

**Representative Gary F. Cox** proposes to substitute the following bill:

**WEAPONS RESTRICTIONS FOR MENTALLY**

**ILL PERSONS**

2000 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Sponsor: Gary F. Cox**

AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY AND HUMAN SERVICES; REQUIRING THE BUREAU OF CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION TO CHECK COURT RECORDS FOR CURRENT COMMITMENTS AS PART OF A BACKGROUND CHECK FOR THE PURCHASE OF A FIREARM.

This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:

AMENDS:

**53-10-208**, as last amended by Chapter 187 and renumbered and amended by Chapter 263, Laws of Utah 1998

**62A-12-247**, as last amended by Chapter 161, Laws of Utah 1989

ENACTS:

**53-10-208.1**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **53-10-208** is amended to read:

**53-10-208. Definition -- Magistrates and court clerks to supply information -- Offenses included on statewide warrant system -- Transportation fee to be included -- Statewide warrant system responsibility -- Quality control -- Training -- Technical support -- Transaction costs.**

(1) "Statewide warrant system" means the portion of the state court computer system that is accessible by modem from the state mainframe computer and contains:

(a) records of criminal warrant information; and

26 (b) after notice and hearing, records of protective orders issued pursuant to:

27 (i) Title 30, Chapter 6, Cohabitant Abuse Act; or

28 (ii) Title 77, Chapter 36, Cohabitant Abuse Procedures Act.

29 ~~[(2) Every magistrate or clerk of a court responsible for court records in this state shall~~  
30 ~~furnish the division with information pertaining to:]~~

31 ~~[(a) all dispositions of criminal matters, including guilty pleas, convictions, dismissals,~~  
32 ~~acquittals, pleas held in abeyance, or probations granted, within 30 days of the disposition and on~~  
33 ~~forms and in the manner provided by the division;]~~

34 ~~[(b) the issuance, recall, cancellation, or modification of all warrants of arrest or~~  
35 ~~commitment as described in Rule 6, Utah Rules of Criminal Procedure and Section 78-32-4, within~~  
36 ~~one day of the action and in a manner provided by the division; and]~~

37 ~~[(c) protective orders issued after notice and hearing, pursuant to:]~~

38 ~~[(i) Title 30, Chapter 6, Cohabitant Abuse Act; or ]~~

39 ~~[(ii) Title 77, Chapter 36, Cohabitant Abuse Procedures Act.]~~

40 ~~[(3)]~~ (2) (a) (i) The division shall include on the statewide warrant system all warrants  
41 issued for felony offenses and class A, B, and C misdemeanor offenses in the state.

42 (ii) For each offense the division shall indicate whether the magistrate ordered under  
43 Section 77-7-5 and Rule 6, Utah Rules of Criminal Procedure, that the accused appear in court.

44 (b) Infractions shall not be included on the statewide warrant system, including any  
45 subsequent failure to appear warrants issued on an infraction.

46 ~~[(4)]~~ (3) The division is the agency responsible for the statewide warrant system and shall:

47 (a) ensure quality control of all warrants of arrest or commitment and protective orders  
48 contained in the statewide warrant system by conducting regular validation checks with every clerk  
49 of a court responsible for entering the information on the system;

50 (b) upon the expiration of the protective orders and in the manner prescribed by the  
51 division, purge information regarding protective orders described in Subsection ~~[(2)(c)]~~

52 53-10-208.1(3) within 30 days of the time after expiration;

53 (c) establish system procedures and provide training to all criminal justice agencies having  
54 access to information contained on the state warrant system;

55 (d) provide technical support, program development, and systems maintenance for the  
56 operation of the system; and

57 (e) pay data processing and transaction costs for state, county, and city law enforcement  
58 agencies and criminal justice agencies having access to information contained on the state warrant  
59 system.

60 [~~5~~] (4) (a) Any data processing or transaction costs not funded by legislative  
61 appropriation shall be paid on a pro rata basis by all agencies using the system during the fiscal  
62 year.

63 (b) This subsection supersedes any conflicting provision in Subsection [~~4~~] (3)(e).  
64 Section 2. Section **53-10-208.1** is enacted to read:

65 **53-10-208.1. Magistrates and court clerks to supply information.**

66 Every magistrate or clerk of a court responsible for court records in this state shall, within  
67 30 days of the disposition and on forms and in the manner provided by the division, furnish the  
68 division with information pertaining to:

69 (1) all dispositions of criminal matters, including:

70 (a) guilty pleas;

71 (b) convictions;

72 (c) dismissals;

73 (d) acquittals;

74 (e) pleas held in abeyance;

75 (f) judgments of not guilty by reason of insanity;

76 (g) judgments of guilty and mentally ill;

77 (h) findings of mental incompetence to stand trial; or

78 (i) current orders of civil commitment under the terms of Section 62A-12-234; or

79 (j) probations granted;

80 (2) the issuance, recall, cancellation, or modification of all warrants of arrest or  
81 commitment as described in Rule 6, Utah Rules of Criminal Procedure and Section 78-32-4, within  
82 one day of the action and in a manner provided by the division; and

83 (3) protective orders issued after notice and hearing, pursuant to:

84 (a) Title 30, Chapter 6, Cohabitant Abuse Act; or

85 (b) Title 77, Chapter 36, Cohabitant Abuse Procedures Act.

86 Section 3. Section **62A-12-247** is amended to read:

87 **62A-12-247. Confidentiality of information and records -- Exceptions -- Penalty.**

88 (1) All certificates, applications, records, and reports made for the purpose of this part,  
89 including those made on judicial proceedings for involuntary commitment, that directly or  
90 indirectly identify a patient or former patient or an individual whose commitment has been sought  
91 under this part, shall be kept confidential and may not be disclosed by any person except insofar  
92 as:

93 (a) the individual identified or his legal guardian, if any, or, if a minor, his parent or legal  
94 guardian shall consent;

95 (b) disclosure may be necessary to carry out ~~[any of]~~ the provisions of:

96 (i) this part; or

97 (ii) Section 53-10-208.1; or

98 (c) a court may direct, upon its determination that disclosure is necessary for the conduct  
99 of proceedings before it, and that failure to make the disclosure would be contrary to the public  
100 interest.

101 (2) A person who ~~[violates any provision of]~~ knowingly or intentionally discloses any  
102 information not authorized by this section is guilty of a class B misdemeanor.