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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS PERFORMED PURSUANT**  
102 **TO THE TRANSFER OF A FIREARM.**

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**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>.)*

Unless a specified exception applies, before any person who is not a licensed gun dealer transfers or attempts to transfer possession of a firearm, he or she shall:

- ! Require that a background check be conducted of the prospective transferee; and

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

! Obtain approval of the transfer from the Colorado bureau of investigation (bureau) after a background check has been requested by a licensed gun dealer.

A prospective firearm transferor shall arrange for the services of one or more licensed gun dealers to obtain a background check. A prospective firearm transferee shall not accept possession of a firearm unless the prospective firearm transferor has obtained approval of the transfer from the bureau after a background check has been requested by a licensed gun dealer.

A prospective firearm transferee shall not knowingly provide false information to a prospective firearm transferor or to a licensed gun dealer for the purpose of acquiring a firearm.

A person who violates the new provisions commits a class 1 misdemeanor.

Under current law, the clerk of the court of every judicial district and probate court in the state must periodically report to the national instant criminal background check system subject to specified court orders relating to mental health or substance abuse.

The bill requires the clerk of the court to also report this information to the Colorado bureau of investigation.

A court, upon becoming aware that the basis upon which a record of a mentally ill person reported by the clerk of the court does not apply or no longer applies, shall:

! Update, correct, modify, or remove the record from any database that the federal or state government maintains and makes available to the national instant criminal background check system, consistent with the rules pertaining to the database; and

! Notify the attorney general that such basis does not apply or no longer applies.

The bill sets forth a judicial process whereby a person who has been prohibited from possessing a firearm may apply or petition for relief from federal firearms prohibitions, as permitted by federal law.

In granting relief to a petitioner, the court shall issue findings that:

! The petitioner is not likely to act in a manner that is dangerous to public safety; and

! Granting relief to the petitioner is not contrary to the public interest.

If the court denies relief to a petitioner, the petitioner may petition the court of appeals to review the denial, including the record of the denying court. A review of a denial shall be de novo in that the court of appeals may, but is not required to, give deference to the decision of the denying court. In reviewing a denial, the court of appeals may receive additional evidence necessary to conduct an adequate review.

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

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 18-12-112 as  
3 follows:

4           **18-12-112. Private firearms transfers - background check**  
5 **required - penalty.** (1) EXCEPT AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (6) OF THIS  
6 SECTION, BEFORE ANY PERSON WHO IS NOT A LICENSED GUN DEALER, AS  
7 DEFINED IN SECTION 12-26.1-106 (6), C.R.S., TRANSFERS OR ATTEMPTS TO  
8 TRANSFER POSSESSION OF A FIREARM, HE OR SHE SHALL:

9           (a) REQUIRE THAT A BACKGROUND CHECK, IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
10 SECTION 24-33.5-424, C.R.S., BE CONDUCTED OF THE PROSPECTIVE  
11 TRANSFEREE; AND

12           (b) OBTAIN APPROVAL OF A TRANSFER FROM THE BUREAU AFTER A  
13 BACKGROUND CHECK HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY A LICENSED GUN DEALER,  
14 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 24-33.5-424, C.R.S.

15           (2) (a) A PROSPECTIVE FIREARM TRANSFEROR WHO IS NOT A  
16 LICENSED GUN DEALER SHALL ARRANGE FOR A LICENSED GUN DEALER TO  
17 OBTAIN THE BACKGROUND CHECK REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION.

18           (b) A LICENSED GUN DEALER WHO OBTAINS A BACKGROUND CHECK  
19 ON A PROSPECTIVE TRANSFEREE SHALL RECORD THE TRANSFER, AS  
20 PROVIDED IN SECTION 12-26-102, C.R.S., AND RETAIN THE RECORDS, AS  
21 PROVIDED IN SECTION 12-26-103, C.R.S., IN THE SAME MANNER AS WHEN  
22 CONDUCTING A SALE, RENTAL, OR EXCHANGE AT RETAIL. THE LICENSED  
23 GUN DEALER SHALL COMPLY WITH ALL STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS,  
24 INCLUDING 18 U.S.C. SEC. 922, AS IF HE OR SHE WERE TRANSFERRING THE  
25 FIREARM FROM HIS OR HER INVENTORY TO THE PROSPECTIVE TRANSFEREE.

