

SB3837



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Introduced 2/6/2026, by Sen. Terri Bryant

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

430 ILCS 65/3

from Ch. 38, par. 83-3

Amends the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act. Provides that any person who is a registered participant in a competitive shooting event that is sanctioned by a national governing body and held at the World Shooting Complex in the City of Sparta and who is not prohibited by the laws of Illinois, the state of his or her domicile, or the United States from obtaining, possessing, or using a firearm may purchase or obtain ammunition for a handgun, rifle, shotgun, or other long gun at the competitive shooting event.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning safety.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Firearm Owners Identification Card Act is
5 amended by changing Section 3 as follows:

6 (430 ILCS 65/3) (from Ch. 38, par. 83-3)

7 Sec. 3. (a) Except as provided in Section 3a, no person may
8 knowingly transfer, or cause to be transferred, any firearm,
9 firearm ammunition, stun gun, or taser to any person within
10 this State unless the transferee with whom he deals displays
11 either: (1) a currently valid Firearm Owner's Identification
12 Card which has previously been issued in his or her name by the
13 Illinois State Police under the provisions of this Act; or (2)
14 a currently valid license to carry a concealed firearm which
15 has previously been issued in his or her name by the Illinois
16 State Police under the Firearm Concealed Carry Act. In
17 addition, all firearm, stun gun, and taser transfers by
18 federally licensed firearm dealers are subject to Section 3.1
19 and beginning January 1, 2027, the federally licensed firearm
20 dealers shall check the Illinois State Police Internet-based
21 system upon which the serial numbers of firearms that have
22 been reported stolen are available for public access for
23 individuals to ensure any firearms are not reported stolen

1 prior to the sale or transfer of a firearm under subsection
2 (a-25) of this Section. New firearms shipped directly from the
3 manufacturer are exempt from this provision.

4 (a-5) Any person who is not a federally licensed firearm
5 dealer and who desires to transfer or sell a firearm while that
6 person is on the grounds of a gun show must, before selling or
7 transferring the firearm, request the Illinois State Police to
8 conduct a background check on the prospective recipient of the
9 firearm in accordance with Section 3.1 and beginning January
10 1, 2027, the person who is not a federally licensed firearm
11 dealer shall check the Illinois State Police Internet-based
12 system upon which the serial numbers of firearms that have
13 been reported stolen are available for public access for
14 individuals to ensure any firearms are not reported stolen
15 prior to the sale or transfer of a firearm under subsection
16 {a-25} of this Section. New firearms shipped directly from the
17 manufacturer are exempt from this provision.

18 (a-10) Notwithstanding item (2) of subsection (a) of this
19 Section, any person who is not a federally licensed firearm
20 dealer and who desires to transfer or sell a firearm or
21 firearms to any person who is not a federally licensed firearm
22 dealer shall, before selling or transferring the firearms,
23 contact a federal firearm license dealer under paragraph (1)
24 of subsection (a-15) of this Section to conduct the transfer
25 or the Illinois State Police with the transferee's or
26 purchaser's Firearm Owner's Identification Card number to

1 determine the validity of the transferee's or purchaser's
2 Firearm Owner's Identification Card under State and federal
3 law, including the National Instant Criminal Background Check
4 System. This subsection shall not be effective until July 1,
5 2023. Until that date the transferor shall contact the
6 Illinois State Police with the transferee's or purchaser's
7 Firearm Owner's Identification Card number to determine the
8 validity of the card. The Illinois State Police may adopt
9 rules concerning the implementation of this subsection. The
10 Illinois State Police shall provide the seller or transferor
11 an approval number if the purchaser's Firearm Owner's
12 Identification Card is valid. Approvals issued by the Illinois
13 State Police for the purchase of a firearm pursuant to this
14 subsection are valid for 30 days from the date of issue.

