person
183 who (A) possessed the large capacity magazine prior to or on April 4,
184 2013, (B) placed a firearm that such person legally possessed, with the
185 large capacity magazine included or attached, in the possession of such
186 dealer, pawnbroker or operator prior to or on April 4, 2013, pursuant to
187 an agreement between such person and such dealer, pawnbroker or
188 operator for the sale of the firearm to a third person, and (C) is eligible
189 to possess the firearm on the date of such transfer; or

190 (5) The transfer of a large capacity magazine within this state between
191 any of the persons specified in subdivisions (1) to (5), inclusive, of
192 subsection (e) of this section.

193 (g) The court may order suspension of prosecution in addition to any
194 other diversionary programs available to the defendant, if the court
195 finds that a violation of this section is not of a serious nature and that
196 the person charged with such violation (1) will probably not offend in
197 the future, (2) has not previously been convicted of a violation of this
198 section, and (3) has not previously had a prosecution under this section
199 suspended pursuant to this subsection, it may order suspension of
200 prosecution in accordance with the provisions of subsection (i) of section
201 29-33.

202 Sec. 4. Section 53-202d of the general statutes is repealed and the
203 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

204 (a) (1) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision,
205 any person who lawfully possesses an assault weapon, as defined in
206 subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of section 53-202a, prior to October
207 1, 1993, shall apply by October 1, 1994, or, if such person is a member of
208 the military or naval forces of this state or of the United States and is
209 unable to apply by October 1, 1994, because such member is or was on
210 official duty outside of this state, shall apply within ninety days of
211 returning to the state to the Department of Emergency Services and
212 Public Protection, for a certificate of possession with respect to such
213 assault weapon.

214 (B) No person who lawfully possesses an assault weapon pursuant to
215 subdivision (1), (2) or (4) of subsection (b) of section 53-202c shall be
216 required to obtain a certificate of possession pursuant to this subdivision
217 with respect to an assault weapon used for official duties, except that
218 any person described in subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 53-
219 202c who purchases an assault weapon, as defined in subparagraph (A)
220 of subdivision (1) of section 53-202a, for use in the discharge of official
221 duties who retires or is otherwise separated from service shall apply
222 within ninety days of such retirement or separation from service to the
223 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection for a
224 certificate of possession with respect to such assault weapon.

225 (2) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision,
226 any person who lawfully possesses an assault weapon, as defined in any
227 provision of subparagraphs (B) to (F), inclusive, of subdivision (1) of
228 section 53-202a, on April 4, 2013, under the provisions of sections 53-
229 202a to 53-202k, inclusive, in effect on January 1, 2013, or any person
230 who regains possession of an assault weapon as defined in any
231 provision of said subparagraphs pursuant to subsection (e) of section
232 53-202f, or any person who lawfully purchases a firearm on or after
233 April 4, 2013, but prior to June 18, 2013, that meets the criteria set forth

234 in subdivision (3) or (4) of subsection (a) of section 53-202a of the general
235 statutes, revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 2013, shall apply by
236 January 1, 2014, or, if such person is a member of the military or naval
237 forces of this state or of the United States and is unable to apply by
238 January 1, 2014, because such member is or was on official duty outside
239 of this state, shall apply within ninety days of returning to the state to
240 the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection for a
241 certificate of possession with respect to such assault weapon. Any
242 person who lawfully purchases a semiautomatic pistol that is defined as
243 an assault weapon in any provision of subparagraphs (B) to (F),
244 inclusive, of subdivision (1) of section 53-202a that the Commissioner of
245 Emergency Services and Public Protection designates as being designed
246 expressly for use in target shooting events at the Olympic games
247 sponsored by the International Olympic Committee pursuant to
248 regulations adopted under subdivision (4) of subsection (b) of section
249 53-202b shall apply within ninety days of such purchase to the
250 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection for a
251 certificate of possession with respect to such assault weapon.

252 (B) No person who lawfully possesses an assault weapon pursuant to
253 subdivision (1), (2) or (4) of subsection (b) of section 53-202c shall be
254 required to obtain a certificate of possession pursuant to this subdivision
255 with respect to an assault weapon used for official duties, except that
256 any person described in subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 53-
257 202c who purchases an assault weapon, as defined in any provision of
258 subparagraphs (B) to (F), inclusive, of subdivision (1) of section 53-202a
259 for use in the discharge of official duties who retires or is otherwise
260 separated from service shall apply within ninety days of such retirement
261 or separation from service to the Department of Emergency Services and
262 Public Protection for a certificate of possession with respect to such
263 assault weapon.

