

HB 1878 -- SALE OR TRANSFER OF FIREARMS

SPONSOR: Lewis (25)

This bill provides that no sale or transfer of a firearm may be conducted unless the seller or transferor is a licensed dealer, the purchaser or transferee is a licensed dealer, or the sale or transfer is facilitated by a licensed dealer. The licensed dealer shall conduct a background check in accordance with all relevant federal, state, and local law. A licensed dealer must be used for the transfer of a firearm to an heir or devisee under a trust in accordance with the provisions of the bill.

The provisions of this bill shall not apply to the transfer of a firearm by any law enforcement or corrections officer or agency, a U.S. Marshal, member of the U.S. Armed Forces, federal official, gunsmith receiving a firearm for the purpose of service or repair, common carrier engaged in the business of transportation, or a person transferring a firearm to a relative related within the first degree by consanguinity or affinity.

The investigating law enforcement agency shall report any violation of the provisions of this bill to the Attorney General who shall report the same to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. A violation of the provisions of this bill shall be a class B misdemeanor.

This bill is similar to HB 423 (2023).