15 (a-15) The provisions of subsection (a-10) of this Section
16 do not apply to:

17 (1) transfers that occur at the place of business of a
18 federally licensed firearm dealer, if the federally
19 licensed firearm dealer conducts a background check on the
20 prospective recipient of the firearm in accordance with
21 Section 3.1 of this Act and follows all other applicable
22 federal, State, and local laws as if he or she were the
23 seller or transferor of the firearm, although the dealer
24 is not required to accept the firearm into his or her
25 inventory. The purchaser or transferee may be required by
26 the federally licensed firearm dealer to pay a fee not to

1 exceed \$25 per firearm, which the dealer may retain as
2 compensation for performing the functions required under
3 this paragraph, plus the applicable fees authorized by
4 Section 3.1;

5 (2) transfers as a bona fide gift to the transferor's
6 husband, wife, son, daughter, stepson, stepdaughter,
7 father, mother, stepfather, stepmother, brother, sister,
8 nephew, niece, uncle, aunt, grandfather, grandmother,
9 grandson, granddaughter, father-in-law, mother-in-law,
10 son-in-law, or daughter-in-law;

11 (3) transfers by persons acting pursuant to operation
12 of law or a court order;

13 (4) transfers on the grounds of a gun show under
14 subsection (a-5) of this Section;

15 (5) the delivery of a firearm by its owner to a
16 gunsmith for service or repair, the return of the firearm
17 to its owner by the gunsmith, or the delivery of a firearm
18 by a gunsmith to a federally licensed firearms dealer for
19 service or repair and the return of the firearm to the
20 gunsmith;

21 (6) temporary transfers that occur while in the home
22 of the unlicensed transferee, if the unlicensed transferee
23 is not otherwise prohibited from possessing firearms and
24 the unlicensed transferee reasonably believes that
25 possession of the firearm is necessary to prevent imminent
26 death or great bodily harm to the unlicensed transferee;

1 (7) transfers to a law enforcement or corrections
2 agency or a law enforcement or corrections officer acting
3 within the course and scope of his or her official duties;

4 (8) transfers of firearms that have been rendered
5 permanently inoperable to a nonprofit historical society,
6 museum, or institutional collection; and

7 (9) transfers to a person who is exempt from the
8 requirement of possessing a Firearm Owner's Identification
9 Card under Section 2 of this Act.

10 (a-20) The Illinois State Police shall develop an
11 Internet-based system for individuals to determine the
12 validity of a Firearm Owner's Identification Card prior to the
13 sale or transfer of a firearm. The Illinois State Police shall
14 have the Internet-based system updated and available for use
15 by January 1, 2024. The Illinois State Police shall adopt
16 rules not inconsistent with this Section to implement this
17 system; but no rule shall allow the Illinois State Police to
18 retain records in contravention of State and federal law. On
19 or before January 1, 2027, the Internet-based system shall
20 include a written notice, in both English and Spanish, of a
21 firearm owner's obligation to report to local law enforcement
22 any lost or stolen firearm within 48 hours after the owner
23 first discovers the loss or theft.

24 (a-25) On or before January 1, 2022, the Illinois State
25 Police shall develop an Internet-based system upon which the
26 serial numbers of firearms that have been reported stolen are

1 available for public access for individuals to ensure any
2 firearms are not reported stolen prior to the sale or transfer
3 of a firearm under this Section. The Illinois State Police
4 shall have the Internet-based system completed and available
5 for use by July 1, 2022. The Illinois State Police shall adopt
6 rules not inconsistent with this Section to implement this
7 system. On or before January 1, 2027, the Illinois State
8 Police shall make the Internet-based system created under this
9 subsection accessible to federally licensed firearms dealers
10 to verify that the make, model, and serial numbers of firearms
11 that are being bought, sold, or transferred by the dealers
12 have not been reported stolen and shall also provide a receipt
13 or approval number to a transferor or federally licensed
14 firearms dealer as verification that the firearm being
15 transferred did not appear on the stolen firearm database.

16 (a-30) On or before January 1, 2027, the Illinois State
17 Police shall establish an electronic mechanism by which law
18 enforcement shall report individuals who have failed to report
19 the loss or theft of a firearm pursuant to Section 24-4.1 of
20 the Criminal Code of 2012.

