

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the regulation of firearms and  
3           ammunition; amending s. 790.33, F.S.; clarifying and  
4           reorganizing provisions that preempt to the state the  
5           entire field of regulation of firearms; prohibiting the  
6           knowing and willful violation of the Legislature's  
7           occupation of the whole field of regulation of firearms  
8           and ammunition by the enactment or causation of  
9           enforcement of any local ordinance or administrative rule  
10          or regulation; providing additional intent of the section;  
11          eliminating provisions authorizing counties to adopt an  
12          ordinance requiring a waiting period between the purchase  
13          and delivery of a handgun; providing injunctive relief  
14          from the enforcement of an invalid ordinance, regulation,  
15          or rule; providing a civil penalty for knowing and willful  
16          violation of prohibitions; providing that public funds may  
17          not be used to defend or reimburse the unlawful conduct of  
18          any person charged with a knowing and willful violation of  
19          the act; providing for termination of employment or  
20          contract or removal from office of a person acting in an  
21          official capacity who knowingly and willfully violates any  
22          provision of the act; providing for declaratory and  
23          injunctive relief for specified persons or organizations;  
24          providing for specified damages and interest; providing  
25          exceptions to prohibitions of the section; providing an  
26          effective date.

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28   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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Section 1. Section 790.33, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

790.33 Field of regulation of firearms and ammunition preempted.—

(1) PREEMPTION.—Except as expressly provided by the State Constitution or general law, the Legislature hereby declares that it is occupying the whole field of regulation of firearms and ammunition, including the purchase, sale, transfer, taxation, manufacture, ownership, possession, storage, and transportation thereof, to the exclusion of all existing and future county, city, town, or municipal ordinances or any administrative regulations or rules adopted by local or state government relating thereto. Any such existing ordinances, rules, or regulations are hereby declared null and void. ~~This subsection shall not affect zoning ordinances which encompass firearms businesses along with other businesses. Zoning ordinances which are designed for the purpose of restricting or prohibiting the sale, purchase, transfer, or manufacture of firearms or ammunition as a method of regulating firearms or ammunition are in conflict with this subsection and are prohibited.~~

~~(2) LIMITED EXCEPTION; COUNTY WAITING PERIOD ORDINANCES.—~~

~~(a) Any county may have the option to adopt a waiting period ordinance requiring a waiting period of up to, but not to exceed, 3 working days between the purchase and delivery of a handgun. For purposes of this subsection, "purchase" means payment of deposit, payment in full, or notification of intent~~

57 ~~to purchase. Adoption of a waiting period ordinance, by any~~  
58 ~~county, shall require a majority vote of the county commission~~  
59 ~~on votes on waiting period ordinances. This exception is limited~~  
60 ~~solely to individual counties and is limited to the provisions~~  
61 ~~and restrictions contained in this subsection.~~

62 ~~(b) Ordinances authorized by this subsection shall apply~~  
63 ~~to all sales of handguns to individuals by a retail~~  
64 ~~establishment except those sales to individuals exempted in this~~  
65 ~~subsection. For purposes of this subsection, "retail~~  
66 ~~establishment" means a gun shop, sporting goods store, pawn~~  
67 ~~shop, hardware store, department store, discount store, bait or~~  
68 ~~tackle shop, or any other store or shop that offers handguns for~~  
69 ~~walk-in retail sale but does not include gun collectors shows or~~  
70 ~~exhibits, or gun shows.~~

71 ~~(c) Ordinances authorized by this subsection shall not~~  
72 ~~require any reporting or notification to any source outside the~~  
73 ~~retail establishment, but records of handgun sales must be~~  
74 ~~available for inspection, during normal business hours, by any~~  
75 ~~law enforcement agency as defined in s. 934.02.~~

76 ~~(d) The following shall be exempt from any waiting period:~~

77 ~~1. Individuals who are licensed to carry concealed~~  
78 ~~firearms under the provisions of s. 790.06 or who are licensed~~  
79 ~~to carry concealed firearms under any other provision of state~~  
80 ~~law and who show a valid license;~~

81 ~~2. Individuals who already lawfully own another firearm~~  
82 ~~and who show a sales receipt for another firearm; who are known~~  
83 ~~to own another firearm through a prior purchase from the retail~~  
84 ~~establishment; or who have another firearm for trade-in;~~

85 ~~3. A law enforcement or correctional officer as defined in~~  
 86 ~~s. 943.10;~~

87 ~~4. A law enforcement agency as defined in s. 934.02;~~

88 ~~5. Sales or transactions between dealers or between~~  
 89 ~~distributors or between dealers and distributors who have~~  
 90 ~~current federal firearms licenses; or~~

91 ~~6. Any individual who has been threatened or whose family~~  
 92 ~~has been threatened with death or bodily injury, provided the~~  
 93 ~~individual may lawfully possess a firearm and provided such~~  
 94 ~~threat has been duly reported to local law enforcement.~~

95 (2) ~~(3)~~ POLICY AND INTENT.—

96 (a) It is the intent of this section to provide uniform  
 97 firearms laws in the state; to declare all ordinances and  
 98 regulations null and void which have been enacted by any  
 99 jurisdictions other than state and federal, which regulate  
 100 firearms, ammunition, or components thereof; to prohibit the  
 101 enactment of any future ordinances or regulations relating to  
 102 firearms, ammunition, or components thereof unless specifically  
 103 authorized by this section or general law; and to require local  
 104 jurisdictions to enforce state firearms laws.

