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**HOUSE BILL 26-1144**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING MEASURES TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF**  
102 **THREE-DIMENSIONAL PRINTING TO MANUFACTURE FIREARMS.**

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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://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

The bill defines 3-dimensional printing to mean additive and subtractive manufacturing. The bill prohibits each of the following:

- Manufacturing or producing a firearm, unfinished frame or receiver, large-capacity magazine, or rapid-fire device (firearm or firearm component) by 3-dimensional printing. The prohibition does not apply to a federally licensed

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.*  
*Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.*

- firearm manufacturer.
- Possessing, in circumstances that indicate intent to manufacture a firearm or firearm component in violation of state law or intent to distribute, digital instructions that may be used to program a 3-dimensional printer or a computer numerical control (CNC) milling machine to manufacture or produce a firearm or firearm component. The prohibition does not apply to a federally licensed firearm manufacturer who possesses digital instructions in circumstances that indicate intent to manufacture a firearm or firearm component.
- Distributing digital instructions that may be used to program a 3-dimensional printer or CNC milling machine to manufacture or produce a firearm or firearm component.

The bill does not prohibit possession of digital instructions in circumstances that indicate intent to distribute to, or distributing digital instructions to, a federally licensed firearm manufacturer.

A violation of any of the prohibitions in the bill is a class 1 misdemeanor; except that a second or subsequent offense is a class 5 felony.

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

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 18-12-118 as  
3 follows:

4           **18-12-118. Unlawful three-dimensional printing of a firearm**  
5 **or firearm component - possession of firearm or firearm component**  
6 **printing plans - distribution of firearm or firearm component**  
7 **printing plans - penalties - definitions.**

8           (1) (a) A PERSON SHALL NOT **KNOWINGLY** MANUFACTURE OR  
9 PRODUCE A FIREARM OR FIREARM COMPONENT BY MEANS OF  
10 THREE-DIMENSIONAL PRINTING USING A THREE-DIMENSIONAL PRINTER,  
11 CNC MILLING MACHINE, OR SIMILAR DEVICE.

12           (b) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SUBSECTION (1) COMMITS  
13 UNLAWFUL THREE-DIMENSIONAL PRINTING OF A FIREARM OR FIREARM  
14 COMPONENT. UNLAWFUL THREE-DIMENSIONAL PRINTING OF A FIREARM OR

1 FIREARM COMPONENT IS A CLASS 1 MISDEMEANOR; EXCEPT THAT A  
2 SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE IS A CLASS 5 FELONY.

3 (c) THIS SUBSECTION (1) DOES NOT APPLY TO A FEDERALLY  
4 LICENSED FIREARM MANUFACTURER.

5 (2) (a) A PERSON SHALL NOT KNOWINGLY POSSESS, IN  
6 CIRCUMSTANCES THAT INDICATE INTENT TO MANUFACTURE A FIREARM OR  
7 FIREARM COMPONENT IN VIOLATION OF SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION  
8 OR INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE TO A PERSON IN COLORADO WHO IS NOT A  
9 FEDERALLY LICENSED FIREARM MANUFACTURER, DIGITAL INSTRUCTIONS  
10 THAT MAY BE USED TO PROGRAM A THREE-DIMENSIONAL PRINTER OR A  
11 CNC MILLING MACHINE TO MANUFACTURE OR PRODUCE A FIREARM OR  
12 FIREARM COMPONENT.

13 (b) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SUBSECTION (2) COMMITS  
14 UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF DIGITAL FIREARMS PRODUCTION INSTRUCTIONS.  
15 UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF DIGITAL FIREARMS PRODUCTION INSTRUCTIONS  
16 IS A CLASS 1 MISDEMEANOR; EXCEPT THAT A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT  
17 OFFENSE IS A CLASS 5 FELONY.

18 (c) THIS SUBSECTION (2) DOES NOT APPLY TO A FEDERALLY  
19 LICENSED FIREARM MANUFACTURER WHO POSSESSES DIGITAL  
20 INSTRUCTIONS IN CIRCUMSTANCES THAT INDICATE INTENT TO  
21 MANUFACTURE A FIREARM OR FIREARM COMPONENT.

22 (3) (a) A PERSON SHALL NOT KNOWINGLY OFFER TO SELL AND  
23 SHALL NOT DISTRIBUTE BY ANY MEANS, INCLUDING DISTRIBUTION OVER  
24 THE INTERNET, TO A PERSON IN COLORADO WHO IS NOT A FEDERALLY  
25 LICENSED FIREARM MANUFACTURER, DIGITAL INSTRUCTIONS THAT MAY BE  
26 USED TO PROGRAM A THREE-DIMENSIONAL PRINTER OR A CNC MILLING  
27 MACHINE TO MANUFACTURE OR PRODUCE A FIREARM OR FIREARM

1 COMPONENT.

2 (b) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SUBSECTION (3) COMMITS  
3 UNLAWFUL DISTRIBUTION OF DIGITAL FIREARMS PRODUCTION  
4 INSTRUCTIONS. UNLAWFUL DISTRIBUTION OF DIGITAL FIREARMS  
5 PRODUCTION INSTRUCTIONS IS A CLASS 1 MISDEMEANOR; EXCEPT THAT A  
6 SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE IS A CLASS 5 FELONY.

7 (4) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE  
8 REQUIRES:

9 (a) "CNC MILLING MACHINE" MEANS A COMPUTER NUMERICAL  
10 CONTROL MILLING MACHINE.

11 (b) "DIGITAL INSTRUCTIONS" MEANS DIGITAL CODE IN THE FORM  
12 OF COMPUTER-AIDED DESIGN FILES OR OTHER CODE OR INSTRUCTIONS  
13 STORED AND DISPLAYED IN ELECTRONIC FORMAT AS A DIGITAL MODEL.

14 (c) "DISTRIBUTE" MEANS TO SELL OR TO GIVE OUT, PROVIDE, OR  
15 DELIVER TO A PERSON IN THIS STATE, WITH OR WITHOUT CONSIDERATION,  
16 WHETHER THE DISTRIBUTOR IS IN-STATE OR OUT-OF-STATE.

17 (d) "FIREARM COMPONENT" MEANS AN UNFINISHED FRAME OR  
18 RECEIVER, LARGE-CAPACITY MAGAZINE, OR RAPID-FIRE DEVICE.

19 (e) "LARGE-CAPACITY MAGAZINE" HAS THE SAME MEANING SET  
20 FORTH IN SECTION 18-12-301.

21 (f) "THREE-DIMENSIONAL PRINTING" OR "3-D PRINTING" MEANS  
22 ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING THAT BUILDS THREE-DIMENSIONAL OBJECTS  
23 BY USE OF A THREE-DIMENSIONAL PRINTER OR SIMILAR DEVICE AND  
24 SUBTRACTIVE MANUFACTURING THAT CREATES OBJECTS BY REMOVING  
25 MATERIAL FROM A WORKPIECE BY USE OF A CNC MILLING MACHINE OR  
26 SIMILAR DEVICE.

27 **SECTION 2. Severability.** If any provision of this act or the

1 application of this act to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the  
2 invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of the act that  
3 can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to  
4 this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

5 **SECTION 3. Effective date - applicability.** This act takes effect  
6 July 1, 2026, and applies to offenses committed on or after said date.

7 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,  
8 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
9 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for  
10 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state  
11 institutions.