

Brady News & Updates



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****U21 Background Checks****

Due to the passage of the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act of 2022 (hereinafter “Act”), public law 117-159, the Nevada Point of Contact Firearms Unit will be required to conduct additional outreach for NICS background checks initiated at a federal firearms licensee when the potential firearm transferee/purchaser is under the age of 21. The additional outreach is to determine if the person has juvenile criminal/delinquency information or juvenile mental health adjudications/commitments that may be disqualifying for the receipt or possession of firearms under subsection (d) of Title 18, United States Code, section 922. All purchases that fall into this requirement will be placed on an automatic three (3) day delay. Additionally, if there is reason to believe during our initial research that there may be a potential disqualifying juvenile record, the Act allows us an additional seven (7) days to complete the research. In conclusion, the Act allows these transactions to remain in a delay status for up to ten (10) business days.

The Nevada Point of Contact Firearms Unit notified all licensees of this upcoming change in procedure so that the licensees would be prepared on December 1st, 2022.

Beginning December 1st, 2022, all licensee’s will be asked at the beginning of the call if there are any U21 purchases (these are purchases where the subject is under the age of 21). Because the Act requires us to conduct research in the jurisdiction where the purchaser resides, we will need to collect the address information of the purchaser at the time of the background.

For questions regarding this information, please contact the Point of Contact Firearms Program at firearmshelp@dps.state.nv.us.

****Private Party Background Checks****

The Nevada Department of Public Safety (DPS) will no longer refund charges for private party background checks if the Brady examiner was not notified prior to the background being conducted. All licensee’s will be asked at the beginning of the call if there are any Private Party checks. **If you fail to notify us that the background is a Private Party check, you will be charged \$25.00.**