

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF TELLER COUNTY, COLORADO**

RESOLUTION NO. 04-08-2025 [7]

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING COLORADO SENATE BILL 25-003

WHEREAS, Colorado Senate Bill 25-003, passed by the Colorado legislature on March 28, 2025, prohibits knowingly manufacturing, distributing, transferring, selling, or purchasing a semiautomatic rifle or semiautomatic shotgun with a detachable magazine or a gas operated semiautomatic handgun with a detachable magazine (“specified semiautomatic firearms”) with limited exceptions and only after an individual completes onerous, lengthy, and costly background checks and safety courses; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to SB 25-003, the unlawful manufacture, distribution, transfer, sale, or purchase of a specified semiautomatic firearm is a class 2 misdemeanor, and a second or subsequent offense is a class 6 felony; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to SB 25-003, a gun dealer who unlawfully manufactures, distributes, transfers, sells, or purchases a specified semiautomatic firearm shall have their license revoked by the department of revenue; and

WHEREAS, SB 25-003 is an unfunded mandate that requires county sheriffs to complete fingerprinting and conduct background checks on applicants to determine if they meet the criteria to receive a firearms course card without any additional funding or resources; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that SB 25-003 will cost the state \$1.4 million in the first year of implementation and \$500,000 annually to maintain, which are expenses the state cannot afford given the state’s budget shortfall; and

WHEREAS, SB 25-003 will harm gun store owners, rendering it illegal for gun store owners to sell large portions of their merchandise, potentially driving gun businesses to close or move out of the state; and

WHEREAS, SB 25-003 requires law-abiding citizens to jump through unnecessary hoops and pay significant fees in order to exercise their second amendment rights; and

WHEREAS, SB 25-003 is one of the most restrictive gun licensing systems in the United States that will be a burden to county sheriffs, gun store owners, and law-abiding Coloradans that must be vetoed; and



WHEREAS, this Board opposes Senate Bill 25-003 and implores Governor Polis to veto this legislation that will infringe on Coloradan's second amendment rights, jeopardize citizens' rights to self-defense, damage the economy and livelihoods of gun store owners and employees, and burden county sheriffs with an unfunded mandate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Teller County, Colorado, that this Board hereby declares its opposition to Senate Bill 25-003 and urges Governor Polis to veto this bill.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of April, 2025 in Teller County, Colorado.

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Dan Williams, Chairman

Erik Stone, Vice-Chairman

Bob Campbell, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Stephanie Kees
Teller County Clerk and Recorder

