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# Bill Analysis

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## SUMMARY


- Excepts a person who is 18 years old or older and under 21 years old from specified offenses involving the sale or furnishing of a handgun, if the person selling or furnishing the handgun is a federally licensed firearms dealer.
- Excepts a person who is 18 years old or older and under 21 years old from specified offenses involving the purchase or attempted purchase of a handgun, if the person is purchasing or attempting to purchase the handgun from a federally licensed firearms dealer.


## DETAILED ANALYSIS

### Improperly furnishing firearms to a minor

#### Offense

Under continuing law, the offense of "improperly furnishing firearms to a minor" prohibits a person from doing any of the following:[1]

1. Selling any firearm to a person under 18 years old;
2. Selling any handgun to a person under 21 years old;
3. Furnishing any firearm to a person under 18 years old or furnishing any handgun to a person under 21 years old, except for lawful hunting, sporting, or educational purposes, including instruction in firearm or handgun safety, care, handling, or marksmanship under the supervision or control or a responsible adult;

[1] R.C. 2923.21(B)(1) to (7).

4. Selling or furnishing a firearm to a person 18 years old or older if the seller or furnisher knows, or has reason to know, that the person is purchasing or receiving the firearm for the purpose of selling the firearm in violation of (1) to a person who is under 18 years old or for the purpose of furnishing the firearm in violation of (3) to a person who is under 18 years old;
5. Selling or furnishing a handgun to a person 21 years old or older if the seller or furnisher knows, or has reason to know, that the person is purchasing or receiving the handgun for the purpose of selling the handgun in violation of (2) to a person under 21 years old or for the purpose of furnishing the handgun in violation of (3) to a person who is under 21 years old;
6. Purchasing or attempting to purchase any firearm with the intent to sell the firearm in violation of (1) to a person under 18 years old or with the intent to furnish the firearm in violation of (3) to a person under 18 years old;
7. Purchasing or attempting to purchase any handgun with the intent to sell the handgun in violation of (2) to a person under 21 years old or with the intent to furnish the handgun in violation of (3) to a person under 21 years old.

The continuing law penalty for a violation of the offense is a fifth degree felony.[2]

### Exception for sale of handgun by federally licensed firearms dealer

The bill provides an exception for (2) and (3) above. The offense does not apply to the sale and furnishing of a handgun to a person who is 18 years old or older and under 21 years old if the person selling or furnishing the handgun to the person 18 years old or older and under 21 years old is a "federally licensed firearms dealer."[3]

## Underage purchase of a firearm or handgun

### Offenses

Under continuing law, the offense of "underage purchase of a firearm" prohibits a person under 18 years old from purchasing or attempting to purchase a firearm.[4] The penalty for a violation of the offense is a delinquent act that would be a fourth degree felony if committed by an adult.[5]

[2] R.C. 2923.21(D).

[3] R.C. 2923.21(C)(2).

[4] R.C. 2923.211(B).

[5] R.C. 2923.211(D).

Under continuing law, the offense of "underage purchase of a handgun" prohibits a person under 21 years old from purchasing or attempting to purchase a handgun.[6] The penalty for a violation of the offense is a second degree misdemeanor.[7]

### Exception for purchase of handgun from federally licensed firearms dealer

The bill provides an exception to the offenses above. The offenses do not apply to the purchase or attempted purchase of a handgun by a person who is 18 years old or older and under 21 years old if the person purchases or attempts to purchase the handgun from a "federally licensed firearms dealer."[8]

## Definitions

The bill uses the existing law definition of "**federally licensed firearms dealer**," meaning an importer, manufacturer, or dealer having a license to deal in destructive devices or their ammunition under the federal "Gun Control Act of 1968."[9]

## Cross references

The bill makes cross reference changes.[10]

# HISTORY

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[6] R.C. 2923.211(C).

[7] R.C. 2923.211(D).

[8] R.C. 2923.211(C)(2).

[9] R.C. 2923.21(A) and 2923.211(A), by reference to R.C. 5502.63(A), not in the bill and 18 United States Code 923.

[10] R.C. 2152.022(D), 2152.02(E)(4), 2152.16(A)(1)(e), and 2930.01(O)(4).