

# C.R.S. 18-12-501

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- [Colorado Revised Statutes Annotated](#)
- [Title 18. Criminal Code \(Arts. 1 — 26\)](#)
- [Article 12. Offenses Relating to Firearms and Weapons \(Pts. 1 — 5\)](#)
- [Part 5. Background Checks - Gun Shows \(§§ 18-12-501 — 18-12-508\)](#)

## 18-12-501. Background checks at gun shows - penalty

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(1) Before a gun show vendor transfers or attempts to transfer a firearm at a gun show, he or she shall:

(a) Require that a background check, in accordance with section 24-33.5-424, be conducted of the prospective transferee; and

(b) Obtain approval of a transfer from the Colorado bureau of investigation after a background check has been requested by a licensed gun dealer, in accordance with section 24-33.5-424.

(2) A gun show promoter shall arrange for the services of one or more licensed gun dealers on the premises of the gun show to obtain the background checks required by this part 5.

(3) If any part of a firearm transaction takes place at a gun show, no firearm shall be transferred unless a background check has been obtained by a licensed gun dealer.

(4) Any person violating the provisions of this section commits a class 1 misdemeanor and shall be punished as provided in section 18-1.3-501.

## History

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**Source: L. 2018:** Entire part added with relocations, (SB 18-032), ch. 8, p. 151, § 5, effective October 1.

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**Editor's note:**

This title was numbered as chapter 40, C.R.S. 1963. The substantive provisions of this title were repealed and reenacted in 1971, resulting in the addition, relocation, and elimination of sections as well as subject matter. For amendments to this title prior to 1971, consult the Colorado statutory research explanatory note beginning on page vii in the front of this volume. For a detailed comparison of this title, see the comparative tables located in the back of the index.

**Editor's note:**This title was repealed and reenacted in 1971. For historical information concerning the repeal and reenactment, see the editor's note following the title heading.

**Editor's note:**(1) This part 5 was added with relocations in 2018. Former C.R.S. section numbers are shown in editor's notes following those sections that were relocated.

(2) (a) This part 5 was originally numbered as article 26.1 of title 12. It was added as an initiated measure that was adopted by the people at the general election held November 7, 2000. The measure enacting the original article 26.1 was effective upon the proclamation of the Governor, December 28, 2000; however, section 12-26.1-108 provided that the effective date of article 26.1 is March 31, 2001.

(b) The vote count on the measure at the general election held November 7, 2000, was as follows:

FOR: 1,197,593

AGAINST: 512,084

**Editor's note:**This section is similar to former § 12-26.1-101 as it existed prior to 2018.