
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 there are compelling
2 interests in protecting public health, safety, and welfare from
3 the serious hazards associated with firearms and gun violence.
4 Although the United States Supreme Court has held that the
5 Second Amendment provides for an individual right to keep and
6 bear arms for lawful purposes, the Second Amendment is not "a
7 regulatory straightjacket". *New York State Rifle & Pistol*
8 *Ass'n, Inc. v. Bruen*, 142 S.Ct. 2111, 2133 (2022). States
9 retain authority to enact "a 'variety' of gun regulations", *id.*
10 at 2162 (Kavanaugh, J., concurring), such as prohibitions
11 against the carrying of firearms in sensitive locations and laws
12 and regulations designed to ensure that those who carry firearms
13 are "'law-abiding, responsible citizens'", *id.* at 2131, 2156
14 (internal citation omitted).

15 The purpose of this Act is to clarify, revise, and update
16 Hawaii's firearms laws to mitigate the serious hazards to public
17 health, safety, and welfare associated with firearms and gun



1 violence, while respecting and protecting the lawful exercise of
2 individual rights. To accomplish this purpose, this Act amends
3 and enacts requirements and processes for obtaining a license to
4 carry a firearm, updates criteria governing when firearm
5 ownership, possession, or control is prohibited, defines
6 locations and premises within the State where carrying or
7 possessing a firearm is prohibited, prohibits leaving an
8 unsecured firearm in a vehicle unattended, and enacts, amends,
9 and clarifies other provisions relating to firearms.

10 In prohibiting the carrying or possessing of firearms in
11 certain locations and premises within the State, this Act is
12 intended to protect areas in which the carrying or possession of
13 dangerous weapons has traditionally been restricted, such as
14 schools and other places frequented by children, government
15 buildings, polling places, and other analogous locations.

16 This Act also respects the right of private individuals and
17 entities to choose for themselves whether to allow or restrict
18 the carrying of firearms on their property by providing that
19 firearms shall not be carried on private property open to the
20 public without the express authorization of the owner, lessee,
21 operator, or manager of the property. Recognizing the risks to



1 public health, safety, and welfare associated with firearms and
2 gun violence, and based on the legislature's assessment of
3 public sentiment and broadly shared preferences within the
4 State, this Act establishes a default rule with respect to
5 carrying firearms on private property open to the public that
6 provides for private entities to "opt-in" to authorize the
7 public carry of firearms on their property.

8 This Act also adjusts certain regulatory fees relating to
9 firearms. These adjustments are warranted because prior fee
10 amounts were established by statute decades ago and have not
11 been adjusted to reflect inflation and increased costs
12 associated with background checks and investigations.

13 SECTION 2. Chapter 134, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended by adding six new sections to part I to be appropriately
15 designated and to read as follows:

16 "§134-A Carrying or possessing a firearm in certain
17 locations and premises prohibited; penalty. (a) It shall be
18 unlawful for a person to intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly
19 carry or possess a loaded or unloaded firearm, whether the
20 firearm is operable or not, and whether the firearm is concealed



1 or unconcealed, while in any of the following locations and
2 premises within the State:

3 (1) Any building or office owned, leased, or used by the
4 State or a county, and adjacent grounds and parking
5 areas, including any portion of a building or office
6 used for court proceedings, legislative business,
7 contested case hearings, agency rulemaking, or other
8 activities of state or county government;

9 (2) Any public or private hospital, mental health
10 facility, nursing home, clinic, medical office, urgent
11 care facility, or other place at which medical or
12 health services are customarily provided, including
13 adjacent parking areas;

14 (3) Any adult or juvenile detention or correctional
15 facility, prison, or jail, including adjacent parking
16 areas;

17 (4) Any bar or restaurant serving alcohol or intoxicating
18 liquor as defined in section 281-1 for consumption on
19 the premises, including adjacent parking areas;

20 (5) Any stadium, movie theater, or concert hall, or any
21 place at which a professional, collegiate, high



- 1 school, amateur, or student sporting event is being
2 held, including adjacent parking areas;
- 3 (6) Any public library and adjacent parking areas,
4 including all public library property, buildings,
5 facilities, meeting rooms, and spaces used for
6 community programming;
- 7 (7) The campus or premises of any public or private
8 community college, college, or university, and
9 adjacent parking areas, including buildings,
10 classrooms, laboratories, artistic venues, research
11 facilities, and athletic fields or venues;
- 12 (8) The campus or premises of any public school, charter
13 school, private school, preschool, summer camp, or
14 childcare facility, including adjacent parking areas;
- 15 (9) Any beach, playground, park, or adjacent parking area,
16 including any state park, state monument, county park,
17 or other public park, but not including an authorized
18 target range or shooting complex;
- 19 (10) Any shelter, residential, or programmatic facility
20 operated by a government entity or a charitable
21 organization serving unhoused persons, victims of



- 1 domestic violence, or children, including children
2 involved in the juvenile justice system, and including
3 adjacent parking areas;
- 4 (11) Any voting service center or other polling place,
5 including adjacent parking areas;
- 6 (12) The premises of any bank or financial institution,
7 including adjacent parking areas;
- 8 (13) Any place, facility, or vehicle used for public
9 transportation or public transit, and adjacent parking
10 areas, including buses, paratransit vans, bus shelters
11 and terminals (but not including bus stops located on
12 public sidewalks), trains, rail stations, and
13 airports;
- 14 (14) Any amusement park, aquarium, carnival, circus, fair,
15 museum, water park, or zoo, including adjacent parking
16 areas; or
- 17 (15) Any public gathering, public assembly, or special
18 event conducted on property open to the public,
19 including any demonstration, march, rally, vigil,
20 protest, picketing, or other public assembly, that
21 requires the issuance of a permit from a federal,



1 state, or local government, and the sidewalk or street
2 immediately adjacent to the public gathering, public
3 assembly, or special event, and any space within one
4 thousand feet from the public gathering, public
5 assembly, or special event; provided that there are
6 signs clearly and conspicuously posted at visible
7 places along the perimeter of the public gathering,
8 public assembly, or special event.

9 (b) This section shall not apply to a person in an exempt
10 category identified in section 134-11(a). It shall be an
11 affirmative defense to any prosecution under this section that a
12 person is:

13 (1) Carrying or possessing an unloaded firearm in a police
14 station in accordance with section 134-23(a)(6), 134-
15 24(a)(6), or 134-25(a)(6);

16 (2) Carrying or possessing an unloaded firearm at an
17 organized, scheduled firearms show or exhibit;

18 (3) Lawfully carrying or possessing a firearm for hunting
19 in compliance with section 134-5;

20 (4) A private security officer expressly authorized to
21 carry or possess a weapon in a location or premises



1 listed in subsection (a) by the owner, lessee,
2 operator, or manager of the location or premises;
3 provided that the private security officer is acting
4 within the private security officer's scope of
5 employment;

6 (5) Carrying or possessing an unloaded firearm in a
7 courthouse for evidentiary purposes with the prior
8 express authorization of the court;

9 (6) Lawfully present within the person's own home, other
10 than a college or university dormitory or shelter or
11 residential facility serving unhoused persons or
12 victims of domestic violence;

13 (7) Carrying or possessing a firearm pursuant to a license
14 issued under section 134-9 or in accordance with title
15 18 United States Code section 926B or 926C in the
16 immediate area surrounding the person's vehicle within
17 a parking area for the limited purpose of storing or
18 retrieving the firearm; or

19 (8) Possessing a firearm in an airport or any place,
20 facility, or vehicle used for public transportation or
21 public transit; provided that the firearm is unloaded



1 and in a locked hard-sided container for the purpose
2 of transporting the firearm.

3 (c) The presence of a person in any location or premises
4 listed in subsection (a) shall be prima facie evidence that the
5 person knew it was a location or premises listed in subsection
6 (a).

7 (d) Where only a portion of a building or office is owned,
8 leased, or used by the State or a county, this section shall not
9 apply to the portion of the building or office that is not
10 owned, leased, or used by the State or a county, unless carrying
11 or possessing a firearm within that portion is otherwise
12 prohibited by this section.

13 (e) As used in this section, "private security officer"
14 means any person employed and duly licensed to engage in the
15 private detective or guard business pursuant to chapter 463.

