



Alaska State Legislature

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Fact Sheet for: Senate Bill 274

Short Title: STATE FIREARM DISPOSAL AND INVENTORY

Summary:

- Allows all Alaskans who are legally qualified to buy firearms to do so at auctions where state-owned surplus firearms are sold.
- Permits the state to also dispose of the firearms through trade-in, donation and transfer to other jurisdictions.
- Requires the Department of Public Safety to report descriptions and values of all firearms not sold to the public to the legislature during the annual budgetary process.

Benefits:

- Creates opportunity for more revenue for the Alaska Department of Public Safety by allowing all qualified buyers to participate in the auctions.
- Increases the transparency of transactions related to disposal of surplus state firearms.

Background:

- Current state law only allows federally licensed firearms dealers to purchase surplus state-owned guns at auction. SB 274 opens up the process to any Alaskan who is legally allowed to buy and possess firearms. The legislation does not alter any other existing law regulating the sale and purchase of firearms.