26           (c) A LICENSED GUN DEALER WHO OBTAINS A BACKGROUND CHECK

1 FOR A PROSPECTIVE FIREARM TRANSFEROR PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION  
2 SHALL PROVIDE THE FIREARM TRANSFEROR A COPY OF THE RESULTS OF  
3 THE BACKGROUND CHECK, INCLUDING THE BUREAU'S APPROVAL OR  
4 DISAPPROVAL OF THE TRANSFER.

5 (d) A LICENSED GUN DEALER MAY CHARGE A FEE FOR SERVICES  
6 RENDERED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, WHICH FEE SHALL NOT EXCEED  
7 TEN DOLLARS.

8 (3) (a) A PROSPECTIVE FIREARM TRANSFEREE UNDER THIS SECTION  
9 SHALL NOT ACCEPT POSSESSION OF THE FIREARM UNLESS THE PROSPECTIVE  
10 FIREARM TRANSFEROR HAS OBTAINED APPROVAL OF THE TRANSFER FROM  
11 THE BUREAU AFTER A BACKGROUND CHECK HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY A  
12 LICENSED GUN DEALER, AS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (b) OF SUBSECTION  
13 (1) OF THIS SECTION.

14 (b) A PROSPECTIVE FIREARM TRANSFEREE SHALL NOT KNOWINGLY  
15 PROVIDE FALSE INFORMATION TO A PROSPECTIVE FIREARM TRANSFEROR  
16 OR TO A LICENSED GUN DEALER FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING A  
17 FIREARM.

18 (4) IF THE BUREAU APPROVES A TRANSFER OF A FIREARM  
19 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, THE APPROVAL SHALL BE VALID FOR THIRTY  
20 CALENDAR DAYS, DURING WHICH TIME THE TRANSFEROR AND TRANSFEREE  
21 MAY COMPLETE THE TRANSFER.

22 (5) A PERSON WHO TRANSFERS A FIREARM IN VIOLATION OF THE  
23 PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION MAY BE JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY LIABLE FOR  
24 ANY CIVIL DAMAGES PROXIMATELY CAUSED BY THE TRANSFEREE'S  
25 SUBSEQUENT USE OF THE FIREARM.

26 (6) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION DO NOT APPLY TO:

27 (a) A TRANSFER OF AN ANTIQUE FIREARM, AS DEFINED IN 18 U.S.C.

1 SEC. 921(a) (16), AS AMENDED, OR A CURIO OR RELIC, AS DEFINED IN 27  
2 CFR 478.11, AS AMENDED;

3 (b) EXCEPT AS PROHIBITED BY SECTION 18-12-111, A TRANSFER  
4 THAT IS A BONA FIDE GIFT BETWEEN IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS, WHICH  
5 ARE LIMITED TO SPOUSES, PARENTS, CHILDREN, SIBLINGS, GRANDPARENTS,  
6 AND GRANDCHILDREN;

7 (c) A TRANSFER THAT OCCURS BY OPERATION OF LAW OR BECAUSE  
8 OF THE DEATH OF A PERSON FOR WHOM THE PROSPECTIVE TRANSFEROR IS  
9 AN EXECUTOR OR ADMINISTRATOR OF AN ESTATE OR A TRUSTEE OF A  
10 TRUST CREATED IN A WILL;

11 (d) A TRANSFER THAT IS TEMPORARY AND OCCURS WHILE IN THE  
12 HOME OF THE UNLICENSED TRANSFEREE IF:

13 (I) THE UNLICENSED TRANSFEREE IS NOT PROHIBITED FROM  
14 POSSESSING FIREARMS; AND

15 (II) THE UNLICENSED TRANSFEREE REASONABLY BELIEVES THAT  
16 POSSESSION OF THE FIREARM IS NECESSARY TO PREVENT IMMINENT DEATH  
17 OR SERIOUS BODILY INJURY TO THE UNLICENSED TRANSFEREE; OR

18 (e) THE TRANSFER IS A TEMPORARY TRANSFER OF POSSESSION  
19 WITHOUT TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OR A TITLE TO OWNERSHIP, WHICH  
20 TRANSFER TAKES PLACE:

21 (I) AT A SHOOTING RANGE LOCATED IN OR ON PREMISES OWNED OR  
22 OCCUPIED BY A DULY INCORPORATED ORGANIZATION ORGANIZED FOR  
23 CONSERVATION PURPOSES OR TO FOSTER PROFICIENCY IN FIREARMS;

