

State Firearms Trafficking & Straw Purchasing Laws

State	Statute	Notes
Alabama	Ala.Code 1975 § 13A-11-58.1(b)-(c)	Class C felony
California	Cal. Penal Code § 12072(a)(4)	
Colorado	Colo. Rev. Stat. § 18-12-111(1) & (2)(a)-(b)	Transferor commits class 4 felony. Dealer must post sign saying straw purchases are illegal. If dealer does not post sign, he commits a class 2 petty offense and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of two hundred fifty dollars
Connecticut	C.G.S.A. § 53-202aa	(a) A person is guilty of firearms trafficking if such person, knowingly and intentionally, directly or indirectly, causes one or more firearms that such person owns, is in possession of or is in control of to come into the possession of or control of another person who such person knows or has reason to believe is prohibited from owning or possessing any firearm under state or federal law. (b) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be guilty of a class C felony if such person, on or after October 1, 2007, sells, delivers or otherwise transfers five or fewer firearms, and a class B felony if such person, on or after October 1, 2007, sells, delivers or otherwise transfers more than five firearms
Delaware	Del. Code Ann. tit. 11, § 1455	Engaging in a firearms transaction on behalf of another is a class F felony for the first offense, and a class C felony for each subsequent like offense
Illinois	22.720 Ill. Comp. Stat. 5/24-3.5(b) & 22.720 Ill. Comp. Stat. 5/24-3.5(c)	Violation of statute carries mandatory sentence (A) is guilty of a Class 2 felony for purchasing or attempting to purchase one firearm; (B) is guilty of a Class 1 felony for purchasing or attempting to purchase not less than 2 firearms and not more than 5 firearms at the same time or within a one year period; (C) is guilty of a Class X felony for which the offender shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not less than 9 years and not more than 40 years for purchasing or attempting to purchase not less than 6 firearms at the same time or within a 2 year period. (2) In addition to any other penalty that may be imposed for a violation of this Section, the court may sentence a person convicted of a violation of subsection (c) of this Section to a fine not to exceed \$250,000 for each violation

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Maryland	Md. Code Ann., Pub. Safety §§ 5-101(t), 5-114(b)(viii), 5-134(b)(13), 5-136(b), 5-141(a)	Misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 5 years or a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or both § 5-136 is specifically entitled “Straw Purchases” and expressly prohibits such acts. Guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 10 years or a fine not exceeding \$25,000 or both
Mississippi	Miss. Code Ann. §97-37-105	Providing false info to a dealer is a felony and shall be punished by a fine not exceeding Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or imprisoned in the custody of the Department of Corrections for not more than three (3) years, or both
Nebraska	Neb. Rev. Stat. § 69-2422	Any person who knowingly and intentionally obtains a handgun for the purposes of transferring it to a person who is prohibited from receipt or possession of a handgun by state or federal law shall be guilty of a Class IV felony
New Jersey	N.J.S.A. 2C:39-10(c) & (e)	Anyone giving false info to acquire a firearm is guilty of a crime of the third degree. Anyone transferring a firearm to someone under 18 years old is subject to a mandatory minimum three-year term of imprisonment, during which the defendant shall be ineligible for parole
North Carolina	N.C.G.S. § 14-408.1(b)-(d)	Class F felony
Oregon	Or. Rev. Stat. § 166.416	Class A misdemeanor
Pennsylvania	18 Pa.C.S.A. § 6111(b)	Felony of the third degree
	18 Pa. Cons. Stat. Ann. §§ 6181 - 6187	Established a “Straw Purchase Prevention Education Program,” within the state Attorney General’s office to provide resources and direct grant money to the “Don’t Lie for the Other Guy Program” and similar programs that offer straw purchase prevention education
Utah	U.C.A. 1953 § 76-10-503 (8)(a) & (9)(a)-(b)	Transferor is guilty of a second degree or a third degree felony depending on whether the transferee is a Class I or Class 2 person
Wisconsin	Wis. Stat. § 939.05(2)(B) & 941.29(4)	Class G Felony

