
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FIREARMS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Under Hawaii's existing laws, a person arriving
2 in the State with a firearm is required to register the firearm,
3 but no permit process or background check is required.

4 Therefore, individuals who might have been prohibited from
5 acquiring a firearm in Hawaii can acquire a firearm outside of
6 this State, where a permit process or extensive background check
7 may not be required, then possess and be considered registered
8 firearm owners after registering with the county police
9 department.

10 The purpose of this Act is to require persons arriving in
11 the State with firearms to undergo a background check before
12 registering a firearm with the county police department. In
13 addition, this Act extends the time period for persons bringing
14 a firearm into the State to register the firearm, for
15 consistency with the time period for registering firearms
16 obtained in or imported into the State.

17 SECTION 2. Section 134-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
18 amended as follows:



1 1. By amending subsection (a) to read:
2 "(a) Every person arriving in the State who brings or by
3 any other manner causes to be brought into the State a firearm
4 of any description, whether usable or unusable, serviceable or
5 unserviceable, modern or antique, shall register the firearm
6 within [~~three~~] five days after arrival of the person or of the
7 firearm, whichever arrives later, with the chief of police of
8 the county of the person's place of business or, if there is no
9 place of business, the person's residence or, if there is
10 neither a place of business nor residence, the person's place of
11 sojourn. A nonresident alien may bring firearms not otherwise
12 prohibited by law into the State for a continuous period not to
13 exceed ninety days; provided that the person meets the
14 registration requirement of this section and the person
15 possesses:

- 16 (1) A valid Hawaii hunting license procured under chapter
17 183D, part II, or a commercial or private shooting
18 preserve permit issued pursuant to section 183D-34;
19 (2) A written document indicating the person has been
20 invited to the State to shoot on private land; or



1 (3) Written notification from a firing range or target
2 shooting business indicating that the person will
3 actually engage in target shooting.

4 The nonresident alien shall be limited to a nontransferable
5 registration of not more than ten firearms for the purpose of
6 the above activities.

7 Every person registering a firearm under this subsection
8 shall be fingerprinted and photographed by the police department
9 of the county of registration; provided that this requirement
10 shall be waived where fingerprints and photographs are already
11 on file with the police department. The police department shall
12 perform an inquiry on the person by using the National Instant
13 Criminal Background Check System before any determination to
14 register a firearm is made."

15 2. By amending subsection (e) to read:

16 "(e) No fee shall be charged for the registration[-] of a
17 firearm under this section, except for a fee chargeable by and
18 payable to the registering county for persons registering a
19 firearm under subsection (a), in an amount equal to the fee
20 actually charged by the Federal Bureau of Investigation to the
21 registering police department for a fingerprint check in
22 connection with the registration. In the case of a joint



1 registration, the fee provided for in this section may be
2 charged to each person."

3 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.



Report Title:

Firearm Registration

Description:

Requires county police departments under certain conditions to fingerprint, photograph, and perform background checks on individuals who wish to register a firearm that was procured out-of-state. Authorizes the police departments to assess a fee for conducting a fingerprint check and specifies the amount of the fee. Extends the time period for registering a firearm procured out-of-state for consistency with the time period for registering firearms obtained in or imported into the State.
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