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SYNOPSIS

Establishes “Responsibility in Firearms Sales Act”; requires licensing of firearms manufacturers.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning firearm sales, and supplementing and amending
2 Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. (New section) This act shall be known and may be cited as
8 the "Responsibility in Firearms Sales Act" or "RIFS Act."

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10 2. (New section) The Legislature finds and declares that:

11 a. The people of this State have incurred undue public health
12 costs and financial burdens from injuries and deaths as a result of
13 the use of firearms.

14 b. Ownership of firearms has surged dramatically in this State
15 since 2019.

16 c. According to the most recent data available from the Center
17 for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), there were 48,000
18 firearm-related deaths in the United States in 2022.

19 d. More people suffer nonfatal firearm-related injuries than die.

20 e. Firearm injuries affect people in all stages of life.

21 f. The CDC data indicates that firearm injuries are the leading
22 cause of death among children and teens ages one through 19, and
23 were among the five leading causes of death for people ages one
24 through 44.

25 g. The economic impact of firearm violence is substantial and
26 includes medical and lost productivity costs.

27 h. People who survive a firearm-related injury often experience
28 long-term consequences that may include physical disability from
29 the injury and chronic mental health conditions.

30 i. Therefore, to protect the health, welfare, and safety of the
31 people of this State, the Legislature finds it necessary to require the
32 licensing of firearm manufacturers and to distribute the proceeds
33 from the licensing fees to firearm victims.

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35 3. (New section) As used in this act:

36 "Consumer price index" means the consumer price index for all
37 urban consumers, as published by the United States Department of
38 Labor.

39 "Direct costs" means costs incurred for any one or more of the
40 following: medical treatment and care; medical devices and
41 prescriptions drugs; mental health treatment provided by a licensed
42 psychiatrist, psychologist, social worker, or behavioral therapist;
43 licensed physical therapy, occupational therapy, and rehabilitation
44 services; funeral and burial; emergency transportation; lost wages;
45 emergency relocation; property damage; legal services; or
46 emergency child or dependent care.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

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1 "Distributor of firearms" means a person who supplies firearms
2 to retailers or other businesses that sell firearms to consumers in
3 this State.

4 "Firearm" shall have the same meaning as set forth in subsection
5 f. of N.J.S.2C:39-1.

6 "Firearm injury or death" means an injury to or the death of a
7 person, including any firearm-related suicide or firearm-related
8 homicide, that is caused by a high-velocity projectile fired from a
9 firearm.

10 "First-degree relative" means an individual's parent, sibling, or
11 child.

12 "Manufacturer" shall have the same meaning as set forth in
13 subsection j. of N.J.S.2C:39-1.

14 "Permanent disability" means a permanent physical impairment
15 to a person that is caused by a firearm injury and either prevents the
16 person from working or performing everyday activities or results in
17 paralysis or extended treatment in a long-term acute care facility.

18 "Retail dealer" shall have the same meaning as set forth in
19 subsection l. of N.J.S.2C:39-1.

20 "RIFS Fund" means the Responsibility in Firearm Sales Fund
21 established pursuant to section 6 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending
22 before the Legislature as this bill).

23 "Second-degree relative" means an aunt, uncle, grandparent,
24 grandchild, niece, half-sibling, or other blood relative who is one
25 generation removed.

26 "Superintendent" means the Superintendent of State Police.

27 "Total annual aggregate fee" means the sum of all license fees
28 imposed on manufacturers over one year pursuant to subsection d.
29 of section 4 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
30 Legislature as this bill).

31 "Victim of firearms" means any person who is killed by a firearm
32 injury or suffers a firearm injury; or the next of kin of that person,
33 legal guardian, dependent, first-degree relative, second-degree
34 relative, or employer.

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36 4. (New section) a. Every manufacturer of firearms shall
37 obtain an annual Responsibility in Firearm Sales license from the
38 superintendent pursuant to the provisions of this section. A
39 manufacturer of firearms shall not engage in the business of, or act
40 as a manufacturer of firearms, or manufacture or sell at wholesale
41 any firearm, unless the manufacturer has a valid license issued by
42 the superintendent. A retail dealer of firearms shall not sell a
43 firearm to a consumer in this State unless the manufacturer of that
44 firearm has a valid license.