16 (f) Any person who violates this section shall be guilty
17 of a misdemeanor.

18 **§134-B Duty to maintain possession of license while**
19 **carrying a firearm; duty to disclose; penalty.** (a) A person
20 carrying a firearm pursuant to a license issued under section



1 134-9 or in accordance with title 18 United States Code section
2 926B or 926C shall have in the person's immediate possession:

3 (1) The license issued under section 134-9 or credentials
4 as required under title 18 United States Code section
5 926B or 926C; and

6 (2) Documentary evidence that the firearm being carried is
7 registered under this chapter,
8 and shall, upon request from a law enforcement officer, present
9 the license or credentials and evidence of registration.

10 (b) When a person carrying a firearm, including a person
11 carrying a firearm pursuant to a license issued under section
12 134-9 or in accordance with title 18 United States Code section
13 926B or 926C, is stopped by a law enforcement officer or is a
14 driver or passenger in a vehicle stopped by a law enforcement
15 officer, the person carrying a firearm shall immediately
16 disclose to the law enforcement officer that the person is
17 carrying a firearm, and shall, upon request:

18 (1) Identify the specific location of the firearm; and
19 (2) Present to the law enforcement officer a license to
20 carry a firearm issued under section 134-9 or



1 credentials as required under title 18 United States
2 Code section 926B or 926C.

3 (c) Any person who violates this section shall be guilty
4 of a petty misdemeanor.

5 §134-C Leaving unsecured firearm in vehicle unattended;
6 penalty. (a) No person shall intentionally, knowingly, or
7 recklessly store or otherwise leave a loaded or unloaded firearm
8 out of the person's immediate possession or control inside a
9 vehicle without first securely locking the firearm in a safe
10 storage depository that is out of sight from outside of the
11 vehicle.

12 (b) For purposes of this section, "safe storage
13 depository" means a safe or other secure impact- and tamper-
14 resistant container that, when locked, is incapable of being
15 opened without a key, keypad, combination, or other unlocking
16 mechanism and is capable of preventing an unauthorized person
17 from obtaining access to or possession of the firearm contained
18 therein. A vehicle's trunk or glove box alone, even if locked,
19 is not a safe storage depository.

20 (c) This section shall not apply to a person in an exempt
21 category identified in section 134-11(a).



1 (d) Any person who violates subsection (a) shall be guilty
2 of a misdemeanor.

3 **§134-D Unlawful conduct while carrying a firearm; penalty.**

4 (a) A person who is carrying a firearm, including any person
5 who is carrying a firearm pursuant to a license issued under
6 section 134-9 or in accordance with title 18 United States Code
7 section 926B or 926C, shall not:

8 (1) Consume alcohol or intoxicating liquor;

9 (2) Consume a controlled substance;

10 (3) Be under the influence of alcohol or intoxicating
11 liquor; or

12 (4) Be under the influence of a controlled substance.

13 (b) As used in this section, the following definitions
14 shall apply:

15 "Alcohol" and "intoxicating liquor" shall have the same
16 meaning as in section 281-1.

17 "Controlled substance" means a drug, substance, or
18 immediate precursor in schedules I through III of part II of
19 chapter 329.

20 (c) Any person who violates this section shall be guilty
21 of a misdemeanor.



1 §134-E Carrying or possessing a firearm on private
2 property open to the public without authorization; penalty. (a)
3 A person shall not intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly enter
4 or remain on private property open to the public while carrying
5 or possessing a loaded or unloaded firearm, whether the firearm
6 is operable or not, and whether the firearm is concealed or
7 unconcealed, unless the person has been given express
8 authorization to carry or possess a firearm on the property by
9 the owner, lessee, operator, or manager of the property.

10 (b) For purposes of this section, "private property open
11 to the public" means any place to which the public is invited or
12 permitted and any area within any building available for use by
13 or accessible to the public during the normal course of business
14 conducted therein by private entities, including retail stores
15 and shopping malls, but not including private residences.

16 (c) For purposes of this section, express authorization to
17 carry or possess a firearm on private property open to the
18 public shall be signified by:

- 19 (1) Unambiguous written or verbal authorization; or
20 (2) The posting of clear and conspicuous signage,



1 by the owner, lessee, operator, or manager of the property,
2 indicating that carrying or possessing a firearm is authorized.

3 (d) For purposes of this section, carrying a firearm
4 includes carrying a firearm pursuant to a license issued under
5 section 134-9 and carrying a firearm in accordance with title 18
6 United States Code section 926B or 926C.

7 (e) This section shall not apply to a person in an exempt
8 category identified in section 134-11(a).

9 (f) Any person who violates this section shall be guilty
10 of a misdemeanor.

11 **§134-F Annual report on licenses to carry.** (a) No later
12 than April 1, 2024, and April 1 of each year thereafter, the
13 department of the attorney general shall publish a report on its
14 publicly available website that includes:

15 (1) The number of licenses to carry applied for, issued,
16 revoked, and denied, further categorized by the age,
17 sex, race, and county of residence of each applicant
18 or licensee;

19 (2) The specific reasons for each revocation and denial;

20 (3) Analysis of denials based on applicants' failure to
21 meet the standards of section 134-9(d), and



1 recommendations to remedy any disparities in denial
2 rates by age, sex, or race; and

3 (4) The number of appeals and appeals granted.

4 (b) No later than February 1 of each year, the chief of
5 police of each county shall supply the department of the
6 attorney general with the data the department requires to
7 complete the report under subsection (a)."

8 SECTION 3. Chapter 706, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
9 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
10 and to read as follows:

11 "§706- Enhanced sentencing for carrying or possessing a
12 firearm in certain locations and premises. Notwithstanding any
13 other law to the contrary, the court shall sentence a person
14 convicted of an offense under section 134-A who was not licensed
15 under section 134-9 or exempt pursuant to section 134-11(a) at
16 the time of the offense to ."

17 SECTION 4. Section 134-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
18 amended as follows:

19 1. By adding three new definitions to be appropriately
20 inserted and to read:



1 "Concealed" means, in relation to a firearm, that the
2 firearm is entirely hidden from view of the public and not
3 discernible by ordinary observation, in a manner that a
4 reasonable person without law enforcement training would be
5 unable to detect the presence of the firearm.

6 "Criminal offense relating to firearms" means:

- 7 (1) Any criminal offense under this chapter;
8 (2) Criminally negligent storage of a firearm under
9 section 707-714.5; and
10 (3) Any other criminal offense under federal or state law
11 or the law of another state, a United States
12 territory, or the District of Columbia that has as an
13 element of the offense the use, attempted use,
14 threatened use, or possession of a firearm.

15 "Unconcealed" means not concealed."

16 2. By amending the definition of "crime of violence" to
17 read:

18 "Crime of violence" means [any]:

- 19 (1) Any offense [~~, as defined in title 37,~~] under federal
20 or state law or the law of another state, a United
21 States territory, or the District of Columbia that



- 1 ~~[involves injury]~~ has as an element of the offense
2 the:
- 3 (A) Injury or threat of injury to the person of
4 another~~[, including sexual]~~; or
- 5 (B) Use, attempted use, or threatened use of physical
6 force against the person or property of another
7 or the creation of a substantial risk of causing
8 bodily injury;
- 9 (2) Reckless endangering in the second degree under
10 section 707-714;
- 11 (3) Terroristic threatening in the second degree under
12 section 707-717;
- 13 (4) Sexual assault in the fourth degree under section 707-
14 733 ~~[and harassment]~~;
- 15 (5) Endangering the welfare of a minor in the second
16 degree under section 709-904;
- 17 (6) Harassment under section 711-1106;
- 18 (7) Harassment by stalking under section 711-1106.5~~[-]~~;
- 19 (8) Criminal solicitation under section 705-510; provided
20 that the solicitation was for a crime described or
21 listed in paragraphs (1) to (7);



1 (9) Criminal conspiracy under section 705-520; provided
2 that the conspiracy was for a crime described or
3 listed in paragraphs (1) to (7); and
4 (10) Offenses under federal law, or the law of another
5 state, a United States territory, or the District of
6 Columbia, that are comparable to the offenses
7 described or listed in paragraphs (1) to (9)."

