

NEVADA GIRLS STATE
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 4

AN ACT that will require all firearms sold in Nevada to be registered, instate extensive background checks done on those purchasing firearms, and impose more safety precautions in order to lower the abuse of firearms in Nevada.

SECTION 1: The state of Nevada has a “limited authority” regulation that does not require permits, firearm registration, or licenses for firearm owners. Gun registration is the leading tool that law enforcers use to curb illegal gun activity. Without requiring this simple precaution, we make it more difficult for our law enforcement to keep our citizens safe. Said firearms license will cost \$70, and must be renewed every three (3) years.

SECTION 2: Nevada has no waiting period when purchasing firearms. The Proceedings of the National Academy of Science (PNAS) reports that waiting periods reduce gun homicides by 17%. States such as California and Florida have instituted these policies and have seen a drastic change in their firearm deaths. In order to obtain said firearms license, licensees must complete a basic firearms safety course as approved by the state, which does not have a waiting period.

SECTION 3: According to a poll by the Injury Prevention Institute, implementing a minimum age restriction of 21 can prevent those with the intention of committing a crime from legally owning a gun in 17% of cases. Age limits have been shown to be beneficial in preventing poor behavior in general such as in driving, gambling, alcohol use, and voting.

SECTION 4: According to a survey published in 2017, about 42% of gun owners don't undergo any kind of background check before purchasing a gun. This is a necessity to insure that guns are not given to those with a malicious intent. A doctor's note stating you are mentally fit which must be renewed yearly. Being mentally fit is determined by criminal records, substance abuse regarding drugs or alcohol, and mental status examination.

SECTION 7: Even if new restrictions are implemented to prevent some people from acquiring firearms, there are several ways for people to obtain guns illegally. Requiring gun owners to store their firearms securely in a locked container or with a tamper-resistant mechanical lock can be a good strategy to prevent illegal gun sales. When not being handled by the firearm owner (unless at a gun range or open range, when actively hunting, gun safety training, or during any authorized federal or state activity requiring a firearm), all firearms must be securely stored in a gun safe. Failure to do so will result in criminal liability with a prison term of no less than 6 months and no more than 25 years if the weapon was used in furtherance of another criminal act.

SECTION 8: This ACT will be effective upon final passage.