24 (II) AT A TARGET FIREARM SHOOTING COMPETITION UNDER THE  
25 AUSPICES OF, OR APPROVED BY, A STATE AGENCY OR A NONPROFIT  
26 ORGANIZATION; OR

27 (III) WHILE HUNTING, FISHING, OR TRAPPING IF:

1 (A) THE HUNTING, FISHING, OR TRAPPING IS LEGAL IN ALL PLACES  
2 WHERE THE UNLICENSED TRANSFEREE POSSESSES THE FIREARM; AND

3 (B) THE UNLICENSED TRANSFEREE HOLDS ANY LICENSE OR PERMIT  
4 THAT IS REQUIRED FOR SUCH HUNTING, FISHING, OR TRAPPING.

5 (7) (a) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES A PROVISION OF THIS SECTION  
6 COMMITS A CLASS 1 MISDEMEANOR AND SHALL BE PUNISHED IN  
7 ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 18-1.3-501. THE PERSON SHALL ALSO BE  
8 PROHIBITED FROM POSSESSING A FIREARM FOR TWO YEARS, BEGINNING ON  
9 THE DATE OF HIS OR HER CONVICTION.

10 (b) WHEN A PERSON IS CONVICTED OF VIOLATING A PROVISION OF  
11 THIS SECTION, THE CLERK OF THE COURT SHALL REPORT THE CONVICTION  
12 TO THE BUREAU AND TO THE NATIONAL INSTANT CRIMINAL BACKGROUND  
13 CHECK SYSTEM CREATED BY THE FEDERAL "BRADY HANDGUN VIOLENCE  
14 PREVENTION ACT" (PUB.L. 103-159), THE RELEVANT PORTION OF WHICH  
15 IS CODIFIED AT 18 U.S.C. SEC. 922 (t). THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE  
16 INFORMATION INDICATING THAT THE PERSON IS PROHIBITED FROM  
17 POSSESSING A FIREARM FOR TWO YEARS, BEGINNING ON THE DATE OF HIS  
18 OR HER CONVICTION.

19 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-5-142, **amend** (1)  
20 introductory portion; and **add** (4) as follows:

21 **13-5-142. National instant criminal background check system**  
22 **- reporting.** (1) ~~Beginning July 1, 2002~~ ON AND AFTER THE EFFECTIVE  
23 DATE OF THIS SECTION, the clerk of the court of every judicial district in  
24 the state shall ~~periodically~~ report the following information to THE  
25 COLORADO BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION CREATED AND EXISTING PURSUANT  
26 TO SECTION 24-33.5-401, C.R.S., AND TO the national instant criminal  
27 background check system created by the federal "Brady Handgun

1 Violence Prevention Act" (Pub.L. 103-159), the relevant portion of which  
2 is codified at 18 U.S.C. sec. 922 (t):

3 (4) PURSUANT TO SECTION 102 (c) OF THE FEDERAL "NICS  
4 IMPROVEMENT AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2007" (PUB.L. 110-180), A COURT,  
5 UPON BECOMING AWARE THAT THE BASIS UPON WHICH A RECORD  
6 REPORTED BY THE CLERK OF THE COURT PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1) OF  
7 THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY OR NO LONGER APPLIES, SHALL:

8 (a) UPDATE, CORRECT, MODIFY, OR REMOVE THE RECORD FROM  
9 ANY DATABASE THAT THE FEDERAL OR STATE GOVERNMENT MAINTAINS  
10 AND MAKES AVAILABLE TO THE NATIONAL INSTANT CRIMINAL  
11 BACKGROUND CHECK SYSTEM, CONSISTENT WITH THE RULES PERTAINING  
12 TO THE DATABASE; AND

13 (b) NOTIFY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL THAT SUCH BASIS DOES NOT  
14 APPLY OR NO LONGER APPLIES.

15 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 13-5-142.5 as  
16 follows:

17 **13-5-142.5. National instant criminal background check**  
18 **system - judicial process for awarding relief from federal**  
19 **prohibitions - legislative declaration.** (1) **Legislative declaration.** THE  
20 PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION IS TO SET FORTH A JUDICIAL PROCESS WHEREBY  
21 A PERSON MAY APPLY OR PETITION FOR RELIEF FROM FEDERAL FIREARMS  
22 PROHIBITIONS IMPOSED PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SEC. 922 (d) (4) AND (g)  
23 (4), AS PERMITTED BY THE FEDERAL "NICS IMPROVEMENT AMENDMENTS  
24 ACT OF 2007" (PUB.L. 110-180, SEC. 105).