8 SECTION 5. Section 134-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
9 amended to read as follows:

10 "**§134-2 Permits to acquire.** (a) No person shall acquire
11 the ownership of a firearm, whether usable or unusable,
12 serviceable or unserviceable, modern or antique, registered
13 under prior law or by a prior owner or unregistered, either by
14 purchase, gift, inheritance, bequest, or in any other manner,
15 whether procured in the State or imported by mail, express,
16 freight, or otherwise, until the person has first procured from
17 the chief of police of the county of the person's place of
18 business or, if there is no place of business, the person's
19 residence or, if there is neither place of business nor
20 residence, the person's place of sojourn, a permit to acquire
21 the ownership of a firearm as prescribed in this section. When



1 title to any firearm is acquired by inheritance or bequest, the
2 foregoing permit shall be obtained before taking possession of
3 [a] the firearm; provided that upon presentation of a copy of
4 the death certificate of the owner making the bequest, any heir
5 or legatee may transfer the inherited or bequested firearm
6 directly to a dealer licensed under section 134-31 or licensed
7 by the United States Department of Justice without complying
8 with the requirements of this section.

9 (b) The permit application form shall [~~include the~~]:

10 (1) Include:

11 (A) The applicant's name, address, [~~sex,~~] gender,
12 height, weight, date of birth, place of birth,
13 country of citizenship, social security number,
14 alien or admission number [~~, and information~~];

15 (B) Information regarding the applicant's mental
16 health history;

17 (C) Any aliases or other names previously used by the
18 applicant;

19 (D) Information that is or may be relevant in
20 determining whether the applicant is disqualified



1 under section 134-7 from the ownership,
 2 possession, or control of a firearm; and
 3 (E) Information that is or may be relevant in
 4 determining whether the applicant lacks the
 5 essential character or temperament necessary to
 6 be entrusted with a firearm as set forth in
 7 subsection (e); and [~~shall require~~]

8 (2) Require the fingerprinting and photographing of the
 9 applicant by the police department of the county of
 10 registration; provided that where fingerprints and a
 11 photograph are already on file with the department,
 12 these may be waived.

13 (c) An applicant for a permit shall [~~sign~~]:

14 (1) Sign a waiver at the time of application, allowing the
 15 chief of police of the county issuing the permit or a
 16 designee of the chief of police access to [~~any~~] all
 17 records that have a bearing on the mental health of
 18 the applicant [~~. The permit application form and the~~
 19 ~~waiver form shall be prescribed by the attorney~~
 20 ~~general and shall be uniform throughout the State.];~~
 21 and



1 ~~chief of police of each county may issue permits to~~
2 ~~aliens]; and~~

3 (5) Aliens of the age of twenty-one years or more for use
4 of firearms for a period not exceeding six months,
5 upon a showing that the alien is in training for a
6 specific organized sport-shooting contest to be held
7 within the permit period.

8 The attorney general [~~shall~~] may adopt rules, pursuant to
9 chapter 91, as to what constitutes sufficient evidence that an
10 alien is in training for a sport-shooting contest.

11 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary and upon joint
12 application, the chief of police may, upon request, issue
13 permits to acquire firearms jointly to spouses who otherwise
14 qualify to obtain permits under this section.

15 (e) The permit application form shall be signed by the
16 applicant and [~~by the~~] issuing authority. One copy of the
17 permit shall be retained by the issuing authority as a permanent
18 official record. Except for sales to dealers licensed under
19 section 134-31, [~~or~~] dealers licensed by the United States
20 Department of Justice, [~~or~~] law enforcement officers, [~~or where~~
21 ~~a license is granted under section 134-9,~~] or where any firearm



1 is registered pursuant to section 134-3(a), no permit shall be
2 issued to an applicant earlier than fourteen calendar days after
3 the date of the application; provided that a permit shall be
4 issued or the application denied before the [~~twentieth~~] fortieth
5 day from the date of application. Permits issued to acquire any
6 pistol or revolver shall be void unless used within [~~ten~~] thirty
7 days after the date of issue. Permits to acquire a pistol or
8 revolver shall require a separate application and permit for
9 each transaction. Permits issued to acquire any rifle or
10 shotgun shall entitle the permittee to make subsequent purchases
11 of rifles or shotguns for a period of one year from the date of
12 issue without a separate application and permit for each
13 acquisition, subject to the disqualifications under section 134-
14 7 and [~~subject to~~] revocation under section 134-13; provided
15 that if a permittee is arrested for committing a felony [~~or~~
16 any], a crime of violence, a criminal offense relating to
17 firearms, or for the illegal sale or distribution of any drug,
18 the permit shall be impounded and [~~shall be~~] surrendered to the
19 issuing authority. The issuing authority shall perform an
20 inquiry on an applicant by using the International Justice and
21 Public Safety Network, including the United States Immigration



1 and Customs Enforcement query, [~~the~~] National Crime Information
2 Center, and [~~the~~] National Instant Criminal Background Check
3 System, pursuant to section 846-2.7 before any determination to
4 issue a permit or to deny an application is made. The issuing
5 authority shall not issue a permit to acquire the ownership of a
6 firearm if an applicant is disqualified under section 134-7 from
7 the ownership, possession, or control of a firearm, or if the
8 issuing authority determines that issuance would not be in the
9 interest of public health, safety, or welfare because the person
10 lacks the essential character or temperament necessary to be
11 entrusted with a firearm. In determining whether a person lacks
12 the essential character or temperament necessary to be entrusted
13 with a firearm, the issuing authority shall consider whether the
14 person poses a danger of causing a self-inflicted bodily injury
15 or unlawful injury to another person, as evidenced by:

16 (1) Information from a health care provider indicating
17 that the person has had suicidal or homicidal thoughts
18 or tendencies within the preceding five years;

19 (2) Statements or actions by the person indicating any
20 dangerous propensity or violent animus toward one or
21 more individuals or groups, including groups based on



1 race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender
2 identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age,
3 disability, religion, or any other characteristic, and
4 the propensity or animus is of a nature or to an
5 extent that would objectively indicate to a reasonable
6 observer that it would not be in the interest of the
7 public health, safety, or welfare for the person to
8 own, possess, or control a firearm or ammunition; or
9 (3) Other information that would lead a reasonable,
10 objective observer to conclude that the person
11 presents or would present a danger to the community as
12 a result of acquiring or possessing a firearm or
13 intends or is likely to use a firearm for an unlawful
14 purpose or in an unlawful manner.

15 (f) In all cases where a pistol or revolver is acquired
16 from another person within the State, the permit shall be signed
17 in ink by the person to whom title to the pistol or revolver is
18 transferred and shall be delivered to the person who is
19 transferring title to the firearm, who shall verify that the
20 person to whom the firearm is to be transferred is the person
21 named in the permit and enter on the permit in the space



1 provided the following information: name, address, and
2 telephone number of the person who transferred the firearm;
3 name, address, and telephone number of the person to whom the
4 title to the firearm was transferred; names of the manufacturer
5 and importer; model; type of action; caliber or gauge; and
6 serial number, as applicable. The person who is transferring
7 title to the firearm shall sign the permit in ink and cause the
8 permit to be delivered or sent by registered mail to the issuing
9 authority within forty-eight hours after transferring the
10 firearm.

11 In all cases where receipt of a firearm is had by mail,
12 express, freight, or otherwise from sources [~~without~~] outside
13 the State, the person to whom the permit has been issued shall
14 make the prescribed entries on the permit, sign the permit in
15 ink, and cause the permit to be delivered or sent by registered
16 mail to the issuing authority within forty-eight hours after
17 taking possession of the firearm.

18 In all cases where a rifle or shotgun is acquired from
19 another person within the State, the person who is transferring
20 title to the rifle or shotgun shall submit, within forty-eight
21 hours after transferring the firearm, to the authority that



1 issued the permit to acquire, the following information, in
2 writing: name, address, and telephone number of the person who
3 transferred the firearm[7]; name, address, and telephone number
4 of the person to whom the title to the firearm was transferred;
5 names of the manufacturer and importer; model; type of action;
6 caliber or gauge; and serial number, as applicable.