105 (b) It is further the intent of this section to deter and  
 106 prevent the violation of this section and the violation of  
 107 rights protected under the constitution and laws of this state  
 108 related to firearms, ammunition, or components thereof, by the  
 109 abuse of official authority that occurs when enactments are  
 110 passed in violation of state law or under color of local or  
 111 state authority.

112 (3) PROHIBITIONS; PENALTIES.—

113        (a) Any person, county, agency, municipality, district, or  
114 other entity that violates the Legislature's occupation of the  
115 whole field of regulation of firearms and ammunition, as  
116 declared in subsection (1), by enacting or causing to be  
117 enforced any local ordinance or administrative rule or  
118 regulation impinging upon such exclusive occupation of the field  
119 shall be liable as set forth herein.

120        (b) If any county, city, town, or other local government  
121 violates this section, the court shall declare the improper  
122 ordinance, regulation, or rule invalid and issue a permanent  
123 injunction against the local government prohibiting it from  
124 enforcing such ordinance, regulation, or rule. It is no defense  
125 that in enacting the ordinance, regulation, or rule the local  
126 government was acting in good faith or upon advice of counsel.

127        (c) If the court determines that a violation was knowing  
128 and willful, the court shall assess a civil fine of up to \$5,000  
129 against the elected or appointed local government official or  
130 officials or administrative agency head under whose jurisdiction  
131 the violation occurred.

132        (d) Except as required by applicable law, public funds may  
133 not be used to defend or reimburse the unlawful conduct of any  
134 person found to have knowingly and willfully violated this  
135 section.

136        (e) A knowing and willful violation of any provision of  
137 this section by a person acting in an official capacity for any  
138 entity enacting or causing to be enforced a local ordinance or  
139 administrative rule or regulation prohibited under paragraph (a)  
140 or otherwise under color of law shall be cause for termination

141 of employment or contract or removal from office by the  
 142 Governor.

143 (f) A person or an organization whose membership is  
 144 adversely affected by any ordinance, regulation, measure,  
 145 directive, rule, enactment, order, or policy promulgated or  
 146 caused to be enforced in violation of this section may file suit  
 147 against any county, agency, municipality, district, or other  
 148 entity in any court of this state having jurisdiction over any  
 149 defendant to the suit for declaratory and injunctive relief and  
 150 for actual damages, as limited herein, caused by the violation.  
 151 A court shall award the prevailing plaintiff in any such suit:

152 1. Reasonable attorney's fees and costs in accordance with  
 153 the laws of this state, including a contingency fee multiplier,  
 154 as authorized by law; and

155 2. The actual damages incurred, but not more than  
 156 \$100,000.

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 158 Interest on the sums awarded pursuant to this subsection shall  
 159 accrue at the legal rate from the date on which suit was filed.

160 (4) EXCEPTIONS.—This section does not prohibit:

161 (a) Zoning ordinances that encompass firearms businesses  
 162 along with other businesses, except that zoning ordinances that  
 163 are designed for the purpose of restricting or prohibiting the  
 164 sale, purchase, transfer, or manufacture of firearms or  
 165 ammunition as a method of regulating firearms or ammunition are  
 166 in conflict with this subsection and are prohibited;

167 (b) A duly organized law enforcement agency from enacting  
 168 and enforcing regulations pertaining to firearms, ammunition, or

169 firearm accessories issued to or used by peace officers in the  
 170 course of their official duties;

171 (c) Except as provided in s. 790.251, any entity subject  
 172 to the prohibitions of this section from regulating or  
 173 prohibiting the carrying of firearms and ammunition by an  
 174 employee of the entity during and in the course of the  
 175 employee's official duties;

176 (d) A court or administrative law judge from hearing and  
 177 resolving any case or controversy or issuing any opinion or  
 178 order on a matter within the jurisdiction of that court or  
 179 judge; or

180 (e) The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission  
 181 from regulating the use of firearms or ammunition as a method of  
 182 taking wildlife and regulating the shooting ranges managed by  
 183 the commission.

184 (5) ~~(b)~~ SHORT TITLE.—As created by chapter 87-23, Laws of  
 185 Florida, this section ~~shall be known and~~ may be cited as the  
 186 "Joe Carlucci Uniform Firearms Act."

187 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2011.