25 (2) **Eligibility.** A PERSON MAY PETITION FOR RELIEF PURSUANT TO  
26 THIS SECTION IF:

27 (a) (I) HE OR SHE HAS BEEN FOUND TO BE INCAPACITATED BY

1 ORDER OF THE COURT PURSUANT TO PART 3 OF ARTICLE 14 OF TITLE 15,  
2 C.R.S.;

3 (II) HE OR SHE HAS BEEN COMMITTED BY ORDER OF THE COURT TO  
4 THE CUSTODY OF THE UNIT IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES THAT  
5 ADMINISTERS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS AND SERVICES, INCLUDING  
6 THOSE RELATED TO MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE, PURSUANT  
7 TO SECTION 27-81-112 OR 27-82-108, C.R.S.; OR

8 (III) THE COURT HAS ENTERED AN ORDER FOR THE PERSON'S  
9 INVOLUNTARY CERTIFICATION FOR SHORT-TERM TREATMENT OF MENTAL  
10 ILLNESS PURSUANT TO SECTION 27-65-107, C.R.S., FOR EXTENDED  
11 CERTIFICATION FOR TREATMENT OF MENTAL ILLNESS PURSUANT TO  
12 SECTION 27-65-108, C.R.S., OR FOR LONG-TERM CARE AND TREATMENT OF  
13 MENTAL ILLNESS PURSUANT TO SECTION 27-65-109, C.R.S.; AND

14 (b) HE OR SHE IS A PERSON TO WHOM THE SALE OR TRANSFER OF A  
15 FIREARM OR AMMUNITION IS PROHIBITED BY 18 U.S.C. SEC. 922 (d) (4), OR  
16 WHO IS PROHIBITED FROM SHIPPING, TRANSPORTING, POSSESSING, OR  
17 RECEIVING A FIREARM OR AMMUNITION PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SEC. 922  
18 (g) (4).

19 (3) **Due process.** IN A COURT PROCEEDING PURSUANT TO THIS  
20 SECTION:

21 (a) THE PETITIONER SHALL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT HIS  
22 OR HER OWN EVIDENCE TO THE COURT CONCERNING HIS OR HER PETITION;

23 (b) THE COURT SHALL REVIEW THE EVIDENCE; AND

24 (c) THE COURT SHALL CREATE AND THEREAFTER MAINTAIN A  
25 RECORD OF THE PROCEEDING.

26 (4) **Proper record.** IN DETERMINING WHETHER TO GRANT RELIEF  
27 TO A PETITIONER PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, THE COURT SHALL RECEIVE



1 EVIDENCE CONCERNING, AND SHALL CONSIDER:

2 (a) THE CIRCUMSTANCES REGARDING THE FIREARMS PROHIBITIONS  
3 IMPOSED BY 18 U.S.C. SEC. 922 (g) (4);

4 (b) THE PETITIONER'S RECORD, WHICH MUST INCLUDE, AT A  
5 MINIMUM, THE PETITIONER'S MENTAL HEALTH RECORDS AND CRIMINAL  
6 HISTORY RECORDS; AND

7 (c) THE PETITIONER'S REPUTATION, WHICH THE COURT SHALL  
8 DEVELOP, AT A MINIMUM, THROUGH CHARACTER WITNESS STATEMENTS,  
9 TESTIMONY, OR OTHER CHARACTER EVIDENCE.

10 (5) **Proper findings.** (a) BEFORE GRANTING RELIEF TO A  
11 PETITIONER PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, THE COURT SHALL ISSUE  
12 FINDINGS THAT:

13 (I) THE PETITIONER IS NOT LIKELY TO ACT IN A MANNER THAT IS  
14 DANGEROUS TO PUBLIC SAFETY; AND

15 (II) GRANTING RELIEF TO THE PETITIONER IS NOT CONTRARY TO  
16 THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

17 (b) (I) IF THE COURT DENIES RELIEF TO A PETITIONER PURSUANT TO  
18 THIS SECTION, THE PETITIONER MAY PETITION THE COURT OF APPEALS TO  
19 REVIEW THE DENIAL, INCLUDING THE RECORD OF THE DENYING COURT.