45 b. Applications for the annual license shall be submitted on
46 forms as prescribed by the superintendent, and the applicant shall
47 provide information and other information as mandated by law or
48 by any rules or regulations adopted by the superintendent pursuant

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1 to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-
2 1 et seq.).

3 c. The superintendent shall issue an annual license upon
4 application made pursuant to the provisions of subsection b. of this
5 section and the collection of a license fee.

6 d. The superintendent shall set the fee for the license in
7 accordance with the following:

8 (1) The total annual aggregate fee for all manufacturers of
9 firearms in this State shall be set at an amount that the
10 superintendent estimates is equal to the public health costs and
11 financial burdens borne by the State and its residents as a result of
12 firearm injuries occurring in this State, as determined by the
13 superintendent based on the incidence of firearm injuries in this
14 State in the previous year, except that during the first year that the
15 license is established, the total annual aggregate fee shall not
16 exceed \$866,000,000.

17 (2) The total annual aggregate fee for all manufacturers of
18 firearms in this State shall annually thereafter be increased by the
19 annual unadjusted percentage increase in the consumer price index
20 for the 12 months ending with the September preceding each
21 November 1, including all previous adjustments.

22 (3) The fee paid by a manufacturer shall be the portion of the
23 total annual aggregate fee equal to the market share of the
24 manufacturer, as determined by the superintendent.

25 (4) The superintendent may adjust the fee paid by a
26 manufacturer based on the number of firearms recovered in a given
27 year in connection with incidents involving firearm injuries that are
28 linked to a specific manufacturer in the State, regardless of
29 modifications or accessories added to the firearm after
30 manufacturing, divided by the total number of firearms recovered in
31 connection with those incidents in that same year.

32 e. The superintendent shall provide notice of the fee amount to
33 a manufacturer at least 90 days prior to the annual renewal date.

34 f. The superintendent shall establish procedures by which a
35 manufacturer may dispute a license fee set by the superintendent.

36 g. The superintendent shall deposit all fees collected pursuant
37 to the provisions of this section into the RIFS Fund established
38 pursuant to section 6 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
39 Legislature as this bill).

40 h. The superintendent shall maintain on an Internet website a
41 list of all manufacturers that possess a valid license, which shall
42 serve as notice to a retail dealer regarding whether the sale of a
43 manufacturer's firearm is authorized pursuant to the provisions of
44 this section. It shall not be a defense to a violation of this section
45 that a retail dealer did not know whether a manufacturer possessed a
46 valid license, provided the manufacturer of the firearm was listed
47 on the Internet website at the time of sale.

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1 5. (New section) a. The Attorney General shall have the
2 authority to investigate any suspected violation of
3 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)
4 and may institute a civil action in a court of competent jurisdiction
5 for equitable or other relief to enforce its provisions.

6 b. A manufacturer who violates the provisions of section 4 of
7 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)
8 shall be subject to a civil penalty of an amount not to exceed \$1
9 million for each month that a violation continues.

10 c. A retailer who violates the provisions of section 4 of P.L. ,
11 c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) shall be
12 subject to a civil penalty of an amount not to exceed \$10,000 per
13 violation.

14 d. Penalties shall be collected by the Attorney General in a
15 civil action by a summary proceeding pursuant to the "Penalty
16 Enforcement Law of 1999," P.L.1999, c.274 (C.2A:58-10 et seq.).

17 e. Any civil penalty or damages collected pursuant to the
18 provisions of this section shall be deposited in the RIFS Fund
19 established pursuant to section 6 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending
20 before the Legislature as this bill).

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22 6. There is established in the Department of the Treasury a
23 special, non-lapsing fund to be known as the "RIFS Fund." The
24 fund shall be administered by the Victims of Crime Compensation
25 Office, in consultation with the superintendent, and money
26 deposited into the RIFS fund shall be used in accordance with the
27 provisions of section 7 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
28 Legislature as this bill) to provide compensation to firearms
29 victims.