21 (b) Any person within this State who transfers or causes
22 to be transferred any firearm, stun gun, or taser shall keep a
23 record of such transfer for a period of 10 years from the date
24 of transfer. Any person within this State who receives any
25 firearm, stun gun, or taser pursuant to subsection (a-10)
26 shall provide a record of the transfer within 10 days of the

1 transfer to a federally licensed firearm dealer and shall not
2 be required to maintain a transfer record. The federally
3 licensed firearm dealer shall maintain the transfer record for
4 20 years from the date of receipt. A federally licensed
5 firearm dealer may charge a fee not to exceed \$25 to retain the
6 record. The record shall be provided and maintained in either
7 an electronic or paper format. The federally licensed firearm
8 dealer shall not be liable for the accuracy of any information
9 in the transfer record submitted pursuant to this Section.
10 Such records shall contain the date of the transfer; the
11 description, serial number or other information identifying
12 the firearm, stun gun, or taser if no serial number is
13 available; and, if the transfer was completed within this
14 State, the transferee's Firearm Owner's Identification Card
15 number and any approval number or documentation provided by
16 the Illinois State Police pursuant to subsection (a-10) of
17 this Section; if the transfer was not completed within this
18 State, the record shall contain the name and address of the
19 transferee. On or after January 1, 2006, the record shall
20 contain the date of application for transfer of the firearm.
21 On demand of a peace officer such transferor shall produce for
22 inspection such record of transfer. For any transfer pursuant
23 to subsection (a-10) of this Section, on the demand of a peace
24 officer, such transferee shall identify the federally licensed
25 firearm dealer maintaining the transfer record. If the
26 transfer or sale took place at a gun show, the record shall

1 include the unique identification number. Failure to record
2 the unique identification number or approval number is a petty
3 offense. For transfers of a firearm, stun gun, or taser made on
4 or after January 18, 2019 (the effective date of Public Act
5 100-1178), failure by the private seller to maintain the
6 transfer records in accordance with this Section, or failure
7 by a transferee pursuant to subsection a-10 of this Section to
8 identify the federally licensed firearm dealer maintaining the
9 transfer record, is a Class A misdemeanor for the first
10 offense and a Class 4 felony for a second or subsequent offense
11 occurring within 10 years of the first offense and the second
12 offense was committed after conviction of the first offense.
13 Whenever any person who has not previously been convicted of
14 any violation of subsection (a-5), the court may grant
15 supervision pursuant to and consistent with the limitations of
16 Section 5-6-1 of the Unified Code of Corrections. A transferee
17 or transferor shall not be criminally liable under this
18 Section provided that he or she provides the Illinois State
19 Police with the transfer records in accordance with procedures
20 established by the Illinois State Police. The Illinois State
21 Police shall establish, by rule, a standard form on its
22 website.

23 (b-5) Any resident may purchase ammunition from a person
24 within or outside of Illinois if shipment is by United States
25 mail or by a private express carrier authorized by federal law
26 to ship ammunition. Any resident purchasing ammunition within

1 or outside the State of Illinois must provide the seller with a
2 copy of his or her valid Firearm Owner's Identification Card
3 or valid concealed carry license and either his or her
4 Illinois driver's license or Illinois State Identification
5 Card prior to the shipment of the ammunition. The ammunition
6 may be shipped only to an address on either of those 2
7 documents.

8 (b-10) Any person who is a registered participant of a
9 competitive shooting event that is sanctioned by a national
10 governing body and held at the World Shooting Complex in the
11 City of Sparta and who is not prohibited by the laws of
12 Illinois, the state of his or her domicile, or the United
13 States from obtaining, possessing, or using a firearm may
14 purchase or obtain ammunition for a handgun, rifle, shotgun,
15 or other long gun at the competitive shooting event.

16 (c) The provisions of this Section regarding the transfer
17 of firearm ammunition shall not apply to those persons
18 specified in paragraph (b) of Section 2 of this Act.

19 (Source: P.A. 104-31, eff. 1-1-26.)