

HB4765



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB4765

by Rep. Jawaharial Williams

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Ammunition Vending Machine Prohibition Act. Provides that no person shall install, maintain, place, or operate, or cause to be installed, maintained, placed or operated, any mechanical or electronic device that, upon insertion of money, tokens, or any other form of payment, automatically dispenses ammunition without the contemporaneous oversight of a licensed dealer or his or her authorized employee. Provides for penalties. Effective January 1, 2027.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning safety.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Ammunition Vending Machine Prohibition Act.

6 Section 5. Legislative findings. The General Assembly
7 finds that:

8 (1) Unattended vending machines that dispense live
9 ammunition pose an unacceptable risk of theft, straw purchase,
10 and access by minors.

11 (2) No existing State regulatory scheme adequately
12 supervises the real-time identity verification or safe-storage
13 requirements necessary for ammunition sales.

14 (3) Therefore, the operation of such machines is contrary
15 to the public health, safety, and welfare.

16 Section 10. Definitions.

17 "Ammunition" has the meaning ascribed to that term in 18
18 U.S.C. 921(a)(17).

19 "Ammunition vending machine" means any mechanical or
20 electronic device that, upon insertion of money, tokens, or
21 any other form of payment, automatically dispenses ammunition
22 without the contemporaneous oversight of a licensed dealer or

1 his or her authorized employee.

2 Section 15. Prohibition. No person shall install,
3 maintain, place, operate, or cause to be installed,
4 maintained, placed, or operated, an ammunition vending machine
5 anywhere in the State.

6 Section 20. Penalty. A violation of this Act is a business
7 offense punishable by a fine of not less than \$1,000 nor more
8 than \$5,000 for each machine.

9 Section 25. Confiscation and disposal. Ammunition and
10 machines seized pursuant to this Act are subject to forfeiture
11 under the procedures in the Drug Asset and Forfeiture
12 Procedure Act.

13 Section 30. Home rule preemption. A home rule unit may not
14 regulate or license the operation of ammunition vending
15 machines in a manner inconsistent with the regulation by the
16 State of ammunition vending machines under this Act. This
17 Section is a limitation under subsection (i) of Section 6 of
18 Article VII of the Illinois Constitution on the concurrent
19 exercise by home rule units of powers and function exercised
20 by the State.

21 Section 97. Severability. The provisions of this Act are

1 severable under Section 1.31 of the Statute on Statutes.

2 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January
3 1, 2027.