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31 7. The Victims of Crime Compensation Office, in consultation
32 with the superintendent, shall administer the RIFS Fund established
33 pursuant to section 6 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
34 Legislature as this bill) and provide an award of compensation to
35 firearms victims to reimburse direct costs associated with a firearm
36 injury or death. The award shall be made in accordance with the
37 provisions of P.L.1971, c.317 (C.52:4B-1 et seq.), except that:

38 a. a victim shall be eligible for compensation for three years
39 following the date of injury, unless the injury resulted in permanent
40 disability; and

41 b. there shall be no monetary limitations on compensation
42 awarded pursuant to the provisions of P.L. , c. (C.)
43 (pending before the Legislature as this bill). However, if the total
44 amount of approved claims exceeds the funds available from the
45 RIFS Fund in any given year, the Victims of Crime Compensation
46 Office shall reduce, to the extent practicable, the award approved
47 for each claimant on a pro rata basis and shall provide claimants
48 with an equal percentage of the total amount of each respective

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1 claimant's approved award. When additional funds become
2 available from the RIFS fund, the Victims of Crime Compensation
3 Office may make supplemental payments to claimants whose
4 approved awards had previously been reduced.

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6 8. N.J.S.2C:58-2 is amended to read as follows:

7 2C:58-2. a. Licensing of retail dealers and their employees. No
8 retail dealer of firearms nor any employee of a retail dealer shall
9 sell or expose for sale, or possess with the intent of selling, any
10 firearm unless licensed to do so as hereinafter provided. The
11 superintendent shall prescribe standards and qualifications for retail
12 dealers of firearms and their employees for the protection of the
13 public safety, health and welfare.

14 Applications shall be made in the form prescribed by the
15 superintendent, accompanied by a fee of \$50 payable to the
16 superintendent, and shall be made to a judge of the Superior Court
17 in the county where the applicant maintains his place of business.
18 The judge shall grant a license to an applicant if he finds that the
19 applicant meets the standards and qualifications established by the
20 superintendent and that the applicant can be permitted to engage in
21 business as a retail dealer of firearms or employee thereof without
22 any danger to the public safety, health and welfare. Each license
23 shall be valid for a period of three years from the date of issuance,
24 and shall authorize the holder to sell firearms at retail in a specified
25 municipality.

26 In addition, every retail dealer shall pay a fee of \$5 for each
27 employee actively engaged in the sale or purchase of firearms. The
28 superintendent shall issue a license for each employee for whom
29 said fee has been paid, which license shall be valid for so long as
30 the employee remains in the employ of said retail dealer.

31 No license shall be granted to any retail dealer under the age of
32 21 years or to any employee of a retail dealer under the age of 18 or
33 to any person who could not qualify to obtain a permit to purchase a
34 handgun or a firearms purchaser identification card, or to any
35 corporation, partnership or other business organization in which the
36 actual or equitable controlling interest is held or possessed by such
37 an ineligible person.

38 All licenses shall be granted subject to the following conditions,
39 for breach of any of which the license shall be subject to revocation
40 on the application of any law enforcement officer and after notice
41 and hearing by the issuing court:

42 (1) The business shall be carried on only in the building or
43 buildings designated in the license, provided that repairs may be
44 made by the dealer or his employees outside of such premises.

45 (2) The license or a copy certified by the issuing authority shall
46 be displayed at all times in a conspicuous place on the business
47 premises where it can be easily read.

