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HOUSE BILL 26-1144

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING MEASURES TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF
102 THREE-DIMENSIONAL PRINTING TO MANUFACTURE FIREARMS.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill defines 3-dimensional printing to mean additive and subtractive manufacturing. The bill prohibits each of the following:

- Manufacturing or producing a firearm, unfinished frame or receiver, large-capacity magazine, or rapid-fire device (firearm or firearm component) by 3-dimensional printing. The prohibition does not apply to a federally licensed

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Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
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- firearm manufacturer.
- Possessing, in circumstances that indicate intent to manufacture a firearm or firearm component in violation of state law or intent to distribute, digital instructions that may be used to program a 3-dimensional printer or a computer numerical control (CNC) milling machine to manufacture or produce a firearm or firearm component. The prohibition does not apply to a federally licensed firearm manufacturer who possesses digital instructions in circumstances that indicate intent to manufacture a firearm or firearm component.
- Distributing digital instructions that may be used to program a 3-dimensional printer or CNC milling machine to manufacture or produce a firearm or firearm component.

The bill does not prohibit possession of digital instructions in circumstances that indicate intent to distribute to, or distributing digital instructions to, a federally licensed firearm manufacturer.

A violation of any of the prohibitions in the bill is a class 1 misdemeanor; except that a second or subsequent offense is a class 5 felony.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 18-12-118 as
3 follows:

4 **18-12-118. Unlawful three-dimensional printing of a firearm**
5 **or firearm component - possession of firearm or firearm component**
6 **printing plans - distribution of firearm or firearm component**
7 **printing plans - penalties - definitions.**

8 (1) (a) A PERSON SHALL NOT MANUFACTURE OR PRODUCE A
9 FIREARM OR FIREARM COMPONENT BY MEANS OF THREE-DIMENSIONAL
10 PRINTING USING A THREE-DIMENSIONAL PRINTER, CNC MILLING MACHINE,
11 OR SIMILAR DEVICE.

12 (b) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SUBSECTION (1) COMMITS
13 UNLAWFUL THREE-DIMENSIONAL PRINTING OF A FIREARM OR FIREARM
14 COMPONENT. UNLAWFUL THREE-DIMENSIONAL PRINTING OF A FIREARM OR

1 FIREARM COMPONENT IS A CLASS 1 MISDEMEANOR; EXCEPT THAT A
2 SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE IS A CLASS 5 FELONY.

3 (c) THIS SUBSECTION (1) DOES NOT APPLY TO A FEDERALLY
4 LICENSED FIREARM MANUFACTURER.

5 (2) (a) A PERSON SHALL NOT POSSESS, IN CIRCUMSTANCES THAT
6 INDICATE INTENT TO MANUFACTURE A FIREARM OR FIREARM COMPONENT
7 IN VIOLATION OF SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION OR INTENT TO
8 DISTRIBUTE TO A PERSON IN COLORADO WHO IS NOT A FEDERALLY
9 LICENSED FIREARM MANUFACTURER, DIGITAL INSTRUCTIONS THAT MAY BE
10 USED TO PROGRAM A THREE-DIMENSIONAL PRINTER OR A CNC MILLING
11 MACHINE TO MANUFACTURE OR PRODUCE A FIREARM OR FIREARM
12 COMPONENT.

13 (b) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SUBSECTION (2) COMMITS
14 UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF DIGITAL FIREARMS PRODUCTION INSTRUCTIONS.
15 UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF DIGITAL FIREARMS PRODUCTION INSTRUCTIONS
16 IS A CLASS 1 MISDEMEANOR; EXCEPT THAT A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT
17 OFFENSE IS A CLASS 5 FELONY.

18 (c) THIS SUBSECTION (2) DOES NOT APPLY TO A FEDERALLY
19 LICENSED FIREARM MANUFACTURER WHO POSSESSES DIGITAL
20 INSTRUCTIONS IN CIRCUMSTANCES THAT INDICATE INTENT TO
21 MANUFACTURE A FIREARM OR FIREARM COMPONENT.

22 (3) (a) A PERSON SHALL NOT OFFER TO SELL AND SHALL NOT
23 DISTRIBUTE BY ANY MEANS, INCLUDING DISTRIBUTION OVER THE
24 INTERNET, TO A PERSON IN COLORADO WHO IS NOT A FEDERALLY LICENSED
25 FIREARM MANUFACTURER, DIGITAL INSTRUCTIONS THAT MAY BE USED TO
26 PROGRAM A THREE-DIMENSIONAL PRINTER OR A CNC MILLING MACHINE
27 TO MANUFACTURE OR PRODUCE A FIREARM OR FIREARM COMPONENT.

1 (b) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SUBSECTION (3) COMMITS
2 UNLAWFUL DISTRIBUTION OF DIGITAL FIREARMS PRODUCTION
3 INSTRUCTIONS. UNLAWFUL DISTRIBUTION OF DIGITAL FIREARMS
4 PRODUCTION INSTRUCTIONS IS A CLASS 1 MISDEMEANOR; EXCEPT THAT A
5 SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE IS A CLASS 5 FELONY.

6 (4) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE
7 REQUIRES:

8 (a) "CNC MILLING MACHINE" MEANS A COMPUTER NUMERICAL
9 CONTROL MILLING MACHINE.

10 (b) "DIGITAL INSTRUCTIONS" MEANS DIGITAL CODE IN THE FORM
11 OF COMPUTER-AIDED DESIGN FILES OR OTHER CODE OR INSTRUCTIONS
12 STORED AND DISPLAYED IN ELECTRONIC FORMAT AS A DIGITAL MODEL.

13 (c) "DISTRIBUTE" MEANS TO SELL OR TO GIVE OUT, PROVIDE, OR
14 DELIVER TO A PERSON IN THIS STATE, WITH OR WITHOUT CONSIDERATION,
15 WHETHER THE DISTRIBUTOR IS IN-STATE OR OUT-OF-STATE.

16 (d) "FIREARM COMPONENT" MEANS AN UNFINISHED FRAME OR
17 RECEIVER, LARGE-CAPACITY MAGAZINE, OR RAPID-FIRE DEVICE.

18 (e) "LARGE-CAPACITY MAGAZINE" HAS THE SAME MEANING SET
19 FORTH IN SECTION 18-12-301.

20 (f) "THREE-DIMENSIONAL PRINTING" OR "3-D PRINTING" MEANS
21 ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING THAT BUILDS THREE-DIMENSIONAL OBJECTS
22 BY USE OF A THREE-DIMENSIONAL PRINTER OR SIMILAR DEVICE AND
23 SUBTRACTIVE MANUFACTURING THAT CREATES OBJECTS BY REMOVING
24 MATERIAL FROM A WORKPIECE BY USE OF A CNC MILLING MACHINE OR
25 SIMILAR DEVICE.

26 **SECTION 2. Severability.** If any provision of this act or the
27 application of this act to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the

1 invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of the act that
2 can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to
3 this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

4 **SECTION 3. Effective date - applicability.** This act takes effect
5 July 1, 2026, and applies to offenses committed on or after said date.

6 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
7 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
8 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
9 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
10 institutions.