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

12 (1) An approved hunter education course as authorized
13 under section 183D-28[7], unless the applicant seeks
14 to acquire a pistol or revolver, in which case the
15 applicant shall complete a training satisfying the
16 requirements of paragraph (2), (3), or (4);

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

20 (3) A firearms safety or training course offered to law
21 enforcement officers, security guards, investigators,



1 deputy sheriffs, or any division or subdivision of law
2 enforcement or security enforcement by a state or
3 county law enforcement agency; or

4 (4) A firearms training or safety course or class
5 conducted by a [~~state certified or National Rifle~~
6 ~~Association certified firearms instructor~~] firearms
7 instructor certified or verified by the chief of
8 police of the respective county or a designee of the
9 chief of police or certified by a nongovernmental
10 organization approved for such purposes by the chief
11 of police of the respective county or a designee of
12 the chief of police, or conducted by a certified
13 military firearms instructor; provided that the
14 firearms training or safety course or class provides,
15 at a minimum, a total of at least two hours of firing
16 training at a firing range and a total of at least
17 four hours of classroom instruction, which may include
18 a video, that focuses on:

19 (A) The safe use, handling, and storage of firearms
20 and firearm safety in the home[+], as well as a
21 component on mental health, suicide prevention,



1 and domestic violence issues associated with
2 firearms and firearm violence; and

3 (B) Education on the firearm laws of the State.

4 An affidavit signed by the certified or verified
5 firearms instructor who conducted or taught the
6 course, providing the name, address, and phone number
7 of the instructor and attesting to the successful
8 completion of the course by the applicant shall
9 constitute evidence of certified successful completion
10 under this paragraph[-]; provided that an instructor
11 shall not submit an attestation for the instructor's
12 own permit application.

13 (h) No person shall sell, give, lend, or deliver into the
14 possession of another any firearm except in accordance with this
15 chapter.

16 (i) No fee shall be charged for permits, or applications
17 for permits, under this section, except for a single fee
18 chargeable by and payable to the issuing county[~~7~~ ~~for~~
19 ~~individuals applying for their first permit,~~] in an amount equal
20 to the fee charged by the Hawaii criminal justice data center
21 pursuant to section 846-2.7. In the case of a joint



1 application, the fee provided for in this section may be charged
2 to each person [~~to whom no previous permit has been issued~~]. If
3 an application under this section is denied, the chief of police
4 or a designee of the chief of police shall notify the applicant
5 of the denial in writing, stating the ground or grounds for the
6 denial and informing the applicant of the right to seek review
7 of the denial through a hearing pursuant to subsection (k).

8 (j) In all cases where a permit application under this
9 section is denied because an applicant is prohibited from
10 owning, possessing, receiving, or controlling firearms under
11 federal or state law, the chief of police of the applicable
12 county shall, within ten business days from the date of denial,
13 send written notice of the denial, including the identity of the
14 applicant and the reasons for the denial, to the:

- 15 (1) Prosecuting attorney in the county where the permit
16 was denied;
- 17 (2) Attorney general;
- 18 (3) United States Attorney for the District of Hawaii; and
- 19 (4) Director of public safety.

20 If the permit to acquire was denied because the applicant
21 is subject to an order described in section 134-7(f), the chief



1 of police shall, within three business days from the date of
2 denial, send written notice of the denial to the court that
3 issued the order.

4 When the director of public safety receives notice that an
5 applicant has been denied a permit because of a prior criminal
6 conviction, the director of public safety shall determine
7 whether the applicant is currently serving a term of probation
8 or parole, and if the applicant is serving such a term, send
9 written notice of the denial to the applicant's probation or
10 parole officer.

11 (k) If an application under this section is denied, a
12 person or entity aggrieved by the denial shall be entitled to a
13 hearing before the chief of police of the appropriate county or
14 a designee of the chief of police. A person or entity aggrieved
15 by the denial shall submit a request for a hearing in writing to
16 the chief of police of the appropriate county no later than
17 thirty days following the date of the decision or determination
18 notice. The hearing shall constitute a contested case hearing
19 for purposes of chapter 91. Following the hearing and final
20 decision, an aggrieved party shall be entitled to a judicial



1 review proceeding in state circuit court in accordance with
2 section 91-14.

3 (1) The permit application form and the waiver form
4 required under this section shall be prescribed by the issuing
5 authority."

6 SECTION 6. Section 134-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
7 amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

8 "(d) No person shall intentionally, knowingly, or
9 recklessly lend a firearm to any person who is prohibited from
10 ownership [~~œ~~], possession, or control of a firearm under
11 section 134-7."

12 SECTION 7. Section 134-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 "~~§134-7~~ Ownership [~~œ~~], possession, or control prohibited,
15 when; penalty. (a) No person who is a fugitive from justice or
16 [~~is a person~~] prohibited from possessing [~~firearms~~] a firearm or
17 ammunition under title 18 United States Code section 922 or any
18 other provision of federal law shall own, possess, or control
19 any firearm or ammunition [~~therefor~~].

20 (b) No person who [~~is under indictment for, or has waived~~
21 ~~indictment for, or has been bound over to the circuit court~~



1 ~~for,~~ is being prosecuted for one or more charges for a felony,
2 a crime of violence, a criminal offense relating to firearms, or
3 an illegal sale or distribution of any drug in a court in this
4 State or elsewhere, or who has been convicted in this State or
5 elsewhere of having committed a felony, ~~or any~~ a crime of
6 violence, a criminal offense relating to firearms, or an illegal
7 sale or distribution of any drug shall own, possess, or control
8 any firearm or ammunition ~~[therefor]~~.

9 (c) No person ~~[who]~~ shall own, possess, or control any
10 firearm or ammunition if the person:

11 (1) Is or has been under treatment or counseling for
12 addiction to, abuse of, or dependence upon any
13 dangerous, harmful, or detrimental drug, intoxicating
14 compound as defined in section 712-1240, or
15 intoxicating liquor;

16 (2) Has been acquitted of a crime on the grounds of mental
17 disease, disorder, or defect pursuant to section 704-
18 411~~[7]~~ or any similar provision under federal law, or
19 the law of another state, a United States territory,
20 or the District of Columbia;



- 1 (3) Is or has been diagnosed [~~as having a significant~~
2 ~~behavioral, emotional, or mental disorders as defined~~
3 ~~by the most current diagnostic manual of the American~~
4 ~~Psychiatric Association or for treatment for organic~~
5 ~~brain syndromes,]~~ with or treated for a medical,
6 behavioral, psychological, emotional, or mental
7 condition or disorder that causes or is likely to
8 cause impairment in judgment, perception, or impulse
9 control to an extent that presents an unreasonable
10 risk to public health, safety, or welfare if the
11 person were in possession or control of a firearm or
12 ammunition; or
- 13 (4) Has been adjudged to:
- 14 (A) Meet the criteria for involuntary hospitalization
15 under section 334-60.2; or
- 16 (B) Be an "incapacitated person", as defined in
17 section 560:5-102,
- 18 ~~[shall own, possess, or control any firearm or ammunition~~
19 ~~therefor,]~~ unless the person ~~[has been medically documented to~~
20 ~~be]~~ establishes, with appropriate medical documentation, that
21 the person is no longer adversely affected by [the addiction,



1 ~~abuse, dependence, mental disease, disorder, or defect.]~~ the
2 criteria or statuses identified in this subsection.

3 (d) No person who is less than twenty-five years old and
4 has been adjudicated by the family court to have committed a
5 felony, [~~two or more crimes~~] a crime of violence, a criminal
6 offense relating to firearms, or an illegal sale of any drug
7 shall own, possess, or control any firearm or ammunition
8 [~~therefor~~].

9 (e) No minor [~~who~~] shall own, possess, or control any
10 firearm or ammunition if the minor:

11 (1) Is or has been under treatment for addiction to any
12 dangerous, harmful, or detrimental drug, intoxicating
13 compound as defined in section 712-1240, or
14 intoxicating liquor;

15 (2) Is a fugitive from justice; or

16 (3) Has been determined not to have been responsible for a
17 criminal act or has been committed to any institution
18 on account of a mental disease, disorder, or
19 defect [~~+~~],

20 [~~shall own, possess, or control any firearm or ammunition~~
21 ~~therefor,~~] unless the minor [~~has been medically documented to~~



1 ~~be]~~ establishes, with appropriate medical documentation, that
2 the minor is no longer adversely affected by the addiction,
3 mental disease, disorder, or defect.