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- 1 (3) No firearm or imitation thereof shall be placed in any
2 window or in any other part of the premises where it can be readily
3 seen from the outside.
- 4 (4) No rifle or shotgun, except antique rifles or shotguns, shall
5 be delivered to any person unless such person possesses and
6 exhibits a valid firearms purchaser identification card and furnishes
7 the seller, on the form prescribed by the superintendent, a
8 certification signed by him setting forth his name, permanent
9 address, firearms purchaser identification card number and such
10 other information as the superintendent may by rule or regulation
11 require. The certification shall be retained by the dealer and shall
12 be made available for inspection by any law enforcement officer at
13 any reasonable time.
- 14 (5) No handgun shall be delivered to any person unless:
- 15 (a) Such person possesses and exhibits a valid permit to
16 purchase a firearm and at least seven days have elapsed since the
17 date of application for the permit;
- 18 (b) The person is personally known to the seller or presents
19 evidence of his identity;
- 20 (c) The handgun is unloaded and securely wrapped;
- 21 (d) The handgun is accompanied by a trigger lock or a locked
22 case, gun box, container or other secure facility; provided, however,
23 this provision shall not apply to antique handguns or personalized
24 handguns included in the roster pursuant to section 2 of P.L.2019,
25 c.164 (C.2C:58-2.8). The exemptions afforded under this
26 subparagraph for antique handguns and personalized handguns shall
27 be narrowly construed, limited solely to the requirements set forth
28 herein and shall not be deemed to afford or authorize any other
29 exemption from the regulatory provisions governing firearms set
30 forth in chapter 39 and chapter 58 of Title 2C of the New Jersey
31 Statutes; and
- 32 (e) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2019, c.164)
- 33 (6) The dealer shall keep a true record of every handgun sold,
34 given or otherwise delivered or disposed of, in accordance with the
35 provisions of subsections b. through e. of this section and the record
36 shall note whether a trigger lock, locked case, gun box, container or
37 other secure facility was delivered along with the handgun.
- 38 (7) A dealer shall not knowingly deliver more than one handgun
39 to any person within any 30-day period. This limitation shall not
40 apply to:
- 41 (a) a federal, State, or local law enforcement officer or agency
42 purchasing handguns for use by officers in the actual performance
43 of their law enforcement duties;
- 44 (b) a collector of handguns as curios or relics as defined in Title
45 18, United States Code, section 921 (a) (13) who has in his
46 possession a valid Collector of Curios and Relics License issued by
47 the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives;

1 (c) transfers of handguns among licensed retail dealers,
2 registered wholesale dealers and registered manufacturers;

3 (d) any transaction where the person has purchased a handgun
4 from a licensed retail dealer and has returned that handgun to the
5 dealer in exchange for another handgun within 30 days of the
6 original transaction, provided the retail dealer reports the exchange
7 transaction to the superintendent; or

8 (e) any transaction where the superintendent issues an
9 exemption from the prohibition in this subsection pursuant to the
10 provisions of section 4 of P.L.2009, c.186 (C.2C:58-3.4).

11 (8) A firearm shall not be sold to a consumer in this State unless
12 the manufacturer of that firearm is in possession of a valid
13 Responsibility in Firearms Sales license pursuant to the provisions
14 of subsection b. of section 4 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending
15 before the Legislature as this bill).

16 b. Records. (1) Every person engaged in the retail business of
17 selling, leasing or otherwise transferring a handgun, as a retail
18 dealer or otherwise, shall keep a register in which shall be entered
19 the time of the sale, lease or other transfer, the date thereof, the
20 name, age, date of birth, occupation, residence and a physical
21 description including distinguishing physical characteristics, if any,
22 of the purchaser, lessee or transferee, the name and permanent home
23 address of the person making the sale, lease or transfer, the place of
24 the transaction, and the make, model, manufacturer's number,
25 caliber and other marks of identification on such handgun and such
26 other information as the superintendent shall deem necessary for the
27 proper enforcement of this chapter. The register shall be retained
28 by the dealer and shall be made available at all reasonable hours for
29 inspection by any law enforcement officer.

30 (2) Every person engaged in the retail business of selling,
31 leasing, or otherwise transferring handgun ammunition, as a retail
32 dealer or otherwise, shall keep an electronic record in which shall
33 be entered the name of the manufacturer; the date of the transaction;
34 the type; caliber or gauge of the ammunition; the quantity of the
35 ammunition sold; the name, address, and date of birth of the
36 purchaser; the identification used to establish the identity of the
37 purchaser; and any other information the superintendent shall deem
38 necessary for the proper enforcement of this chapter.