264 (3) Any person who obtained a certificate of possession for an assault
265 weapon, as defined in subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of section 53-
266 202a, prior to April 5, 2013, that is defined as an assault weapon

267 pursuant to any provision of subparagraphs (B) to (F), inclusive, of
268 subdivision (1) of section 53-202a shall be deemed to have obtained a
269 certificate of possession for such assault weapon for the purposes of
270 sections 53-202a to 53-202k, inclusive, and shall not be required to obtain
271 a subsequent certificate of possession for such assault weapon.

272 (4) (A) Except as provided in subparagraphs (B) and (C) of this
273 subdivision, any person who lawfully possesses a 2023 assault weapon
274 on June 5, 2023, under the provisions of sections 53-202a to 53-202k,
275 inclusive, in effect on January 1, 2023, or any person who regains
276 possession of a 2023 assault weapon pursuant to subdivision (2) of
277 subsection (e) of section 53-202f, shall apply by May 1, 2024, or, if such
278 person is a member of the military or naval forces of this state or of the
279 United States and is unable to apply by May 1, 2024, because such
280 member is or was on official duty outside of this state, shall apply within
281 ninety days of returning to the state to the Department of Emergency
282 Services and Public Protection for a certificate of possession with respect
283 to such assault weapon. The Department of Emergency Services and
284 Public Protection shall accept applications both in paper and electronic
285 form, to the extent practicable, and shall not require such applications
286 be notarized.

287 (B) No person who lawfully possesses an assault weapon pursuant to
288 subdivision (1), (2) or (4) of subsection (b) of section 53-202c shall be
289 required to obtain a certificate of possession pursuant to this subdivision
290 with respect to an assault weapon used for official duties, except that
291 any person described in subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 53-
292 202c who purchases a 2023 assault weapon for use in the discharge of
293 official duties who retires or is otherwise separated from service shall
294 apply within ninety days of such retirement or separation from service
295 to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection for a
296 certificate of possession with respect to such assault weapon.

297 (C) Any person who lawfully possesses a 2023 assault weapon
298 pursuant to the provisions of subsection (f) of section 53-202c and whose

299 Form 1 application to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and
300 Explosives has not yet been processed may, instead of following the
301 procedure specified in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, apply by
302 May 1, 2024, to the Department of Emergency Services and Public
303 Protection for a temporary certificate of possession with respect to such
304 assault weapon. Such temporary certificate of possession shall expire on
305 the earlier of January 1, 2027, and the date seven days succeeding a
306 denial of the Form 1 application. When the Form 1 application is
307 approved with respect to such assault weapon, such person may apply
308 to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection to
309 convert such temporary certificate of possession into a certificate of
310 possession with respect to such assault weapon. If a complete
311 application to convert is received, the Commissioner of Emergency
312 Services and Public Protection shall approve the application. For the
313 purposes of this subparagraph, a full and complete Form 1 application
314 submitted to the Department of Emergency Services and Public
315 Protection in a form and manner determined by the department shall be
316 sufficient to constitute a complete application for a temporary certificate
317 of possession, and a copy of the notice that a Form 1 application has
318 been approved shall constitute a complete application to convert a
319 temporary certificate of possession into a certificate of possession. The
320 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall accept
321 applications under this subparagraph both in paper and electronic form,
322 to the extent practicable, and shall not require such applications to be
323 notarized.

324 (5) Any person who obtained a certificate of possession for an assault
325 weapon, as defined in any provision of subparagraphs (A) to (F),
326 inclusive, of subdivision (1) of section 53-202a prior to June 6, 2023, that
327 is also a 2023 assault weapon shall be deemed to have obtained a
328 certificate of possession for such assault weapon for the purposes of
329 sections 53-202a to 53-202k, inclusive, and shall not be required to obtain
330 a subsequent certificate of possession for such assault weapon.

