
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 under current law,
2 firearms safety and training requirements for purchases of
3 pistols and revolvers do not apply to purchases of rifles and
4 shotguns. The legislature believes that there is no
5 justification for this disparity, given the importance of safe
6 and appropriate handling of all firearms, regardless of type.

7 The legislature also finds that, in the interest of
8 national security, permits to acquire firearms should not be
9 issued to aliens who are not state law enforcement officers,
10 even for temporary purposes such as hunting or participating in
11 an organized sport-shooting contest.

12 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to:

13 (1) Establish uniform firearms safety and training
14 requirements for applicants of permits to acquire
15 firearms, regardless of firearm type; and

16 (2) Prohibit the issuance of permits to acquire firearms
17 to aliens who are not state law enforcement officers.



1 SECTION 2. Section 134-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended as follows:

3 1. By amending subsection (d) to read:

4 "(d) The chief of police of the respective counties may
5 issue permits to acquire firearms to citizens of the United
6 States of the age of twenty-one years or more, or duly
7 accredited official representatives of foreign nations, or duly
8 commissioned law enforcement officers of the State who are
9 aliens; provided that any law enforcement officer who is the
10 owner of a firearm and who is an alien shall transfer ownership
11 of the firearm within forty-eight hours after termination of
12 employment from a law enforcement agency. [~~The chief of police
13 of each county may issue permits to aliens of the age of
14 eighteen years or more for use of rifles and shotguns for a
15 period not exceeding sixty days, upon a showing that the alien
16 has first procured a hunting license under chapter 183D, part
17 II. The chief of police of each county may issue permits to
18 aliens of the age of twenty-one years or more for use of
19 firearms for a period not exceeding six months, upon a showing
20 that the alien is in training for a specific organized sport
21 shooting contest to be held within the permit period. The~~



1 ~~attorney general shall adopt rules, pursuant to chapter 91, as~~
2 ~~to what constitutes sufficient evidence that an alien is in~~
3 ~~training for a sport shooting contest.]~~ Notwithstanding any law
4 to the contrary and upon joint application, the chief of police
5 may issue permits to acquire firearms jointly to spouses who
6 otherwise qualify to obtain permits under this section."

7 2. By amending subsection (g) to read:

8 "(g) Effective July 1, 1995, no person shall be issued a
9 permit under this section for the acquisition of a [~~pistol or~~
10 ~~revolver~~] firearm unless the person, at any time prior to the
11 issuance of the permit, has completed:

12 (1) An approved hunter education course as authorized
13 under section 183D-28;

14 (2) A firearms safety or training course or class
15 available to the general public offered by a law
16 enforcement agency of the State or of any county;

17 (3) A firearms safety or training course offered to law
18 enforcement officers, security guards, investigators,
19 deputy sheriffs, or any division or subdivision of law
20 enforcement or security enforcement by a state or
21 county law enforcement agency; or



1 (4) A firearms training or safety course or class
2 conducted by a state certified or National Rifle
3 Association certified firearms instructor or a
4 certified military firearms instructor that provides,
5 at a minimum, a total of at least two hours of firing
6 training at a firing range and a total of at least
7 four hours of classroom instruction, which may include
8 a video, that focuses on:

- 9 (A) The safe use, handling, and storage of firearms
- 10 and firearm safety in the home; and
- 11 (B) Education on the firearm laws of the State.

12 An affidavit signed by the certified firearms
13 instructor who conducted or taught the course,
14 providing the name, address, and phone number of the
15 instructor and attesting to the successful completion
16 of the course by the applicant shall constitute
17 evidence of certified successful completion under this
18 paragraph."

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.



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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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INTRODUCED BY: 











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Report Title:

Firearms; Permits to Acquire; Safety and Training Requirements;
Aliens

Description:

Establishes uniform firearms safety and training requirements for applicants of permits to acquire firearms, regardless of firearm type. Prohibits the issuance of permits to acquire firearms to aliens who are not state law enforcement officers.

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