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Referred to Committee on Public Safety and Security

Introduced by:
(PS)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE OF FIREARMS AT PUBLIC AUCTION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 54-36e of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2010*):

3 (a) Except as provided in sections 26-85 and 26-90, firearms,
4 adjudged by the court to be contraband pursuant to subsection (c) of
5 section 54-36a, or adjudicated a nuisance pursuant to section 54-33g,
6 shall be turned over to the Bureau of Identification of the Connecticut
7 Division of State Police within the Department of Public Safety for
8 [destruction or] appropriate use or disposal by sale at public auction in
9 accordance with subsection (b) of this section or, if such use or disposal
10 by sale is deemed inappropriate by said bureau, for destruction.

11 (b) Firearms turned over to the state police pursuant to subsection
12 (a) of this section [which] that are not destroyed or retained for
13 appropriate use shall be sold at public auctions, conducted by the
14 Commissioner of Administrative Services or [such] said
15 commissioner's designee. Pistols and revolvers, as defined in section

16 53a-3, which are antiques, as defined in section 29-33, or curios or
17 relics, as defined in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 27, Chapter
18 1, Part 178, or modern pistols and revolvers [which] that have a current
19 retail value of one hundred dollars or more [may] shall be sold at such
20 public auctions, provided such pistols and revolvers shall be sold only
21 to persons who have a valid permit to sell a pistol or revolver, or a
22 valid permit to carry a pistol or revolver, issued pursuant to section 29-
23 28. Rifles and shotguns, as defined in section 53a-3, shall be sold only
24 to persons qualified under federal law to purchase such rifles and
25 shotguns. Inoperable rifles, shotguns, pistols and revolvers and
26 accoutrements such as magazines, stocks and holsters may be sold at
27 such public auctions as parts, provided any firearm frames, receivers
28 or barrels that have an altered identification mark, number or name, as
29 described in section 29-36, shall be destroyed. Any ammunition not
30 retained for use by the Department of Public Safety shall be sold at
31 such public auctions. The proceeds of any such sale shall be paid to the
32 State Treasurer and deposited by the State Treasurer in the forfeit
33 firearms account within the General Fund.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2010</i>	54-36e

Statement of Purpose:

To encourage the sale of firearms and firearm parts or accoutrements at public auction as a source of revenue for the state.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]