331 (6) The certificate of possession shall contain a description of the

332 firearm that identifies it uniquely, including all identification marks, the
333 full name, address, date of birth and thumbprint of the owner, and any
334 other information as the department may deem appropriate.

335 (7) The department shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the
336 provisions of chapter 54, to establish procedures with respect to the
337 application for and issuance of certificates of possession pursuant to this
338 section. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 1-210 and 1-211, the
339 name and address of a person issued a certificate of possession shall be
340 confidential and shall not be disclosed, except such records may be
341 disclosed to (A) law enforcement agencies and employees of the United
342 States Probation Office acting in the performance of their duties and
343 parole officers within the Department of Correction acting in the
344 performance of their duties, and (B) the Commissioner of Mental Health
345 and Addiction Services to carry out the provisions of subsection (c) of
346 section 17a-500.

347 (b) (1) No assault weapon, as defined in subparagraph (A) of
348 subdivision (1) of section 53-202a, possessed pursuant to a certificate of
349 possession issued under this section may be sold or transferred on or
350 after January 1, 1994, to any person within this state other than to a
351 licensed gun dealer, as defined in subsection (f) of section 53-202f, or as
352 provided in section 53-202e, or as provided in subsection (g) of section
353 53-202f, as amended by this act, or by bequest or intestate succession, or,
354 upon the death of a testator or settlor: (A) To a trust, or (B) from a trust
355 to a beneficiary who is eligible to possess the assault weapon.

356 (2) No assault weapon, as defined in any provision of subparagraphs
357 (B) to (F), inclusive, of subdivision (1) of section 53-202a, possessed
358 pursuant to a certificate of possession issued under this section may be
359 sold or transferred on or after April 5, 2013, to any person within this
360 state other than to a licensed gun dealer, as defined in subsection (f) of
361 section 53-202f, or as provided in section 53-202e, or as provided in
362 subsection (g) of section 53-202f, as amended by this act, or by bequest
363 or intestate succession, or, upon the death of a testator or settlor: (A) To

364 a trust, or (B) from a trust to a beneficiary who is eligible to possess the
365 assault weapon.

366 (3) No 2023 assault weapon possessed pursuant to a certificate of
367 possession issued under this section may be sold or transferred on or
368 after June 6, 2023, to any person within this state other than to a licensed
369 gun dealer, or as provided in section 53-202e, or as provided in
370 subsection (g) of section 53-202f, as amended by this act, or by bequest
371 or intestate succession, or, upon the death of a testator or settlor: (A) To
372 a trust, or (B) from a trust to a beneficiary who is eligible to possess the
373 assault weapon.

374 (c) Any person who obtains title to an assault weapon for which a
375 certificate of possession has been issued under this section by (1)
376 transfer pursuant to subsection (g) of section 53-202f, as amended by
377 this act, or (2) bequest or intestate succession shall, within ninety days
378 of obtaining title, apply to the Department of Emergency Services and
379 Public Protection for a certificate of possession as provided in subsection
380 (a) of this section, render the assault weapon permanently inoperable,
381 sell the assault weapon to a licensed gun dealer or remove the assault
382 weapon from the state.

383 (d) Any person who moves into the state in lawful possession of an
384 assault weapon, shall, within ninety days, either render the assault
385 weapon permanently inoperable, sell the assault weapon to a licensed
386 gun dealer or remove the assault weapon from this state, except that any
387 person who is a member of the military or naval forces of this state or of
388 the United States, is in lawful possession of an assault weapon and has
389 been transferred into the state after October 1, 1994, may, within ninety
390 days of arriving in the state, apply to the Department of Emergency
391 Services and Public Protection for a certificate of possession with respect
392 to such assault weapon.

393 (e) If an owner of an assault weapon sells or transfers the assault
394 weapon to a licensed gun dealer, such dealer shall, at the time of

395 delivery of the assault weapon, execute a certificate of transfer and cause
396 the certificate of transfer to be mailed or delivered to the Commissioner
397 of Emergency Services and Public Protection. The certificate of transfer
398 shall contain: (1) The date of sale or transfer; (2) the name and address
399 of the seller or transferor and the licensed gun dealer, their Social
400 Security numbers or motor vehicle operator license numbers, if
401 applicable; (3) the licensed gun dealer's federal firearms license number
402 and seller's permit number; (4) a description of the assault weapon,
403 including the caliber of the assault weapon and its make, model and
404 serial number; and (5) any other information the commissioner
405 prescribes. The licensed gun dealer shall present such dealer's motor
406 vehicle operator's license or Social Security card, federal firearms license
407 and seller's permit to the seller or transferor for inspection at the time of
408 purchase or transfer. The Commissioner of Emergency Services and
409 Public Protection shall maintain a file of all certificates of transfer at the
410 commissioner's central office.

