



# Ohio Revised Code

## Section 2923.26

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(A) As used in this section:

(1) "Legal cause" means any legal authority that would prohibit receiving or possessing a firearm, including disability under section 2923.13 of the Revised Code or under 18 U.S.C. 922(g).

(2) "Federally licensed firearms dealer" has the same meaning as in section 5502.63 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Law enforcement agency" means a police department, the office of a sheriff, the state highway patrol, or a federal, state, or local governmental body that enforces criminal laws and that has employees who have a statutory power of arrest.

(4) "Political subdivision" has the same meaning as in section 2744.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) Any owner of a lawfully possessed firearm or a person authorized by the owner of a lawfully possessed firearm may, upon application and agreement, store a firearm with a federally licensed firearms dealer or with a law enforcement agency pursuant to this section.

(C) The following terms apply to the storage of a firearm with a federally licensed firearms dealer under this section:

(1) The dealer may not enter into an agreement for firearm storage if the dealer's federal firearms license will expire during the term of storage, unless the dealer has submitted a timely renewal application to the federal bureau of alcohol, tobacco, firearms, and explosives and is authorized to continue operations under federal law.

(2) The dealer shall follow all federal laws regarding acquisition, transfer, and disposition of firearms pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 921 et seq. and 26 U.S.C. 53 et seq.

(3) A dealer may establish the dealer's own policies and procedures regarding the acceptance and return of a firearm and provide a copy of the policies and procedures to any person placing a firearm in storage with that dealer.

(4) No dealer shall return a firearm to a person if the return of the firearm would result in a direct violation of state or federal law.



(D) The following terms apply to storage of a firearm with a law enforcement agency under this section:

(1) A law enforcement agency may establish policies regarding the return of firearms.

(2) No law enforcement agency shall return a firearm if the return of the firearm would result in a direct violation of state or federal law.

(E) Nothing in this section shall be construed as a requirement for a federally licensed firearms dealer or law enforcement agency to accept a firearm for storage pursuant to this section.

(F) Nothing in this section shall be construed as a requirement for a federally licensed firearms dealer or law enforcement agency to accept a firearm or firearms for voluntary storage free of charge.

(G) A federally licensed firearms dealer that accepts the storage of a firearm under this section is immune from liability in a civil action for any injury, death, or loss to person or property that allegedly is caused by or related to the acceptance, storage, or return of a firearm unless the federally licensed firearms dealer acts with malicious purpose or intent to withhold the return of the firearm without legal cause.

(H) A law enforcement agency or political subdivision is immune from liability in a civil action, to the extent and in the manner provided in Chapter 2744. of the Revised Code, for any injury, death, or loss to person or property that allegedly is caused by or related to the acceptance, storage, or return of a firearm.

(I) If a court of competent jurisdiction finds that a federally licensed firearms dealer or law enforcement agency withheld return of a firearm or firearms after a demand was made for the return by an owner of a lawfully possessed firearm or a person authorized by the owner of a lawfully possessed firearm, without legal cause, in addition to any other relief ordered, the court shall award reasonable costs and attorney's fees to the person who sought a court order finding the firearm stored was illegally withheld.

(J) Any information submitted by a person in an application or agreement to store a firearm with a federally licensed firearms dealer or a law enforcement agency pursuant to this section is confidential, is not a public record under section 149.43 of the Revised Code, and may not be used for any purpose except as described under this section.