20 (II) A REVIEW OF A DENIAL SHALL BE DE NOVO IN THAT THE COURT  
21 OF APPEALS MAY, BUT IS NOT REQUIRED TO, GIVE DEFERENCE TO THE  
22 DECISION OF THE DENYING COURT.

23 (III) IN REVIEWING A DENIAL, THE COURT OF APPEALS MAY  
24 RECEIVE ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE NECESSARY TO CONDUCT AN ADEQUATE  
25 REVIEW.

26 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-9-123, **amend** (1)  
27 introductory portion; and **add** (4) as follows:

1           **13-9-123. National instant criminal background check system**  
2   **- reporting.** (1) ~~Beginning July 1, 2002~~ ON AND AFTER THE EFFECTIVE  
3 DATE OF THIS SECTION, the clerk of the probate court shall ~~periodically~~  
4 report the following information to THE COLORADO BUREAU OF  
5 INVESTIGATION CREATED AND EXISTING PURSUANT TO SECTION  
6 24-33.5-401, C.R.S., AND TO the national instant criminal background  
7 check system created by the federal "Brady Handgun Violence Prevention  
8 Act" (Pub.L. 103-159), the relevant portion of which is codified at 18  
9 U.S.C. sec. 922 (t):

10           (4) PURSUANT TO SECTION 102 (c) OF THE FEDERAL "NICS  
11 IMPROVEMENT AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2007" (PUB.L. 110-180), A COURT,  
12 UPON BECOMING AWARE THAT THE BASIS UPON WHICH A RECORD  
13 REPORTED BY THE CLERK OF THE COURT PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1) OF  
14 THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY OR NO LONGER APPLIES, SHALL:

15           (a) UPDATE, CORRECT, MODIFY, OR REMOVE THE RECORD FROM  
16 ANY DATABASE THAT THE FEDERAL OR STATE GOVERNMENT MAINTAINS  
17 AND MAKES AVAILABLE TO THE NATIONAL INSTANT CRIMINAL  
18 BACKGROUND CHECK SYSTEM, CONSISTENT WITH THE RULES PERTAINING  
19 TO THE DATABASE; AND

20           (b) NOTIFY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL THAT SUCH BASIS DOES NOT  
21 APPLY OR NO LONGER APPLIES.

22           **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 13-9-124 as  
23 follows:

24           **13-9-124. National instant criminal background check system**  
25 **- judicial process for awarding relief from federal prohibitions -**  
26 **legislative declaration.** (1) **Legislative declaration.** THE PURPOSE OF  
27 THIS SECTION IS TO SET FORTH A JUDICIAL PROCESS WHEREBY A PERSON

1 MAY APPLY OR PETITION FOR RELIEF FROM FEDERAL FIREARMS  
2 PROHIBITIONS IMPOSED PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SEC. 922 (d) (4) AND (g)  
3 (4), AS PERMITTED BY THE FEDERAL "NICS IMPROVEMENT AMENDMENTS  
4 ACT OF 2007" (PUB.L. 110-180, SEC. 105).

5 (2) **Eligibility.** A PERSON MAY PETITION FOR RELIEF PURSUANT TO  
6 THIS SECTION IF:

7 (a) (I) HE OR SHE HAS BEEN FOUND TO BE INCAPACITATED BY  
8 ORDER OF THE COURT PURSUANT TO PART 3 OF ARTICLE 14 OF TITLE 15,  
9 C.R.S.;

10 (II) HE OR SHE HAS BEEN COMMITTED BY ORDER OF THE COURT TO  
11 THE CUSTODY OF THE UNIT IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES THAT  
12 ADMINISTERS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS AND SERVICES, INCLUDING  
13 THOSE RELATED TO MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE, PURSUANT  
14 TO SECTION 27-81-112 OR 27-82-108, C.R.S.; OR

15 (III) THE COURT HAS ENTERED AN ORDER FOR THE PERSON'S  
16 INVOLUNTARY CERTIFICATION FOR SHORT-TERM TREATMENT OF MENTAL  
17 ILLNESS PURSUANT TO SECTION 27-65-107, C.R.S., FOR EXTENDED  
18 CERTIFICATION FOR TREATMENT OF MENTAL ILLNESS PURSUANT TO  
19 SECTION 27-65-108, C.R.S., OR FOR LONG-TERM CARE AND TREATMENT OF  
20 MENTAL ILLNESS PURSUANT TO SECTION 27-65-109, C.R.S.; AND

21 (b) HE OR SHE IS A PERSON TO WHOM THE SALE OR TRANSFER OF A  
22 FIREARM OR AMMUNITION IS PROHIBITED BY 18 U.S.C. SEC. 922 (d) (4), OR  
23 WHO IS PROHIBITED FROM SHIPPING, TRANSPORTING, POSSESSING, OR  
24 RECEIVING A FIREARM OR AMMUNITION PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SEC. 922  
25 (g) (4).

