

C.R.S. 18-12-111

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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 1. Firearms and Weapons - General \(§§ 18-12-101 — 18-12-115\)](#)

18-12-111. Unlawful purchase of firearms.

(1) Any person who knowingly purchases or otherwise obtains a firearm on behalf of or for transfer to a person who the transferor knows or reasonably should know is ineligible to possess a firearm pursuant to federal or state law commits a class 4 felony.

(2)

(a) Any person who is a licensed dealer, as defined in 18 U.S.C. sec. 921 (a)(11), shall post a sign displaying the provisions of subsection (1) of this section in a manner that is easily readable. The person shall post such sign in an area that is visible to the public at each location from which the person sells firearms to the general public.

(b) Any person who violates any provision of this subsection (2) commits a civil infraction.

History

Source: L. 2000:Entire section added, p. 638, § 1, effective July 1. **L. 2021:**(2)(b) amended,(SB 21-271), ch. 462, p. 3212, § 347, effective March 1, 2022.

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Hierarchy Notes:

C.R.S. Title 18

C.R.S. Title 18, Art. 12

ANNOTATION

As used in subsection (1), the term “transfer” includes shared use of firearms

and other types of temporary changes in possession. *Johnson v. People*, 2023 CO 7, 524 P.3d 36.

As used in subsection (1), the term “transfer” applies to temporary transfers.

Other statutory sections show the general assembly did not carve out from the scope of subsection (1) temporary transfers of a firearm in the form of shared use, and the dictionary definition includes temporary transfers that occur when a shared item is conveyed, moved, or shifted between the users. *People v. Johnson*, 2021 COA 102, 498 P.3d 157, *aff'd*, 2023 CO 7, 524 P.3d 36.

Transfer of the firearm occurred when

defendant kept the firearm at a location where both defendant and the person ineligible to possess a firearm could access it and the ineligible person picked it up from where defendant had left it. Defendant and the ineligible person shared possession of the firearm. Defendant and the ineligible person transferred the firearm by conveying, moving, and shifting it between themselves. *People v. Johnson*, 2021 COA 102, 497 P.3d 157, *aff'd* on other grounds, 2023 CO 7, 524 P.3d 36.