

HB 37 -- POSSESSION OF A FIREARM

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Under the provisions of this bill, it is unlawful for a person to possess a firearm if he or she has been convicted of a misdemeanor offense of domestic violence or is subject to a court order of protection.

This bill requires any court that issues a full order of protection to prohibit the respondent from possessing or purchasing firearms while the order is in effect. The court must inform the respondent in writing, and orally if the respondent is present. The court must then forward the order to the State Highway Patrol to ensure the information is updated into the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, as specified in the bill.

The bill also requires the court to notify the State Highway Patrol, so that the National Instant Criminal Background Check system can be updated and the Highway Patrol can notify the FBI, when there is a conviction of stalking in the second degree or domestic assault in the fourth degree.

The bill has an emergency clause.

This bill is similar to HB 2131 (2020).