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**HOUSE BILL 10-1411** 

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROCESS FOR RESOLVING A DENIAL OF A TRANSFER OF A FIREARM WHEN THE DENIAL IS BASED ON A PROSPECTIVE TRANSFEREE'S CRIMINAL RECORD, WHICH CRIMINAL RECORD INCLUDES A CASE FOR WHICH THERE APPEARS TO BE NO FINAL

# **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://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries.)

The bill eliminates statutory language requiring the Colorado

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HOUSE n ended 2nd Reading April30, 2010 bureau of investigation (CBI) to deny a transfer of a firearm if information from the national instant criminal background check system (NICS) indicates that (1) the prospective transferee has been arrested for or charged with a crime for which the prospective transferee, if convicted, would be prohibited under state or federal law from purchasing, receiving, or possessing a firearm; and (2) either there has been no final disposition of the case or the final disposition is not noted in the other databases. This language is replaced by new language that requires the CBI to deny a transfer of a firearm if information from the NICS indicates that (1) the prospective transferee has been arrested for or charged with a crime for which the prospective transferee, if convicted, would be prohibited under state or federal law from purchasing, receiving, or possessing a firearm; and (2) the prospective transferee either is released on bond or has been issued a summons to appear in court for resolution of the arrest or charge.

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

**SECTION 1.** 24-33.5-424 (5) (b) and (5) (c), Colorado Revised

Statutes, are amended to read:

24-33.5-424. National instant criminal background check system - state point of contact - grounds for denial of firearm transfer - appeal - rule-making - unlawful acts - repeal. (5) (b) Upon denial of a firearm transfer, the transferor shall provide the transferee with written information prepared by the bureau concerning the procedure by which the transferee, WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DENIAL, may request a review of the denial and of the instant criminal background check records that prompted the denial. WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF RECEIVING SUCH A REQUEST, the bureau shall:

(I) PERFORM A THOROUGH REVIEW OF THE INSTANT CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK RECORDS THAT PROMPTED THE DENIAL; AND

(II) Render a final administrative decision regarding THE denial within thirty days after receiving information from the transferee that demonstrates ALLEGES the transfer was improperly denied.

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(c) In the case of any transfer denied pursuant to paragraph (b) of
subsection (3) of this section, the inability of the transferee BUREAU to
obtain the final disposition of a case that is no longer pending shall not
constitute the basis for the continued denial of the transfer. so long as the
transferee provides a letter signed and verified by the clerk of the court
or his or her designee that indicates that no final case disposition
information is available. Upon presentation of such letter to the bureau,
the bureau shall reverse the denial.
SECTION 2. No appropriation. The general assembly has
determined that this act can be implemented within existing
appropriations, and therefore no separate appropriation of state moneys
is necessary to carry out the purposes of this act.
SECTION 3. Specified effective date. This act shall take effect
upon signature of the governor; except that, this act shall not take effect
if House Bill 10-1391 is not enacted at the Second Regular Session of the
Sixty-seventh General Assembly and does not become law.
SECTION 4. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds,
determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
preservation of the public peace, health, and safety

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