39 The electronic records shall be retained by the dealer and shall be
40 made available at all reasonable hours for inspection by any law
41 enforcement officer, and additionally shall be electronically
42 reported to the superintendent in accordance with section 5 of
43 P.L.2022, c.55 (C.2C:58-3.3a).

44 (3) Every retail dealer in the business of selling or otherwise
45 transferring handgun ammunition shall immediately electronically
46 report to the State Police any transaction involving the sale,
47 transfer, assignment, or disposition of 2,000 or more rounds of

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1 handgun ammunition and information relating to each transaction in
2 accordance with this subsection.

3 Until the implementation of the electronic record system
4 described in paragraph (2) of subsection b. of this section or section
5 5 of P.L.2022, c.55 (C.2C:58-3.3a), the retail dealer shall
6 immediately contact the State Police regarding the sale, transfer,
7 assignment, or disposition of 2,000 or more rounds of handgun
8 ammunition in accordance with guidelines established by the
9 superintendent.

10 c. Forms of register.

11 (1) Until the implementation of the electronic record system
12 described in paragraph (2) of subsection b. of this section or section
13 5 of P.L.2022, c.55 (C.2C:58-3.3a), the superintendent shall prepare
14 the form of the register as described in paragraph (1) of subsection
15 b. of this section and furnish the same in triplicate to each person
16 licensed to be engaged in the business of selling, leasing or
17 otherwise transferring firearms.

18 (2) All retail dealers of handgun ammunition shall establish a
19 system for maintaining electronic records of the sale or transfer of
20 handgun ammunition within 12 months after the effective date of
21 P.L.2022, c.55 (C.2C:58-3.3a et al.).

22 d. Signatures in register. Until the dealer implements an
23 electronic record system as described in paragraph (2) of subsection
24 b. of this section or section 5 of P.L.2022, c.55 (C.2C:58-3.3a), the
25 purchaser, lessee or transferee of any handgun shall sign, and the
26 dealer shall require him to sign his name to the register, in
27 triplicate, and the person making the sale, lease or transfer shall
28 affix his name, in triplicate, as a witness to the signature. The
29 signatures, or the entry of an electronic signature in the electronic
30 record system pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection b. of this
31 section or section 5 of P.L.2022, c.55 (C.2C:58-3.3a), shall
32 constitute a representation of the accuracy of the information
33 contained in the register.

34 e. Copies of register entries; delivery to chief of police or
35 county clerk.

36 (1) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2) of this
37 subsection, within five days of the date of the sale, assignment or
38 transfer, the dealer shall deliver or mail by certified mail, return
39 receipt requested, legible copies of the register forms to the office
40 of the chief of police of the municipality in which the purchaser
41 resides, or to the office of the captain of the precinct of the
42 municipality in which the purchaser resides, and to the
43 superintendent. If hand delivered a receipt shall be given to the
44 dealer therefor.

45 Where a sale, assignment or transfer is made to a purchaser who
46 resides in a municipality having no chief of police, the dealer shall,
47 within five days of the transaction, mail a duplicate copy of the

1 register sheet to the clerk of the county within which the purchaser
2 resides.

3 (2) A dealer shall not be required to use the triplicate form after
4 the dealer establishes an electronic reporting system pursuant to
5 paragraph (2) of subsection b. of this section or section 5 of
6 P.L.2022, c.55 (C.2C:58-3.3a).
7 (cf: P.L.2022, c.55, s.2)

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9 9. This act shall take effect on the first day of the third year
10 next following enactment, except that the superintendent may take
11 any anticipatory administrative action required for the
12 implementation of this act.

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15 STATEMENT

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17 This bill establishes the “Responsibility in Firearms Sales Act.”
18 Under the bill, a manufacturer of firearms is prohibited from
19 manufacturing or selling any firearm at wholesale unless the
20 manufacturer holds a valid “Responsibility in Firearms Sales”
21 license issued by the Superintendent of State Police.

