

HB 1189 -- TRANSFER OF FIREARMS

SPONSOR: Lewis (25)

This bill requires all sales or transfers of firearms to be processed by a federally licensed firearms dealer who is first required to conduct a National Instant Criminal Background Check System background check to determine if the purchaser or transferee is legally barred from possessing a firearm. This bill does not require federally licensed dealers to ask for any additional information or take any additional steps beyond those actions currently required by federal law. A transfer fee of no more than \$25 is authorized to be charged by a licensed dealer. This bill ensures that the information obtained by the dealer or submitted to the FBI cannot be disclosed. Certain exceptions for firearm transfers by law enforcement, military personnel, gunsmiths, and persons involved in the transportation of firearms are specified in the bill. Trustees must make use of a licensed dealer to facilitate firearm transfers or authorize the sale of firearm on behalf of heirs. A violation of the provisions of this bill is a class B misdemeanor.

This bill is similar to HB 1529 (2020).