411 (f) Any person who has been issued a certificate of possession for an
412 assault weapon under this section may possess the assault weapon only
413 under the following conditions:

414 (1) At that person's residence, place of business or other property
415 owned by that person, or on property owned by another person with
416 the owner's express permission;

417 (2) While on the premises of a target range of a public or private club
418 or organization organized for the purpose of practicing shooting at
419 targets;

420 (3) While on a target range which holds a regulatory or business
421 license for the purpose of practicing shooting at that target range;

422 (4) While on the premises of a licensed shooting club;

423 (5) While attending any exhibition, display or educational project
424 which is about firearms and which is sponsored by, conducted under

425 the auspices of, or approved by a law enforcement agency or a
426 nationally or state recognized entity that fosters proficiency in, or
427 promotes education about, firearms;

428 (6) While transporting the assault weapon between any of the places
429 set forth in this subsection, or to any licensed gun dealer, as defined in
430 subsection (f) of section 53-202f, for servicing or repair pursuant to
431 subsection (c) of section 53-202f, or for purposes of a transfer pursuant
432 to subsection (g) of section 53-202f, as amended by this act, provided the
433 assault weapon is transported as required by section 53-202f, as
434 amended by this act;

435 (7) With respect to a nonresident of this state, while transporting a
436 semiautomatic pistol that is defined as an assault weapon in any
437 provision of subparagraphs (B) to (F), inclusive, of subdivision (1) of
438 section 53-202a that the Commissioner of Emergency Services and
439 Public Protection designates as being designed expressly for use in
440 target shooting events at the Olympic games sponsored by the
441 International Olympic Committee pursuant to regulations adopted
442 under subdivision (4) of subsection (b) of section 53-202b, into or
443 through this state in order to attend any exhibition, display or
444 educational project described in subdivision (5) of this subsection, or to
445 participate in a collegiate, Olympic or target pistol shooting competition
446 in this state which is sponsored by, conducted under the auspices of, or
447 approved by a law enforcement agency or a nationally or state
448 recognized entity that fosters proficiency in, or promotes education
449 about, firearms, provided (A) such pistol is transported into or through
450 this state not more than forty-eight hours prior to or after such
451 exhibition, display, project or competition, (B) such pistol is unloaded
452 and carried in a locked carrying case and the ammunition for such pistol
453 is carried in a separate locked container, (C) such nonresident has not
454 been convicted of a felony in this state or of an offense in another state
455 that would constitute a felony if committed in this state, and (D) such
456 nonresident has in his or her possession a pistol permit or firearms
457 registration card if such permit or card is required for possession of such

458 pistol under the laws of his or her state of residence.

459 Sec. 5. Section 53-202f of the general statutes is amended by adding
460 subsection (g) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

461 (NEW) (g) (1) Any licensed gun dealer, as defined in subsection (f) of
462 this section, may take possession of any assault weapon from any
463 person to whom has been issued a certificate of possession for such
464 weapon pursuant to sections 53-202a to 53-202k, inclusive, for purposes
465 of transferring such assault weapon to another person pursuant to
466 subdivision (2) of this subsection.

467 (2) Any licensed gun dealer may transfer possession of any assault
468 weapon received pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection to a
469 person who lawfully possesses another assault weapon and to whom
470 has previously been issued a certificate of possession for such weapon
471 pursuant to sections 53-202a to 53-202k, inclusive.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	53-203
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	26-66
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	53-202w
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	53-202d
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	53-202f(g)

Statement of Purpose:

To (1) clarify provisions concerning the discharge of firearms in the case of self-defense or in lawful defense of another person, including for purposes of regulations concerning hunting, and (2) allow the legal transfer of large capacity magazines possessed under a declaration of possession and assault weapons possessed under a certificate of possession between persons who are legally permitted to possess such magazine or weapon.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]