683.1 Prohibition of certain actions resulting from criminal or unlawful use of firearm, firearm accessory, or ammunition by third party — definitions.

1. As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

a. *"Ammunition"* means any projectile capable of being expelled or propelled from any firearm by the action of a propellant, any cartridge or shotshell designed for the purpose of expelling such a projectile from a firearm, and any component parts thereof.

b. *"Federal firearms licensee"* means any person engaged in the business of importing, manufacturing, or dealing in firearms as defined by the federal National Firearms Act, 26 U.S.C. §5841, and who currently holds a valid license according to provisions of the federal Gun Control Act of 1968, 18 U.S.C. §921.

c. *"Firearm"* means any weapon that is capable of expelling, designed to expel, or that may readily be converted to expel ammunition.

d. *"Firearm hold agreement"* means a private transaction between a federal firearms licensee and an individual owner where the licensee takes possession of the owner's lawfully possessed firearm at the owner's request, holds the firearm for an agreed period of time, and returns the firearm according to the terms of the transaction.

2. A person shall not bring or maintain an action against a firearm, firearm accessory, or ammunition manufacturer, importer, distributor, trade association, seller, or dealer for any of the following:

a. Recovery of damages resulting from, or injunctive relief or abatement of a nuisance, statutory or in common law, relating to, the lawful design, manufacture, marketing, or sale of a firearm, firearm accessory, or ammunition.

b. Recovery of damages resulting from the criminal or unlawful use of a firearm, firearm accessory, or ammunition by a third party. All defenses provided for in section 668.12 shall apply to actions under this section.

2021 Acts, ch 34, §1; 2024 Acts, ch 1113, §1; 2024 Acts, ch 1154, §19
Referred to in §683.2, 683.3