

HB 2488 -- FIREARM POSSESSION

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Under the provisions of this bill, a person commits the offense of unlawful possession of a firearm if such person knowingly has a firearm in his or her possession and has been convicted of domestic violence or is subject to an order of protection.

This bill authorizes a court after issuing an order of protection to also prohibit the respondent from knowingly possessing or purchasing a firearm while the order is in effect, informing the respondent in writing, and forwarding the order to the State Highway Patrol so they may update the respondent's record in the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS). The State Highway Patrol must also notify the FBI within 24 hours.

The bill specifies that upon a person's conviction of domestic assault in the fourth degree or stalking in the second degree, the court shall forward the record of conviction to the State Highway Patrol and they shall update the respondent's record in NICS within 24 hours.

The bill defines "Family", "Household member", and "Misdemeanor offense of domestic violence" as these terms pertain to the bill.

The bill has an emergency clause.

This bill is the same as HB 1819 (2024) and similar to HB 1380 (2023).