26 (3) **Due process.** IN A COURT PROCEEDING PURSUANT TO THIS  
27 SECTION:

1 (a) THE PETITIONER SHALL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT HIS  
2 OR HER OWN EVIDENCE TO THE COURT CONCERNING HIS OR HER PETITION;

3 (b) THE COURT SHALL REVIEW THE EVIDENCE; AND

4 (c) THE COURT SHALL CREATE AND THEREAFTER MAINTAIN A  
5 RECORD OF THE PROCEEDING.

6 (4) **Proper record.** IN DETERMINING WHETHER TO GRANT RELIEF  
7 TO A PETITIONER PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, THE COURT SHALL RECEIVE  
8 EVIDENCE CONCERNING, AND SHALL CONSIDER:

9 (a) THE CIRCUMSTANCES REGARDING THE FIREARMS PROHIBITIONS  
10 IMPOSED BY 18 U.S.C. SEC. 922 (g) (4);

11 (b) THE PETITIONER'S RECORD, WHICH MUST INCLUDE, AT A  
12 MINIMUM, THE PETITIONER'S MENTAL HEALTH RECORDS AND CRIMINAL  
13 HISTORY RECORDS; AND

14 (c) THE PETITIONER'S REPUTATION, WHICH THE COURT SHALL  
15 DEVELOP, AT A MINIMUM, THROUGH CHARACTER WITNESS STATEMENTS,  
16 TESTIMONY, OR OTHER CHARACTER EVIDENCE.

17 (5) **Proper findings.** (a) BEFORE GRANTING RELIEF TO A  
18 PETITIONER PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, THE COURT SHALL ISSUE  
19 FINDINGS THAT:

20 (I) THE PETITIONER IS NOT LIKELY TO ACT IN A MANNER THAT IS  
21 DANGEROUS TO PUBLIC SAFETY; AND

22 (II) GRANTING RELIEF TO THE PETITIONER IS NOT CONTRARY TO  
23 THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

24 (b) (I) IF THE COURT DENIES RELIEF TO A PETITIONER PURSUANT TO  
25 THIS SECTION, THE PETITIONER MAY PETITION THE COURT OF APPEALS TO  
26 REVIEW THE DENIAL, INCLUDING THE RECORD OF THE DENYING COURT.

27 (II) A REVIEW OF A DENIAL SHALL BE DE NOVO IN THAT THE COURT

1 OF APPEALS MAY, BUT IS NOT REQUIRED TO, GIVE DEFERENCE TO THE  
2 DECISION OF THE DENYING COURT.

3 (III) IN REVIEWING A DENIAL, THE COURT OF APPEALS MAY  
4 RECEIVE ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE NECESSARY TO CONDUCT AN ADEQUATE  
5 REVIEW.

6 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-12-101, **add** (1)  
7 (b.5) as follows:

8 **18-12-101. Definitions - peace officer affirmative defense.**

9 (1) As used in this article, unless the context otherwise requires:

10 (b.5) "BUREAU" MEANS THE COLORADO BUREAU OF  
11 INVESTIGATION CREATED IN SECTION 24-33.5-401, C.R.S.

12 **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-12-202, **repeal** (1)  
13 as follows:

14 **18-12-202. Definitions.** As used in this part 2, unless the context  
15 otherwise requires:

16 (1) ~~"Bureau" means the Colorado bureau of investigation within~~  
17 ~~the department of public safety.~~

18 **SECTION 8.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-12-103.5, **amend**  
19 (2) as follows:

20 **18-12-103.5. Defaced firearms - contraband - destruction.**

21 (2) Defaced firearms ~~which~~ THAT are deemed to be contraband shall be  
22 placed in the possession of the ~~Colorado bureau of investigation~~ or of a  
23 local law enforcement agency designated by the ~~Colorado bureau of~~  
24 ~~investigation~~ and shall be destroyed or rendered permanently inoperable.

25 **SECTION 9. Effective date.** This act takes effect July 1, 2013.

26 **SECTION 10. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,

- 1 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
- 2 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.