4 For the purposes of enforcing this section, and
5 notwithstanding section 571-84 or any other law to the contrary,
6 any agency within the State shall make its records relating to
7 family court adjudications available to law enforcement
8 officials.

9 (f) No person who has been restrained pursuant to an order
10 of any court, including a gun violence protective order issued
11 pursuant to part IV, from contacting, threatening, or physically
12 abusing any person, shall possess, control, or transfer
13 ownership of any firearm or ammunition [~~therefor~~], so long as
14 the protective order, restraining order, or any extension is in
15 effect [~~, unless the order, for good cause shown, specifically~~
16 ~~permits the possession of a firearm and ammunition~~]. The
17 protective order or restraining order shall specifically include
18 a statement that possession, control, or transfer of ownership
19 of a firearm or ammunition by the person named in the order is
20 prohibited. The person shall relinquish possession and control
21 of any firearm and ammunition owned by that person to the police



1 department of the appropriate county for safekeeping for the
2 duration of the order or extension thereof. At the time of
3 service of a protective order or restraining order involving
4 firearms and ammunition issued by any court, a police officer
5 may take custody of any and all firearms and ammunition in plain
6 sight, those discovered pursuant to a consensual search, and
7 those firearms surrendered by the person restrained. If the
8 person restrained is the registered owner of a firearm and knows
9 the location of the firearm, but refuses to surrender the
10 firearm or ~~[refuses to]~~ disclose the location of the firearm,
11 the person restrained shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. In any
12 case, when a police officer is unable to locate the firearms and
13 ammunition either registered under this chapter or known to the
14 person granted protection by the court, the police officer shall
15 apply to the court for a search warrant pursuant to chapter 803
16 for the limited purpose of seizing the firearm and ammunition.

17 ~~[For the purposes of this subsection, good cause shall not~~
18 ~~be based solely upon the consideration that the person subject~~
19 ~~to restraint pursuant to an order of any court is required to~~
20 ~~possess or carry firearms or ammunition during the course of the~~
21 ~~person's employment. Good cause consideration may include but~~



1 ~~not be limited to the protection and safety of the person to~~
2 ~~whom a restraining order is granted.]~~

3 (g) Any person disqualified from ownership, possession,
4 control, or the right to transfer ownership of firearms and
5 ammunition under this section shall surrender or dispose of all
6 firearms and ammunition in compliance with section 134-7.3.

7 (h) Any person who otherwise would be prohibited under
8 subsection (b) from owning, possessing, or controlling a firearm
9 and ammunition solely as a result of a conviction for a crime
10 that is not a felony, and who is not prohibited from owning,
11 possessing, or controlling a firearm or ammunition for any
12 reason under any other provision of this chapter or under title
13 18 United States Code section 922 or another provision of
14 federal law, shall not be prohibited under this section from
15 owning, possessing, or controlling a firearm and ammunition if
16 twenty years have elapsed from the date of the conviction.

17 ~~[(h)]~~ (i) Any person violating subsection (a) or (b) shall
18 be guilty of a class C felony; provided that any felon violating
19 subsection (b) shall be guilty of a class B felony. Any person
20 violating subsection (c), (d), (e), (f), or (g) shall be guilty
21 of a misdemeanor."



1 SECTION 8. Section 134-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "§134-9 Licenses to carry. (a) [~~In an exceptional case,~~
4 ~~when an applicant shows reason to fear injury to the applicant's~~
5 ~~person or property, the]~~ The chief of police of [~~the~~
6 ~~appropriate]~~ a county [~~may]~~ shall grant a license to an
7 applicant [~~who is a citizen of the United States of the age of~~
8 ~~twenty one years or more or to a duly accredited official~~
9 ~~representative of a foreign nation of the age of twenty one~~
10 ~~years or more]~~ to carry a pistol or revolver and ammunition
11 [~~therefor]~~ concealed on the licensee's person within [~~the county~~
12 ~~where the license is granted. Where the urgency or the need has~~
13 ~~been sufficiently indicated, the respective]~~ the State, if the
14 applicant:

- 15 (1) Satisfies each of the criteria established by or
16 pursuant to subsection (d);
- 17 (2) Is not prohibited under section 134-7 from the
18 ownership, possession, or control of a firearm and
19 ammunition;



1 (3) Is not found to be lacking the essential character or
2 temperament necessary to be entrusted with a firearm
3 as set forth in subsection (h);

4 (4) Is a citizen, national, or lawful permanent resident
5 of the United States or a duly accredited official
6 representative of a foreign nation;

7 (5) Is a resident of the State; and

8 (6) Is of the age of twenty-one years or more.

9 (b) The chief of police of a county may grant to an
10 ~~applicant [of good moral character who is a citizen of the~~
11 ~~United States of the age of twenty one years or more, is engaged~~
12 ~~in the protection of life and property, and is not prohibited~~
13 ~~under section 134-7 from the ownership or possession of a~~
14 ~~firearm,]~~ a license to carry a pistol or revolver and ammunition
15 ~~[therefor]~~ unconcealed on the licensee's person within the
16 county where the license is granted~~[-]~~, if the applicant:

17 (1) Sufficiently establishes the urgency or need to carry
18 a firearm unconcealed;

19 (2) Is engaged in the protection of life and property;

20 (3) Satisfies each of the criteria established by or
21 pursuant to subsection (d);



- 1 (4) Is not prohibited under section 134-7 from the
2 ownership, possession, or control of a firearm and
3 ammunition;
- 4 (5) Is not found to be lacking the essential character or
5 temperament necessary to be entrusted with a firearm
6 as set forth in subsection (h);
- 7 (6) Is a citizen, national, or lawful permanent resident
8 of the United States; and
- 9 (7) Is of the age of twenty-one years or more.
- 10 (c) The chief of police of the appropriate county, or [the
11 ~~chief's]~~ a designated representative[-] of the chief of police,
12 shall perform an inquiry on an applicant by using the National
13 Instant Criminal Background Check System, to include a check of
14 the Immigration and Customs Enforcement databases [~~where]~~ if the
15 applicant is not a citizen of the United States, before any
16 determination to grant a concealed or unconcealed license is
17 made. [~~Unless renewed, the license shall expire one year from~~
18 ~~the date of issue.~~
- 19 ~~(b) The chief of police of each county shall adopt~~
20 ~~procedures to require that any person granted a license to carry~~
21 ~~a concealed weapon on the person shall-~~



1 ~~(1) Be qualified to use the firearm in a safe manner;~~

2 ~~(2) Appear to be a suitable person to be so licensed;~~

3 ~~(3) Not be prohibited under section 134-7 from the~~
4 ~~ownership or possession of a firearm; and~~

5 ~~(4) Not have been adjudged insane or not appear to be~~
6 ~~mentally deranged.~~

7 ~~(c) No person shall carry concealed or unconcealed on the~~
8 ~~person a pistol or revolver without being licensed to do so~~
9 ~~under this section or in compliance with sections 134-5(c) or~~
10 ~~134-25.~~

11 ~~(d) A fee of \$10 shall be charged for each license and~~
12 ~~shall be deposited in the treasury of the county in which the~~
13 ~~license is granted.]~~

14 (d) To be eligible to receive a license to carry a
15 concealed or unconcealed pistol or revolver on the licensee's
16 person, the applicant shall:

17 (1) Submit the appropriate carry license application, in
18 person, to the chief of police of the appropriate
19 county, with:



- 1 (A) All fields on the application form completed and
- 2 all questions answered truthfully, under penalty
- 3 of law;
- 4 (B) All required signatures present on the
- 5 application;
- 6 (C) Any required documents attached to the
- 7 application; and
- 8 (D) Payment of the nonrefundable license application
- 9 fee required under this section;
- 10 (2) Be the registered owner of the firearm or firearms for
- 11 which the license to carry will be issued; provided
- 12 that this paragraph shall not apply to detectives,
- 13 private detectives, investigators, and guards with an
- 14 active license issued pursuant to chapter 463;
- 15 (3) Not be prohibited under section 134-7 from the
- 16 ownership, possession, or control of a firearm;
- 17 (4) Have completed a course of training as described in
- 18 subsection (e) and be certified as qualified to use
- 19 the firearm or firearms for which the license to carry
- 20 will be issued in a safe manner; and
- 21 (5) Sign an affidavit expressly acknowledging that:



1 (A) The applicant has read and is responsible for
2 understanding and complying with the federal,
3 state, and county laws governing the permissible
4 use of firearms and associated requirements,
5 including:

6 (i) The prohibition on carrying or possessing a
7 firearm in certain locations and premises;

8 (ii) The prohibition on carrying more than one
9 firearm on the licensee's person at one
10 time;

11 (iii) The prohibition on carrying a firearm on
12 private property open to the public without
13 the express authorization of the owner,
14 lessee, operator, or manager of the private
15 property;

16 (iv) The requirement to maintain possession of
17 the license on the licensee's person while
18 carrying a firearm;

19 (v) The requirement to disclose information
20 regarding the carrying of a firearm when
21 stopped by law enforcement;



- 1 (vi) The provision for absolute liability for
2 injury or property damage proximately caused
3 by a legally unjustified discharge of a
4 firearm under section 663-9.5; and
- 5 (vii) Laws regarding the use of deadly force for
6 self-defense or the defense of another;
- 7 (B) A license to carry issued under this section
8 shall be void if a licensee becomes disqualified
9 from the ownership, possession, or control of a
10 firearm pursuant to section 134-7(a), (b), (d),
11 or (f);
- 12 (C) The license shall be subject to a permit
13 revocation under section 134-13 if a licensee for
14 any other reason becomes disqualified under
15 section 134-7 from the ownership, possession, or
16 control of a firearm; and
- 17 (D) A license that is revoked or that becomes void
18 shall be returned to the chief of police of the
19 appropriate county within forty-eight hours after
20 the license is revoked or becomes void.



1 (e) The course of training for issuance of a license under
2 this section may be any course acceptable to the licensing
3 authority that meets all of the following criteria:

4 (1) The course shall include in-person instruction on
5 firearm safety; firearm handling; shooting technique;
6 safe storage; legal methods to transport firearms and
7 secure firearms in vehicles; laws governing places in
8 which persons are prohibited from carrying a firearm;
9 firearm usage in low-light situations; situational
10 awareness and conflict management; and laws governing
11 firearms, including information regarding the
12 circumstances in which deadly force may be used for
13 self-defense or the defense of another;

14 (2) The course shall include a component on mental health
15 and mental health resources;

16 (3) Except for the component on mental health and mental
17 health resources, the course shall be conducted by one
18 or more firearms instructors certified or verified by
19 the chief of police of the respective county or a
20 designee of the chief of police or certified by a
21 nongovernmental organization approved for those



1 purposes by the chief of police of the respective
2 county or a designee of the chief of police, or
3 conducted by one or more certified military firearms
4 instructors;

5 (4) The course shall require participants to demonstrate
6 their understanding of the covered topics by achieving
7 a score of at least seventy per cent on a written
8 examination; and

9 (5) The course shall include live-fire shooting exercises
10 on a firing range and shall include a demonstration by
11 the applicant of safe handling of, and shooting
12 proficiency with, each firearm that the applicant is
13 applying to be licensed to carry.

14 (f) Upon passing the course of training identified in
15 subsection (e), the applicant shall obtain from the instructor,
16 and include as part of the applicant's application package, a
17 certification as to the following:

18 (1) The applicant's name, as confirmed by reviewing the
19 applicant's government-issued photo identification;

20 (2) The date and location of the firearm proficiency test;



1 (3) The firearm or firearms that the applicant used in the
2 firearm proficiency test;

3 (4) The applicant's score; provided that an indication
4 that the applicant passed or failed, without the score
5 itself, shall be insufficient information for the
6 purposes of the application; and

7 (5) The instructor's qualifications to administer the
8 firearm proficiency test.

9 The certification of the above information, signed by the
10 firearms instructor who conducted or taught the course,
11 providing the name, address, and phone number of the instructor,
12 shall constitute evidence of successful completion of the
13 course. The course of training for issuance of a license under
14 this section shall be undertaken at the licensee's expense.

15 (g) An applicant for a license under this section shall:

16 (1) Sign a waiver at the time of application, allowing the
17 chief of police of the county issuing the license or a
18 designee of the chief of police access to any records
19 that have a bearing on the mental health of the
20 applicant; and



1 (2) Identify any health care providers who possess or may
2 possess the records described in paragraph (1).

3 (h) In determining whether a person lacks the essential
4 character or temperament necessary to be entrusted with a
5 firearm, the licensing authority shall consider whether the
6 person poses a danger of causing a self-inflicted bodily injury
7 or unlawful injury to another person, as evidenced by:

8 (1) Information from a health care provider indicating
9 that the person has had suicidal or homicidal thoughts
10 or tendencies within the preceding five years;

11 (2) Statements or actions by the person indicating any
12 dangerous propensity or violent animus toward one or
13 more individuals or groups, including groups based on
14 race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender
15 identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age,
16 disability, religion, or any other characteristic, and
17 the propensity or animus is of a nature or to an
18 extent that would objectively indicate to a reasonable
19 observer that it would not be in the interest of the
20 public health, safety, or welfare for the person to
21 own, possess, or control a firearm or ammunition; or



1 (3) Other information that would lead a reasonable,
2 objective observer to conclude that the person
3 presents or would present a danger to the community as
4 a result of carrying a firearm in public or intends or
5 is likely to use a firearm for an unlawful purpose or
6 in an unlawful manner.

7 (i) A nonrefundable fee of \$150 shall be charged for each
8 license application submitted under this section. The fee shall
9 be chargeable by and payable to the appropriate county and shall
10 be used for expenses related to police services.

11 (j) If the applicant satisfies each of the requirements
12 for a concealed carry license, an application for a concealed
13 carry license submitted to the chief of police of the
14 appropriate county under this section shall be approved within a
15 reasonable time after receipt of all required application
16 materials. If the applicant does not satisfy one or more of the
17 requirements for a concealed carry license, the license shall be
18 denied within a reasonable time after receipt of the application
19 materials. If an application is denied, the chief of police or
20 a designee of the chief of police shall notify the applicant of
21 the denial in writing, stating the ground or grounds for the



1 denial and informing the applicant of the right to seek review
2 of the denial through a hearing pursuant to subsection (k). If
3 the chief of police does not grant or deny a submitted
4 application for a concealed carry license within one hundred
5 twenty days following the date of the application, the
6 application shall be deemed denied as of that date for purposes
7 of subsection (k).

8 (k) If an application under this section is denied, a
9 person or entity aggrieved by the denial shall be entitled to a
10 hearing before the chief of police of the appropriate county or
11 a designee of the chief of police. A person or entity aggrieved
12 by the denial shall submit a request for a hearing in writing to
13 the chief of police of the appropriate county no later than
14 thirty days following the date of the decision or determination
15 notice. The hearing shall constitute a contested case hearing
16 for purposes of chapter 91. Following the hearing and final
17 decision, an aggrieved party shall be entitled to a judicial
18 review proceeding in state circuit court in accordance with
19 section 91-14.



- 1 (1) If an application pursuant to this section is
2 approved, the chief of police shall issue the applicant a
3 license that contains, at minimum:
- 4 (1) The licensee's name;
5 (2) The licensee's address;
6 (3) A photograph of the licensee taken within ninety days
7 before issuance of the license;
8 (4) The county of issuance;
9 (5) A notation as to whether the license permits concealed
10 or unconcealed carry;
11 (6) The serial number of each registered firearm that the
12 licensee may carry pursuant to the license;
13 (7) The license expiration date; and
14 (8) The signature of the licensee.
15 (m) Unless renewed, a concealed or unconcealed license
16 shall expire four years from the date of issue.
- 17 (n) No individual shall carry concealed or unconcealed on
18 the individual's person a pistol or revolver without being
19 licensed to do so under this section, or in accordance with
20 title 18 United States Code section 926B or 926C, or in
21 compliance with section 134-5(c) or 134-25.



