



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HONOLULU

DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR

July 5, 2019

**GOV. MSG. NO. 1359**

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,  
President  
and Members of the Senate  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,  
Speaker and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on July 5, 2019, the following bill was signed into law:

SB600 HD2

RELATING TO FIREARMS  
**ACT 257 (19)**

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

# 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 state law requires  
2 that a person who arrives in the State and who brings or by any  
3 other manner causes to be brought into the State a firearm must  
4 register the firearm with the applicable county police  
5 department. However, Hawaii law does not explicitly require  
6 that the arriving person be of a certain age in order to bring  
7 the firearm into the State or subsequently register the firearm,  
8 even though Hawaii law requires that a person who is already in  
9 Hawaii and who wishes to apply for a permit to acquire the  
10 ownership of a firearm be at least twenty-one years old.

11           The purpose of this Act is to prohibit individuals who are  
12 less than twenty-one years of age from bringing or causing to be  
13 brought into the State any firearm.

14           SECTION 2. Section 134-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
15 amended to read as follows:

16           "**§134-3 Registration, mandatory, exceptions.** (a) Every  
17 person arriving in the State who brings or by any other manner



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

- 13 (1) A valid Hawaii hunting license procured under chapter  
14 183D, part II, or a commercial or private shooting  
15 preserve permit issued pursuant to section 183D-34;
- 16 (2) A written document indicating the person has been  
17 invited to the State to shoot on private land; or
- 18 (3) Written notification from a firing range or target  
19 shooting business indicating that the person will  
20 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 International  
10 Justice and Public Safety Network, including the United States  
11 Immigration and Customs Enforcement query, the National Crime  
12 Information Center, and the National Instant Criminal Background  
13 Check System, pursuant to section 846-2.7 before any  
14 determination to register a firearm is made.

15 (b) Every person who acquires a firearm pursuant to  
16 section 134-2 shall register the firearm in the manner  
17 prescribed by this section within five days of acquisition. The  
18 registration shall be on forms prescribed by the attorney  
19 general, which shall be uniform throughout the State, and shall  
20 include the following information: name of the manufacturer and  
21 importer; model; type of action; caliber or gauge; serial



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

- 10 (1) For processing the registration;
- 11 (2) For database management by the Hawaii criminal justice  
12 data center;
- 13 (3) By a law enforcement agency for the lawful performance  
14 of its duties; or
- 15 (4) By order of a court.

16 (c) Dealers licensed under section 134-31 or dealers  
17 licensed by the United States Department of Justice shall  
18 register firearms pursuant to this section on registration forms  
19 prescribed by the attorney general and shall not be required to  
20 have the firearms physically inspected by the chief of police at  
21 the time of registration.



- 1 (d) Registration shall not be required for:
- 2 (1) Any device that is designed to fire loose black powder
- 3 or that is a firearm manufactured before 1899;
- 4 (2) Any device not designed to fire or made incapable of
- 5 being readily restored to a firing condition; or
- 6 (3) All unserviceable firearms and destructive devices
- 7 registered with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and
- 8 Firearms of the United States Department of Justice
- 9 pursuant to Title 27, Code of Federal Regulations.

10 (e) No fee shall be charged for the registration of a

11 firearm under this section, except for a fee chargeable by and

12 payable to the registering county for persons registering a

13 firearm under subsection (a), in an amount equal to the fee

14 charged by the Hawaii criminal justice data center pursuant to

15 section 846-2.7. In the case of a joint registration, the fee

16 provided for in this section may be charged to each person.

17 (f) No person less than twenty-one years of age shall

18 bring or cause to be brought into the State any firearm."

19 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that

20 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were

21 begun before its effective date.



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 on July 1, 2019.

APPROVED this 05 day of JUL, 2019



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

SB No. 600, HD 2

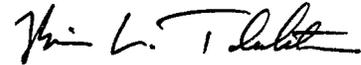
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 4, 2019  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019.



Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker  
House of Representatives

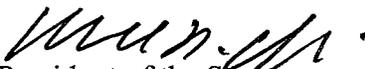


Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives

**THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I**

Date: April 18, 2019  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the  
Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2019.

  
President of the Senate

  
Clerk of the Senate