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1 Enrolled, An Act,

2 Relating to Cullman County; to authorize and direct
3 the sheriff to take certain actions regarding abandoned and
4 stolen firearms.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

6 Section 1. (a) For the purposes of this section, the
7 term "firearm" shall have the same meaning as defined in
8 Section 13A-8-1, Code of Alabama 1975.

9 (b) The Sheriff of Cullman County shall keep and
10 maintain a separate permanent record of all abandoned and
11 stolen firearms not subject to disposition by general law. The
12 records shall include a description of the firearm, the date
13 of recovery of the firearm, the serial or other identifying
14 number, if any, of the firearm, and the place of recovery of
15 the firearm.

16 (c) Unless otherwise provided by law, the sheriff may
17 sell or destroy a firearm if all of the following have
18 occurred:

19 (1) The firearm has been recorded pursuant to
20 subsection (b).

21 (2) The sheriff has possessed the firearm for at least
22 six months.

23 (3) The owner of the firearm has not claimed the
24 firearm.

25 (d) (1) The sheriff may sell or trade firearms pursuant
26 to subsection (c) only to gun dealers who have held an active
27 business license in this state for at least one year
28 immediately prior to the date of the sale or trade.



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29 (2) The sheriff shall establish a procedure to notify
30 gun dealers of all firearms available for trade or sale.

31 (3) Proceeds of a sale, after deducting and paying all
32 expenses incurred in the recovery, maintenance, and sale of
33 the firearm, shall be dispersed as follows:

34 a. Seventy percent to the office of the sheriff.

35 b. Thirty percent to the office of the district
36 attorney.

37 (e) The sheriff may establish a procedure to destroy
38 firearms and may expend necessary sheriff department funds for
39 that purpose.

40 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
41 1, 2024.

