

HB 135 – Transfers of Firearms (Similar SB 654)

This bill creates s. 790.0653, F.S., requiring that all firearm transfers between persons, including private sales, gifts, and exchanges, be conducted through a licensed dealer. An **unranked, 3rd degree felony** is created for violation of this requirement.

Per DOC, in FY 17-18, there were no offenders sentenced for the sale or transfer of arms to minors by dealers (s. 790.18, F.S.), sale or transfer of a firearm to a person younger than 21 years of age by a licensed dealer (790.065(13), F.S.), or sale or transfer of bump-fire stocks by a person (s. 790.222, F.S.).

In FY 17-18, the incarceration rate for an unranked, 3rd degree felony was 8.7%.

CONFERENCE ADOPTED ESTIMATE: Positive Moderate

Requested by: House