Noncitizen Restricted Person Amendments

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	STATE OF UTAH	
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	LONG TITLE	
	General Description:	
	This bill clarifies when a non-citizen is a restricted person.	
	Highlighted Provisions:	
	This bill:	
	 clarifies that aliens who have applications pending for asylum or temporary protected 	
	status are restricted persons not allowed to possess, purchase, transfer, or own dangerous	
weapons; and		
	 makes technical and conforming changes. 	
	Money Appropriated in this Bill:	
	None	
	Other Special Clauses:	
	None	
	Utah Code Sections Affected:	
	AMENDS:	
	76-10-503 , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, First Special Session, Chapter 2	
	Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:	
	Section 1. Section 76-10-503 is amended to read:	
	76-10-503. Restrictions on possession, purchase, transfer, and ownership of	
	dangerous weapons by certain persons Exceptions.	
	(1) For purposes of this section:	
	(a) A Category I restricted person is a person who:	
	(i) has been convicted of a violent felony;	
	(ii) is on probation or parole for a felony;	

(iii) is on parole from secure care, as defined in Section 80-1-102;

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29	(iv) within the last 10 years has been adjudicated under Section 80-6-701 for an
30	offense which if committed by an adult would have been a violent felony as
31	defined in Section 76-3-203.5;
32	(v) is an alien who is illegally or unlawfully in the United States, including an alien
33	who has:
34	(A) submitted an asylum application in accordance with 8 U.S.C. Sec. 1158 and is
35	waiting for a disposition on the application; or
36	(B) submitted a temporary protected status application in accordance with 8
37	U.S.C. Sec. 1254a and is waiting for a disposition on the application; or
38	(vi) is on probation for a conviction of possessing:
39	(A) a substance classified in Section 58-37-4 as a Schedule I or II controlled
40	substance;
41	(B) a controlled substance analog; or
42	(C) a substance listed in Section 58-37-4.2.
43	(b) A Category II restricted person is a person who:
44	(i) has been convicted of:
45	(A) a domestic violence offense that is a felony;
46	(B) a felony that is not a domestic violence offense or a violent felony and within
47	seven years after completing the sentence for the conviction, has been
48	convicted of or charged with another felony or class A misdemeanor;
49	(C) multiple felonies that are part of a single criminal episode and are not
50	domestic violence offenses or violent felonies and within seven years after
51	completing the sentence for the convictions, has been convicted of or charged
52	with another felony or class A misdemeanor; or
53	(D) multiple felonies that are not part of a single criminal episode;
54	(ii)(A) within the last seven years has completed a sentence for:
55	(I) a conviction for a felony that is not a domestic violence offense or a violent
56	felony; or
57	(II) convictions for multiple felonies that are part of a single criminal episode
58	and are not domestic violence offenses or violent felonies; and
59	(B) within the last seven years and after the completion of a sentence for a
60	conviction described in Subsection (1)(b)(ii)(A), has not been convicted of or
61	charged with another felony or class A misdemeanor;
62	(iii) within the last seven years has been adjudicated delinquent for an offense which

63	if committed by an adult would have been a felony;
64	(iv) is an unlawful user of a controlled substance as defined in Section 58-37-2;
65	(v) is in possession of a dangerous weapon and is knowingly and intentionally in
66	unlawful possession of a Schedule I or II controlled substance as defined in
67	Section 58-37-2;
68	(vi) has been found not guilty by reason of insanity for a felony offense;
69	(vii) has been found mentally incompetent to stand trial for a felony offense;
70	(viii) has been adjudicated as mentally defective as provided in the Brady Handgun
71	Violence Prevention Act, Pub. L. No. 103-159, 107 Stat. 1536 (1993), or has been
72	committed to a mental institution;
73	(ix) has been dishonorably discharged from the armed forces;
74	(x) has renounced the individual's citizenship after having been a citizen of the
75	United States;
76	(xi) is a respondent or defendant subject to a protective order or child protective order
77	that is issued after a hearing for which the respondent or defendant received actual
78	notice and at which the respondent or defendant has an opportunity to participate,
79	that restrains the respondent or defendant from harassing, stalking, threatening, or
80	engaging in other conduct that would place an intimate partner, as defined in 18
81	U.S.C. Sec. 921, or a child of the intimate partner, in reasonable fear of bodily
82	injury to the intimate partner or child of the intimate partner, and that:
83	(A) includes a finding that the respondent or defendant represents a credible threat
84	to the physical safety of an individual who meets the definition of an intimate
85	partner in 18 U.S.C. Sec. 921 or the child of the individual; or
86	(B) explicitly prohibits the use, attempted use, or threatened use of physical force
87	that would reasonably be expected to cause bodily harm against an intimate
88	partner or the child of an intimate partner; or
89	(xii) except as provided in Subsection (1)(d), has been convicted of the commission
90	or attempted commission of misdemeanor assault under Section 76-5-102 or
91	aggravated assault under Section 76-5-103 against an individual:
92	(A) who is a current or former spouse, parent, or guardian;
93	(B) with whom the restricted person shares a child in common;
94	(C) who is cohabitating or has cohabitated with the restricted person as a spouse,
95	parent, or guardian;
96	(D) involved in a dating relationship with the restricted person within the last five

