
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FIREARMS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State of
2 Hawaii's existing firearms laws allow for the issuing of permits
3 to acquire rifles and shotguns that remain in effect for one
4 year from the date of issuance. Consequently, persons who
5 obtain such a permit may attain as many rifles and shotguns as
6 they desire within that year without any additional or follow-up
7 background checks. This situation may allow a person who has
8 become ineligible to purchase or obtain firearms to continue to
9 do so under a permit that was obtained before a disqualifying
10 event.

11 The legislature finds that this situation is unacceptable
12 and that the permitting of rifles and shotguns should conform to
13 the permitting requirements for revolvers and pistols.

14 SECTION 2. Section 134-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
15 amended by amending subsection (e) to read as follows:

16 "(e) The permit application form shall be signed by the
17 applicant and by the issuing authority. One copy of the permit



1 shall be retained by the issuing authority as a permanent
2 official record. Except for sales to dealers licensed under
3 section 134-31, or dealers licensed by the United States
4 Department of Justice, or law enforcement officers, or where a
5 license is granted under section 134-9, or where any firearm is
6 registered pursuant to section 134-3(a), no permit shall be
7 issued to an applicant earlier than fourteen calendar days after
8 the date of the application; provided that a permit shall be
9 issued or the application denied before the twentieth day from
10 the date of application. Permits issued to acquire any pistol
11 ~~[or]~~, revolver, rifle, or shotgun shall be void unless used
12 within ten days after the date of issue. Permits to acquire a
13 pistol ~~[or]~~, revolver, rifle, or shotgun shall require a
14 separate application and permit for each transaction. ~~[Permits~~
15 ~~issued to acquire any rifle or shotgun shall entitle the~~
16 ~~permittee to make subsequent purchases of rifles or shotguns for~~
17 ~~a period of one year from the date of issue without a separate~~
18 ~~application and permit for each acquisition, subject to the~~
19 ~~disqualifications under section 134-7 and subject to revocation~~
20 ~~under section 134-13; provided that if a permittee is arrested~~
21 ~~for committing a felony or any crime of violence or for the~~



1 ~~illegal sale of any drug, the permit shall be impounded and~~
2 ~~shall be surrendered to the issuing authority.]~~ The issuing
3 authority shall perform an inquiry on an applicant by using the
4 International Justice and Public Safety Network, including the
5 United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement query, the
6 National Crime Information Center, and the National Instant
7 Criminal Background Check System, pursuant to section 846-2.7
8 before any determination to issue a permit or to deny an
9 application is made."

10 SECTION 3. Section 463-10.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 amended by amending subsection (e) to read as follows:

12 "(e) Before beginning employment as a guard or in a guard
13 capacity, in addition to the classroom instruction required by
14 this section, guards and individuals acting in a guard capacity
15 who carry a firearm or other weapon, including but not limited
16 to an electric gun as defined in section 134-1, while on-duty in
17 a guard capacity, shall possess a valid ~~[permit to acquire the~~
18 ~~ownership of a]~~ license to carry a firearm issued by county
19 police pursuant to ~~[section 134-2]~~ rules established by each
20 county police department and shall satisfy the requirements of
21 section ~~[134-2(g)-]~~ 134-9."



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

3 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Permits to Obtain Rifles and Shotguns

Description:

Conforms the permitting process for rifles and shotguns to the process for pistols and revolvers.

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