

VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE CITY OF LYNCHBURG

VIRGINIA CITIZENS DEFENSE LEAGUE,

GUN OWNERS OF AMERICA, INC.,

and

GUN OWNERS FOUNDATION,

Plaintiffs,

v. Case No. CL20-582

COLONEL MATTHEW D. HANLEY (In his Official Capacity as Superintendent of the Virginia State Police)

Defendant.

FINAL ORDER

This matter came before the Court for trial on February 21, 2024. Following trial, the Court issued a letter opinion on December 17, 2024 in which it held, *inter alia*, that Va. Code § 18.2-308.2:5 (the "Act") was unconstitutional as applied to persons 18 to 20 years of age seeking to purchase a handgun through a private sale under Article I, § 13 of the Constitution of Virginia, and directed further briefing and argument from the remaining parties regarding the impact of this finding on the Act as a whole under *Ayotte v. Planned Parenthood*, 540 U.S. 320, 329 (2006).

The parties appeared before the Court on June 4, 2025, and the Court heard argument on the question of whether the Act should be invalidated and enjoined in its entirety based upon its findings as to adults under the age of 21. Having considered the briefs and arguments of the parties, and for the reasons set forth in the Court's letter opinions dated December 17, 2024 and

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October 16, 2025, it is hereby **ORDERED** that:

- 1. The Court declares that the Act (Va. Code § 18.2-308.2:5) is unconstitutional as applied to adults 18 to 20 years of age, and strikes the Act in its entirety to the extent it applies to handguns for the reasons stated in its October 16, 2025 letter opinion.
- 2. The Defendant, Colonel Matthew D. Hanley, in his official capacity as Superintendent of the Virginia State Police, to include his successors or replacements in office, is hereby permanently enjoined and prohibited from administering, enforcing, or otherwise imposing upon any person the requirements of, the Act (Va. Code § 18.2-308.2:5) as it applies to handguns so long as the National Instant Criminal Background Check System automatically rejects handgun transfers to individuals under the age of 21.
- 3. All orders granting temporary injunctive relief in this matter are hereby dissolved, and replaced with the permanent injunctive relief set forth in the preceding paragraph.
 - 4. Plaintiffs' request for a writ of mandamus is denied.
 - 5. No injunction bond shall be required pursuant to Va. Code § 8.01-631.
- 6. The Court notes the objections of the Defendant as set forth in the record in this case.

There being nothing further to be done, this order is intended to be a final order in accordance with Rule 1:1, and this cause is ended.

Endorsements are hereby waived pursuant to Rule of the Supreme Court of Virginia 1:13

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SEEN AND OBJECTED TO: 1) for the reasons set forth in Defendant's pleadings, briefings, oral arguments, and objections to previous orders entered in this matter, and 2) on the basis that Organizational-Plaintiffs lack standing absent statutory authority.

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