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97	years; or
98	(E) similarly situated to a spouse, parent, or guardian of the restricted person.
99	(c)(i) As used in this section, a conviction of a felony or adjudication of delinquency
100	for an offense which would be a felony if committed by an adult does not include:
101	(A) a conviction or an adjudication under Section 80-6-701 for an offense
102	pertaining to antitrust violations, unfair trade practices, restraint of trade, or
103	other similar offenses relating to the regulation of business practices not
104	involving theft or fraud; or
105	(B) a conviction or an adjudication under Section 80-6-701 which, in accordance
106	with the law of the jurisdiction in which the conviction or adjudication
107	occurred, has been expunged, set aside, reduced to a misdemeanor by court
108	order, pardoned or regarding which the person's civil rights have been restored
109	unless the pardon, reduction, expungement, or restoration of civil rights
110	expressly provides that the person may not ship, transport, possess, or receive
111	firearms.
112	(ii) As used in this section, a conviction for misdemeanor assault under Subsection
113	(1)(b)(xii), does not include a conviction which, in accordance with the law of the
114	jurisdiction in which the conviction occurred, has been expunged, set aside,
115	reduced to an infraction by court order, pardoned, or regarding which the person's
116	civil rights have been restored, unless the pardon, reduction, expungement, or
117	restoration of civil rights expressly provides that the person may not ship,
118	transport, possess, or receive firearms.
119	(iii) It is the burden of the defendant in a criminal case to provide evidence that a
120	conviction or an adjudication under Section 80-6-701 is subject to an exception
121	provided in this Subsection (1)(c), after which it is the burden of the state to prove
122	beyond a reasonable doubt that the conviction or the adjudication is not subject to
123	that exception.
124	(d) A person is not a restricted person for a conviction under Subsection (1)(b)(xii)(D) if:
125	(i) five years have elapsed from the later of:
126	(A) the day on which the conviction is entered;
127	(B) the day on which the person is released from incarceration following the
128	conviction; or
129	(C) the day on which the person's probation for the conviction is successfully
130	terminated:

131	(ii) the person only has a single conviction for misdemeanor assault as described in
132	Subsection (1)(b)(xii)(D); and
133	(iii) the person is not otherwise a restricted person under Subsection (1)(a) or (b).
134	(2) A Category I restricted person who intentionally or knowingly agrees, consents, offers,
135	or arranges to purchase, transfer, possess, use, or have under the person's custody or
136	control, or who intentionally or knowingly purchases, transfers, possesses, uses, or has
137	under the person's custody or control:
138	(a) a firearm is guilty of a second degree felony; or
139	(b) a dangerous weapon other than a firearm is guilty of a third degree felony.
140	(3) A Category II restricted person who intentionally or knowingly purchases, transfers,
141	possesses, uses, or has under the person's custody or control:
142	(a) a firearm is guilty of a third degree felony; or
143	(b) a dangerous weapon other than a firearm is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.
144	(4) A person may be subject to the restrictions of both categories at the same time.
145	(5) A Category I or Category II restricted person may not use an antique firearm for an
146	activity regulated under Title 23A, Wildlife Resources Act.
147	(6) If a higher penalty than is prescribed in this section is provided in another section for
148	one who purchases, transfers, possesses, uses, or has under this custody or control a
149	dangerous weapon, the penalties of that section control.
150	(7) It is an affirmative defense to a charge based on the definition in Subsection (1)(b)(v)
151	that the person was:
152	(a) in possession of a controlled substance pursuant to a lawful order of a practitioner fo
153	use of a member of the person's household or for administration to an animal owned
154	by the person or a member of the person's household; or
155	(b) otherwise authorized by law to possess the substance.
156	(8)(a) It is an affirmative defense to transferring a firearm or other dangerous weapon by
157	a person restricted under Subsection (2) or (3) that the firearm or dangerous weapon:
158	(i) was possessed by the person or was under the person's custody or control before
159	the person became a restricted person;
160	(ii) was not used in or possessed during the commission of a crime or subject to
161	disposition under Section Title 77, Chapter 11a, Part 4, Disposal of Seized
162	Property and Contraband;
163	(iii) is not being held as evidence by a court or law enforcement agency;
164	(iv) was transferred to a person not legally prohibited from possessing the weapon;

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165	and
166	(v) unless a different time is ordered by the court, was transferred within 10 days of
167	the person becoming a restricted person.
168	(b) Subsection (8)(a) is not a defense to the use, purchase, or possession on the person of
169	a firearm or other dangerous weapon by a restricted person.
170	(9)(a) A person may not sell, transfer, or otherwise dispose of a firearm or dangerous
171	weapon to a person, knowing that the recipient is a person described in Subsection
172	(1)(a) or (b).
173	(b) A person who violates Subsection (9)(a) when the recipient is:
174	(i) a person described in Subsection (1)(a) and the transaction involves a firearm, is
175	guilty of a second degree felony;
176	(ii) a person described in Subsection (1)(a) and the transaction involves a dangerous
177	weapon other than a firearm, and the transferor has knowledge that the recipient
178	intends to use the weapon for any unlawful purpose, is guilty of a third degree
179	felony;
180	(iii) a person described in Subsection (1)(b) and the transaction involves a firearm, is
181	guilty of a third degree felony; or
182	(iv) a person described in Subsection (1)(b) and the transaction involves a dangerous
183	weapon other than a firearm, and the transferor has knowledge that the recipient
184	intends to use the weapon for an unlawful purpose, is guilty of a class A
185	misdemeanor.
186	(10)(a) A person may not knowingly solicit, persuade, encourage or entice a dealer or
187	other person to sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of a firearm or dangerous weapon
188	under circumstances which the person knows would be a violation of the law.
189	(b) A person may not provide to a dealer or other person information that the person
190	knows to be materially false information with intent to deceive the dealer or other
191	person about the legality of a sale, transfer or other disposition of a firearm or
192	dangerous weapon.
193	(c) "Materially false information" means information that portrays an illegal transaction
194	as legal or a legal transaction as illegal.
195	(d) A person who violates this Subsection (10) is guilty of:
196	(i) a third degree felony if the transaction involved a firearm; or
197	(ii) a class A misdemeanor if the transaction involved a dangerous weapon other than
198	a firearm.

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200 This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.