WHEREAS, Congress has adopted and the President of the United States has signed the "Brady Handgun Violence Protection Act" (the Act) (PL 103-159); and

WHEREAS, prior to the transfer of any handgun, a transferee must provide certain background information as required under 18 U.S.C. 922(3) (paragraph 3 of the Act) to the transferor; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires any transferor of a handgun within one day of application by transferee to provide notice of the contents of the statement to the Chief law enforcement officer.

NOW, THEREFORE, I direct the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division to develop and implement an instant criminal background check system with the adequate accessibility to license firearms dealers in the State in order to expeditiously identify individuals prohibited from receiving a handgun that would be in violation of Federal, State or local law. Implementation of this system shall be completed by February 28, 1994.
Furthermore, the Chief of SLED is the designated "chief law enforcement officer" for the State of South Carolina, and all requests made pursuant to the Act shall be made through SLED. Any background check must be completed in accordance with the Act by SLED prior to any sale, delivery or transfer of a handgun.

Any appropriate changes in state law necessary to bring the State in compliance with any other provision of the Act shall be prepared by SLED with the assistance of the Governor's Office.

This Order shall take effect immediately upon the signature of the Governor and shall remain in effect until such statutes deemed necessary, if any, to comply with the Act shall be approved by the General Assembly and signed by the Governor. At such time, if necessary, this Order shall be rescinded by Executive Order.


CARROLL A. CAMPBELL, JR.
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JAMES M. MILES
SECRETARY OF STATE