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Virginia Plan to Reduce Gun Violence Act of 2020

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (1 total)

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 22, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 4443	Related bill	Aug 5, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
116 HR 7930	Related bill	Aug 4, 2020: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
116 HR 1236	Related bill	Sep 10, 2019: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 22 - 16.
116 HR 569	Related bill	Feb 25, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
116 S 506	Related bill	Feb 14, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
116 S 120	Related bill	Jan 15, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
116 S 42	Related bill	Jan 8, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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This bill imposes requirements related to firearms.

Specifically, it prohibits a firearm transfer between private parties unless a licensed gun dealer, manufacturer, or importer first conducts a background check, with some exceptions. Furthermore, a person that is not a licensed gun dealer, manufacturer, or importer may not purchase more than one handgun in a 30-day period, with certain exceptions.

The bill also establishes a grant program to help states and Indian tribes implement extreme risk protection order laws and carry out related activities. (An *extreme risk protection order* is a court-issued order or warrant, with the purpose of reducing firearm-related death or injury, that prohibits a named individual from obtaining or possessing a firearm.)

A person subject to such an order shall be prohibited from receiving, possessing, shipping, or transporting a firearm or ammunition.

The bill also makes it unlawful for a person to (1) not notify law enforcement within 48 hours of a firearm becoming lost or stolen, and (2) recklessly leave a loaded and unsecured firearm in a manner that endangers another person under the age of 14.

Furthermore, for the purposes of criminal provisions related to firearms, an *intimate partner* may be a current or former dating partner. Similarly, a *misdemeanor crime of domestic violence* shall include those involving a dating partner.

A person may not transport or possess a firearm or ammunition if that person (1) is subject to certain ex parte restraining orders, or (2) has been convicted of misdemeanor stalking.

Actions Timeline

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