1 (o) A license to carry issued under this section shall be
2 void if a licensee becomes disqualified from the ownership,
3 possession, or control of a firearm pursuant to section 134-
4 7(a), (b), (d), or (f). If a licensee for any other reason
5 becomes disqualified under section 134-7 from the ownership,
6 possession, or control of a firearm, the license shall be
7 subject to revocation under section 134-13. A license that is
8 void or revoked shall be returned to the chief of police of the
9 appropriate county within forty-eight hours after the license
10 becomes void or is revoked.

11 (p) The chief of police of each county shall adopt
12 procedures to implement this section.

13 (q) The chief of police of each county shall establish
14 procedures and criteria for the renewal of licenses issued under
15 this section. No license renewal shall be granted if an
16 applicant for a renewed license does not satisfy, or no longer
17 satisfies, the eligibility criteria for a new license set forth
18 in subsections (a) through (d). As a precondition for the
19 renewal of licenses issued under this section, the chief of
20 police of each county may establish reasonable continuing
21 education, training, and certification requirements, including



1 requirements pertaining to the safe handling of firearms and
2 shooting proficiency. A nonrefundable fee of \$50 shall be
3 charged for each license renewal application submitted under
4 this section. The fee shall be chargeable by and payable to the
5 appropriate county and shall be used for expenses related to
6 police services.

7 (r) No person carrying a firearm pursuant to a license
8 issued under this section or in accordance with title 18 United
9 States Code section 926B or 926C shall intentionally, knowingly,
10 or recklessly carry more than one firearm on the licensee's
11 person at one time."

12 SECTION 9. Section 134-13, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 "§134-13 Revocation of permits~~[-]~~ and licenses. (a) All
15 permits and licenses provided for under this part ~~[may]~~ shall be
16 revoked~~[, for good cause,]~~ by the issuing authority ~~[or]~~, and
17 may be revoked by ~~[the judge of]~~ any court~~[-]~~, if the issuing
18 authority or court determines that the permit or license is
19 subject to revocation because the permit or license holder does
20 not satisfy, or no longer satisfies, the applicable



1 qualifications or requirements associated with the permit or
2 license.

3 (b) If the issuing authority determines that a permit or
4 license is subject to revocation, the issuing authority shall
5 notify the permit or license holder of the determination in
6 writing, stating the grounds for the determination and informing
7 the permit or license holder of the right to seek a hearing
8 before the issuing authority regarding the determination before
9 revocation. Unless the permit or license holder submits a
10 request for a hearing in writing to the issuing authority no
11 later than thirty days following the date of the written notice
12 that the permit or license is subject to revocation, the permit
13 or license shall be immediately revoked by the issuing
14 authority. Any hearing regarding a determination on whether a
15 permit or license is subject to revocation shall constitute a
16 contested case hearing for purposes of chapter 91. A person or
17 entity aggrieved by a revocation under this section may apply
18 for judicial review in state circuit court in accordance with
19 section 91-14.

20 (c) If a permit or license is revoked pursuant to this
21 section, the former permit or license holder shall return the



1 permit or license to the issuing authority within forty-eight
2 hours following receipt of the notice of revocation."

3 SECTION 10. Section 134-17, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 "§134-17 Penalties. (a) If any person [~~gives false~~
6 ~~information or offers false evidence of the person's identity in~~
7 ~~complying with any of the requirements of this part, that person~~
8 ~~shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, provided, however that if any~~
9 ~~person intentionally gives false information or offers false~~
10 ~~evidence concerning their] intentionally, knowingly, or
11 recklessly makes any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent
12 statement or representation in connection with any of the
13 requirements of this part, that person shall be guilty of a
14 misdemeanor; provided that if any person intentionally,
15 knowingly, or recklessly makes any materially false, fictitious,
16 or fraudulent statement or representation regarding the person's
17 psychiatric or criminal history in [complying] connection with
18 any of the requirements of this part, that person shall be
19 guilty of a class C felony.~~

20 [~~(b) Any person who violates section 134-3(a) shall be~~
21 ~~guilty of a petty misdemeanor.~~



- 1 ~~(e)~~ (b) Any person who violates ~~[section]~~ :
- 2 (1) Section 134-2, 134-4, 134-9(n) or (r), 134-10, ~~[or]~~
- 3 134-13(c), or 134-15 shall be guilty of a
- 4 misdemeanor~~[. Any person who violates section]~~ ;
- 5 (2) Section 134-3(a) shall be guilty of a petty
- 6 misdemeanor; or
- 7 (3) Section 134-3(b) shall be guilty of a petty
- 8 misdemeanor and the firearm shall be confiscated as
- 9 contraband and disposed of, if the firearm is not
- 10 registered within five days of the person receiving
- 11 notice of the violation."

12 SECTION 11. Section 134-18, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is

13 amended to read as follows:

14 "§134-18 Qualified immunity for physicians, psychologists,

15 ~~[or]~~ psychiatrists, physician assistants, or advanced practice

16 registered nurses who provide information on permit or license

17 applicants. There shall be no civil liability for any

18 physician, psychologist, ~~[or]~~ psychiatrist, physician assistant,

19 or advanced practice registered nurse who provides information

20 or renders an opinion in response to an inquiry made for

21 purposes of issuing a firearm permit under section 134-2,



1 issuing or renewing a license under section 134-9, or [fer
2 purposes of] investigating the continuing mental health of the
3 holder of a valid firearm permit or license; provided that the
4 physician, psychologist, [~~or~~] psychiatrist, physician assistant,
5 or advanced practice registered nurse acted without malice."

6 SECTION 12. Section 707-716, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
7 amended by amending subsection (2) to read as follows:

8 "(2) Terroristic threatening in the first degree is a
9 class C felony[-]; provided that terroristic threatening in the
10 first degree is a class B felony if committed with a firearm as
11 defined in section 134-1, or a simulated firearm, while in one
12 of the locations or premises listed in section 134-A(a)."

13 SECTION 13. Section 846-2.7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

15 "(b) Criminal history record checks may be conducted by:

- 16 (1) The department of health or its designee on operators
17 of adult foster homes for individuals with
18 developmental disabilities or developmental
19 disabilities domiciliary homes and their employees, as
20 provided by section 321-15.2;



- 1 (2) The department of health or its designee on
2 prospective employees, persons seeking to serve as
3 providers, or subcontractors in positions that place
4 them in direct contact with clients when providing
5 non-witnessed direct mental health or health care
6 services as provided by section 321-171.5;
- 7 (3) The department of health or its designee on all
8 applicants for licensure or certification for,
9 operators for, prospective employees, adult
10 volunteers, and all adults, except adults in care, at
11 healthcare facilities as defined in section 321-15.2;
- 12 (4) The department of education on employees, prospective
13 employees, and teacher trainees in any public school
14 in positions that necessitate close proximity to
15 children as provided by section 302A-601.5;
- 16 (5) The counties on employees and prospective employees
17 who may be in positions that place them in close
18 proximity to children in recreation or child care
19 programs and services;
- 20 (6) The county liquor commissions on applicants for liquor
21 licenses as provided by section 281-53.5;



- 1 (7) The county liquor commissions on employees and
2 prospective employees involved in liquor
3 administration, law enforcement, and liquor control
4 investigations;
- 5 (8) The department of human services on operators and
6 employees of child caring institutions, child placing
7 organizations, and foster boarding homes as provided
8 by section 346-17;
- 9 (9) The department of human services on prospective
10 adoptive parents as established under section
11 346-19.7;
- 12 (10) The department of human services or its designee on
13 applicants to operate child care facilities, household
14 members of the applicant, prospective employees of the
15 applicant, and new employees and household members of
16 the provider after registration or licensure as
17 provided by section 346-154, and persons subject to
18 section 346-152.5;
- 19 (11) The department of human services on persons exempt
20 pursuant to section 346-152 to be eligible to provide



- 1 child care and receive child care subsidies as
2 provided by section 346-152.5;
- 3 (12) The department of health on operators and employees of
4 home and community-based case management agencies and
5 operators and other adults, except for adults in care,
6 residing in community care foster family homes as
7 provided by section 321-15.2;
- 8 (13) The department of human services on staff members of
9 the Hawaii youth correctional facility as provided by
10 section 352-5.5;
- 11 (14) The department of human services on employees,
12 prospective employees, and volunteers of contracted
13 providers and subcontractors in positions that place
14 them in close proximity to youth when providing
15 services on behalf of the office or the Hawaii youth
16 correctional facility as provided by section 352D-4.3;
- 17 (15) The judiciary on employees and applicants at detention
18 and shelter facilities as provided by section 571-34;
- 19 (16) The department of public safety on employees and
20 prospective employees who are directly involved with
21 the treatment and care of persons committed to a