22 The bill requires a manufacturer to complete an application and
23 pay an annual fee to obtain a license. Under the bill, the fee for the
24 license is to be set by the superintendent, as follows:

25 (1) The total annual aggregate fee for all manufacturers of
26 firearms in this State is to be set at an amount that the
27 superintendent estimates is equal to the public health costs and
28 financial burdens borne by the State and its residents as a result of
29 firearm injuries occurring in this State, as determined by the
30 superintendent based on the incidence of firearm injuries in this
31 State in the previous year, except that during the first year the
32 license is established, the total annual aggregate fee shall not
33 exceed \$866,000,000.

34 (2) The total annual aggregate fee for all manufacturers of
35 firearms in this State is to annually thereafter be increased by the
36 annual unadjusted percentage increase in the consumer price index
37 for the 12 months ending with the September preceding each
38 November 1, including all previous adjustments.

39 (3) The fee paid by a manufacturer is to be the portion of the
40 total annual aggregate fee equal to the market share of the
41 manufacturer, as determined by the superintendent.

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43 manufacturer based on the number of firearms recovered in a given
44 year in connection with incidents involving firearm injuries that are
45 linked to a specific manufacturer in the State, regardless of
46 modifications or accessories added to the firearm after
47 manufacturing, divided by the total number of firearms recovered in
48 connection with those incidents in that same year.

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2 the fee amount to a manufacturer at least 90 days prior to the annual
3 renewal date. The bill requires the superintendent to establish
4 procedures for a manufacturer to dispute the fee amount.

5 The bill prohibits a retail dealer of firearms from selling a
6 firearm to a consumer in this State unless the manufacturer of that
7 firearm has a valid license.

8 Under the bill, the superintendent is required to maintain on an
9 Internet website a list of all manufacturers that possess a valid
10 license, which is to serve as notice to a retail dealer of whether the
11 sale of a manufacturer's firearm is authorized under the bill. The
12 bill provides that it is not a defense to a violation of provisions of
13 the bill that a retailer dealer did not know whether a manufacturer
14 possessed a valid license, provided the manufacturer of the firearm
15 was listed on the Internet website at the time of sale.

16 The bill authorizes the Attorney General to investigate any
17 suspected violation of the bill's provisions and to institute a civil
18 action in a court of competent jurisdiction for equitable or other
19 relief.

20 Under the bill, a manufacturer that violates the bill's provisions
21 is subject to a civil penalty of up to \$1 million for each month the
22 violation continues. A retail dealer who violates the bill's
23 provisions is subject to a civil penalty of up to \$10,000 per violation
24 and may have their retail dealer license revoked.

25 The bill provides that all fees and penalties collected under its
26 provisions are to be deposited in a special, non-lapsing fund
27 established in the Department of Treasury, to be known as the
28 "RIFS Fund."

29 Under the bill, the fund is to be administered by the Victims of
30 Crime Compensation Office (VCCO), in consultation with the
31 superintendent, and moneys deposited into the RIFS fund are to be
32 used to provide an award of compensation to firearms victims to
33 reimburse direct costs associated with a firearm injury or death.

34 The bill provides that a victim is eligible for compensation for
35 three years following the date of injury, unless the injury results in
36 permanent disability. Under the bill, there is no monetary limitation
37 on an award of compensation. However, if the total amount of
38 approved claims exceeds the funds available from the RIFS Fund in
39 any given year, the VCCO is to reduce, to the extent practicable, the
40 award approved for each claimant on a pro rata basis and is to
41 provide claimants with an equal percentage of the total amount of
42 each respective claimant's approved award. When additional funds
43 become available from the RIFS fund, the VCCO may make
44 supplemental payments to claimants whose approved awards had
45 previously been reduced.

46 The bill defines "victim of firearms" to mean any person who is
47 killed by a firearm injury or suffers a firearm injury; or the next of
48 kin of that person, legal guardian, dependent, first-degree relative,

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1 second-degree relative, or employer. The bill defines "firearm
2 injury or death" to mean an injury to or the death of a person,
3 including firearm-related suicides and firearm-related homicides,
4 that is caused by a high-velocity projectile fired from a firearm.
5 The Legislature finds that the economic impact of firearm
6 violence is substantial and includes medical and lost productivity
7 costs, and that people who survive a firearm-related injury often
8 experience long-term consequences that may include physical
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