
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 accurate firearm
2 registration records and the sharing of firearm registration
3 records between the counties are critical to ensure the safety
4 of the community. Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to:

5 (1) Require, for a person who brings a firearm into the
6 State or causes a firearm to be brought into the State
7 and who must register the firearm within five days, a
8 police department to perform an inquiry on the person
9 using various systems before making a determination to
10 register the firearm; and

11 (2) Allow the Hawaii criminal justice data center to view
12 firearm registration data as part of a firearm
13 registration information sharing initiative among the
14 county police departments.

15 SECTION 2. Section 134-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 amended by amending subsections (a) and (b) to read as follows:

17 "(a) Every person arriving in the State who brings or by
18 any other manner causes to be brought into the State a firearm



1 of any description, whether usable or unusable, serviceable or
2 unserviceable, modern or antique, shall register the firearm
3 within five days after arrival of the person or of the firearm,
4 whichever arrives later, with the chief of police of the county
5 of the person's place of business or, if there is no place of
6 business, the person's residence or, if there is neither a place
7 of business nor residence, the person's place of sojourn. A
8 nonresident alien may bring firearms not otherwise prohibited by
9 law into the State for a continuous period not to exceed ninety
10 days; provided that the person meets the registration
11 requirement of this section and the person possesses:

- 12 (1) A valid Hawaii hunting license procured under chapter
13 183D, part II, or a commercial or private shooting
14 preserve permit issued pursuant to section 183D-34;
- 15 (2) A written document indicating the person has been
16 invited to the State to shoot on private land; or
- 17 (3) Written notification from a firing range or target
18 shooting business indicating that the person will
19 actually engage in target shooting.



1 The nonresident alien shall be limited to a nontransferable
2 registration of not more than ten firearms for the purpose of
3 the above activities.

4 Every person registering a firearm under this subsection
5 shall be fingerprinted and photographed by the police department
6 of the county of registration; provided that this requirement
7 shall be waived where fingerprints and photographs are already
8 on file with the police department. The police department shall
9 perform an inquiry on the [~~person by using the National Instant~~
10 ~~Criminal Background Check System~~] applicant using the Criminal
11 Justice Information System and the National Law Enforcement
12 Telecommunications System, including the Immigration and
13 Naturalization Service query therein, National Crime Information
14 Center, National Instant Criminal Background Check System, and
15 pursuant to section 846-2.7 before any determination to register
16 a firearm is made.

17 (b) Every person who acquires a firearm pursuant to
18 section 134-2 shall register the firearm in the manner
19 prescribed by this section within five days of acquisition. The
20 registration shall be on forms prescribed by the attorney
21 general, which shall be uniform throughout the State, and shall



1 include the following information: name of the manufacturer and
2 importer; model; type of action; caliber or gauge; serial
3 number; and source from which receipt was obtained, including
4 the name and address of the prior registrant. If the firearm
5 has no serial number, the permit number shall be entered in the
6 space provided for the serial number, and the permit number
7 shall be engraved upon the receiver portion of the firearm prior
8 to registration. All registration data that would identify the
9 individual registering the firearm by name or address shall be
10 confidential and shall not be disclosed to anyone, except as may
11 be required ~~[for]~~:

- 12 (1) For processing the registration ~~[or as may be required~~
13 ~~by]~~;
- 14 (2) For database management by the Hawaii criminal justice
15 data center;
- 16 (3) By a law enforcement agency for the lawful performance
17 of its duties; ~~or [as may be required by]~~
- 18 (4) By order of a court."

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

21 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on January 7, 2059.



Report Title:

Firearms; Registration; Hawaii Criminal Justice Data Center;
Database Management

Description:

Authorizes the Hawaii criminal justice data center to access firearm registration data. Requires the county police departments to perform an inquiry on a firearm applicant who is bringing a firearm into the State, using the Criminal Justice Information System and the National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System, including the Immigration and Naturalization Service query therein, National Crime Information Center, National Instant Criminal Background Check System, and pursuant to section 846-2.7, HRS, before any determination to register a firearm is made. Effective January 7, 2059. (SD2)

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