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Good morning!

As many of you are aware, the Washington State Legislature passed Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill (E2SHB) 1143 and signed by the Governor on April 25, 2023. Although we are not currently conducting firearm background checks, we wanted to share information regarding this bill as it will affect firearm background checks beginning in January of 2024.

Attached is the final bill, however the highlights are as follows:

Beginning January 1, 2024:

- A firearm dealer MAY NOT transfer a firearm until the background check is completed.
  - This means no longer will FFLs be able to transfer a firearm before they receive a 'Proceed' response
- All firearms will now have a 10 day waiting period, not just semiautomatic rifles.
- Requires firearm dealers to obtain proof that the transferee has completed a recognized firearms safety training program within the past five years.
  - The training must be sponsored by a federal, state, county, or municipal law enforcement agency, a college or university, a nationally recognized organization that customarily offers firearms training, or a firearms training school with instructors certified by a nationally recognized organization that customarily offers firearms training.
  - There are exemptions for law enforcement and certain military members.

Thank you,

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