



The Block Illegal Gun Ownership and Fix the FOID Bill

Overview: House Bill 562 is bipartisan, consensus legislation that includes all of the measures in the BIO bill, except it incentivizes fingerprints. The modified BIO Bill addresses everyday gun violence by expanding background checks to all gun sales in Illinois, investing \$9 million dollars for mental health programs in the communities most impacted by gun violence, requiring Illinois State Police (ISP) to remove guns from people with revoked FOID cards who have not surrendered their weapon, and enacting other life-saving measures.

HB 562 does the following:

- Expands background checks on all gun sales in Illinois. Mandates record keeping of sales including the make, model and serial number of the gun by a Federal Firearm License gun dealer (FFL).
- Directs 9 million dollars of funding from the conceal and carry license fees to mental health and trauma support in community-based programs.
- Requires ISP to remove guns from people with revoked FOID cards that have not surrendered them.
- Creates incentives for fingerprints as part of FOID applications or at a firearm purchase
- Creates a stolen gun database
- Requires ISP to continuously monitor state and federal databases for prohibited gun buyers¹
- Improves processes to secure more National Instant Criminal Background Checks System (NICS) funding²

FAQ

Where does this legislation stand?

This bill was signed into law by Governor Pritzker in August of 2021.

How does the universal background check work if it is not at an FFL?

The online private sale option is a convenient option for people who do not live near a brick and mortar FFL, or who, for example, are medical cannabis users.

¹ Correlations: ISP will monitor state and federal databases to firearms prohibitors and update those records with FOID card holders.

² More applications will be completed for federal funds to improve the speed and accuracy of updates to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System.

What are the two options for private sales and transfers?

Online private sale option:

1. The Illinois State Police website will allow firearm sellers/transferees to assist a seller with a check on the buyer's FOID card and a NICS background check on the buyer.
2. The buyer can check the newly established stolen gun database to make sure the gun is not reported lost or stolen.
3. The seller now has clear direction on whether they can proceed with the sale.
4. If the seller proceeds with the sale, they will send the record of the sale to a brick and mortar FFL where the record will be kept for 20 years.
 - a. These records are accessible to law enforcement in accordance with the Gun Dealer Certification Act.
 - b. Records of these sales will ensure that all guns that are sold in Illinois and later used in crime can be traced to the seller.

Brick and Mortar Federal Firearm License Dealer Sale Option:

1. The seller and the buyer go to a brick and mortar FFL to conduct the sale and transfer.
2. The FFL keeps the record of the transaction.

How does the incentivized background fingerprint work?

The incentivized fingerprints will make it easier for ISP to accurately verify the identity of FOID applicants and firearm purchasers, as well as increase the frequency of background checks.

1. At the time of a firearm purchase, the buyer can voluntarily submit a set of fingerprints. When the buyer submits the fingerprints, the buyer's FOID card is automatically renewed at that time and the first renewal is free.
2. At the time of a new FOID application, when applicants voluntarily submit a set of fingerprints, their FOID card will be automatically renewed for a fee of ten dollars.

Organizations supporting this legislation include:

- The Coalition to Stop Gun Violence
- GIFFORDS
- Everytown for Gun Safety
- G-PAC Illinois
- UCAN
- Brady United
- Live Free Illinois
- Brady Illinois
- Parents for Peace & Justice
- One Aim Illinois
- Strengthening Chicago's Youth at Lurie Children's Hospital
- First United Church of Oak Park.
- The Network: Advocating Against Domestic Violence