- 1 correctional facility or who possess police powers
2 including the power of arrest as provided by section
3 353C-5;
- 4 (17) The board of private detectives and guards on
5 applicants for private detective or private guard
6 licensure as provided by section 463-9;
- 7 (18) Private schools and designated organizations on
8 employees and prospective employees who may be in
9 positions that necessitate close proximity to
10 children; provided that private schools and designated
11 organizations receive only indications of the states
12 from which the national criminal history record
13 information was provided pursuant to section 302C-1;
- 14 (19) The public library system on employees and prospective
15 employees whose positions place them in close
16 proximity to children as provided by section
17 302A-601.5;
- 18 (20) The State or any of its branches, political
19 subdivisions, or agencies on applicants and employees
20 holding a position that has the same type of contact
21 with children, vulnerable adults, or persons committed



1 to a correctional facility as other public employees
2 who hold positions that are authorized by law to
3 require criminal history record checks as a condition
4 of employment as provided by section 78-2.7;

5 (21) The department of health on licensed adult day care
6 center operators, employees, new employees,
7 subcontracted service providers and their employees,
8 and adult volunteers as provided by section 321-15.2;

9 (22) The department of human services on purchase of
10 service contracted and subcontracted service providers
11 and their employees serving clients of the adult
12 protective and community services branch, as provided
13 by section 346-97;

14 (23) The department of human services on foster grandparent
15 program, senior companion program, and respite
16 companion program participants as provided by section
17 346-97;

18 (24) The department of human services on contracted and
19 subcontracted service providers and their current and
20 prospective employees that provide home and community-
21 based services under section 1915(c) of the Social



1 Security Act, title 42 United States Code section
2 1396n(c), or under any other applicable section or
3 sections of the Social Security Act for the purposes
4 of providing home and community-based services, as
5 provided by section 346-97;

6 (25) The department of commerce and consumer affairs on
7 proposed directors and executive officers of a bank,
8 savings bank, savings and loan association, trust
9 company, and depository financial services loan
10 company as provided by section 412:3-201;

11 (26) The department of commerce and consumer affairs on
12 proposed directors and executive officers of a
13 nondepository financial services loan company as
14 provided by section 412:3-301;

15 (27) The department of commerce and consumer affairs on the
16 original chartering applicants and proposed executive
17 officers of a credit union as provided by section
18 412:10-103;

19 (28) The department of commerce and consumer affairs on:
20 (A) Each principal of every non-corporate applicant
21 for a money transmitter license;



- 1 (B) Each person who upon approval of an application
2 by a corporate applicant for a money transmitter
3 license will be a principal of the licensee; and
- 4 (C) Each person who upon approval of an application
5 requesting approval of a proposed change in
6 control of licensee will be a principal of the
7 licensee,
8 as provided by sections 489D-9 and 489D-15;
- 9 (29) The department of commerce and consumer affairs on
10 applicants for licensure and persons licensed under
11 title 24;
- 12 (30) The Hawaii health systems corporation on:
- 13 (A) Employees;
- 14 (B) Applicants seeking employment;
- 15 (C) Current or prospective members of the corporation
16 board or regional system board; or
- 17 (D) Current or prospective volunteers, providers, or
18 contractors,
19 in any of the corporation's health facilities as
20 provided by section 323F-5.5;
- 21 (31) The department of commerce and consumer affairs on:



- 1 (A) An applicant for a mortgage loan originator
- 2 license, or license renewal; and
- 3 (B) Each control person, executive officer, director,
- 4 general partner, and managing member of an
- 5 applicant for a mortgage loan originator company
- 6 license or license renewal,
- 7 as provided by chapter 454F;
- 8 (32) The state public charter school commission or public
- 9 charter schools on employees, teacher trainees,
- 10 prospective employees, and prospective teacher
- 11 trainees in any public charter school for any position
- 12 that places them in close proximity to children, as
- 13 provided in section 302D-33;
- 14 (33) The counties on prospective employees who work with
- 15 children, vulnerable adults, or senior citizens in
- 16 community-based programs;
- 17 (34) The counties on prospective employees for fire
- 18 department positions that involve contact with
- 19 children or vulnerable adults;



- 1 (35) The counties on prospective employees for emergency
2 medical services positions that involve contact with
3 children or vulnerable adults;
- 4 (36) The counties on prospective employees for emergency
5 management positions and community volunteers whose
6 responsibilities involve planning and executing
7 homeland security measures including viewing,
8 handling, and engaging in law enforcement or
9 classified meetings and assisting vulnerable citizens
10 during emergencies or crises;
- 11 (37) The State and counties on employees, prospective
12 employees, volunteers, and contractors whose position
13 responsibilities require unescorted access to secured
14 areas and equipment related to a traffic management
15 center;
- 16 (38) The State and counties on employees and prospective
17 employees whose positions involve the handling or use
18 of firearms for other than law enforcement purposes;
- 19 (39) The State and counties on current and prospective
20 systems analysts and others involved in an agency's
21 information technology operation whose position



1 responsibilities provide them with access to
2 proprietary, confidential, or sensitive information;
3 (40) The department of commerce and consumer affairs on:
4 (A) Applicants for real estate appraiser licensure or
5 certification as provided by chapter 466K;
6 (B) Each person who owns more than ten per cent of an
7 appraisal management company who is applying for
8 registration as an appraisal management company,
9 as provided by section 466L-7; and
10 (C) Each of the controlling persons of an applicant
11 for registration as an appraisal management
12 company, as provided by section 466L-7;
13 (41) The department of health or its designee on all
14 license applicants, licensees, employees, contractors,
15 and prospective employees of medical cannabis
16 dispensaries, and individuals permitted to enter and
17 remain in medical cannabis dispensary facilities as
18 provided under sections 329D-15(a)(4) and
19 329D-16(a)(3);
20 (42) The department of commerce and consumer affairs on
21 applicants for nurse licensure or license renewal,



1 reactivation, or restoration as provided by sections
2 457-7, 457-8, 457-8.5, and 457-9;

3 (43) The county police departments on applicants for
4 permits to acquire firearms pursuant to section 134-2
5 [~~and~~], on individuals registering their firearms
6 pursuant to section 134-3[+], and on applicants for
7 new or renewed licenses to carry a pistol or revolver
8 and ammunition pursuant to section 134-9;

9 (44) The department of commerce and consumer affairs on:

10 (A) Each of the controlling persons of the applicant
11 for licensure as an escrow depository, and each
12 of the officers, directors, and principals who
13 will be in charge of the escrow depository's
14 activities upon licensure; and

15 (B) Each of the controlling persons of an applicant
16 for proposed change in control of an escrow
17 depository licensee, and each of the officers,
18 directors, and principals who will be in charge
19 of the licensee's activities upon approval of the
20 application,

21 as provided by chapter 449;



- 1 (45) The department of taxation on current or prospective
2 employees or contractors who have access to federal
3 tax information in order to comply with requirements
4 of federal law, regulation, or procedure, as provided
5 by section 231-1.6;
- 6 (46) The department of labor and industrial relations on
7 current or prospective employees or contractors who
8 have access to federal tax information in order to
9 comply with requirements of federal law, regulation,
10 or procedure, as provided by section 383-110;
- 11 (47) The department of human services on current or
12 prospective employees or contractors who have access
13 to federal tax information in order to comply with
14 requirements of federal law, regulation, or procedure,
15 as provided by section 346-2.5;
- 16 (48) The child support enforcement agency on current or
17 prospective employees, or contractors who have access
18 to federal tax information in order to comply with
19 federal law, regulation, or procedure, as provided by
20 section 576D-11.5;



1 (49) The department of the attorney general on current or
2 prospective employees or employees or agents of
3 contractors who have access to federal tax information
4 to comply with requirements of federal law,
5 regulation, or procedure, as provided by section 28-
6 17;

7 [+] (50) [+] The department of commerce and consumer affairs on
8 each control person, executive officer, director,
9 general partner, and managing member of an installment
10 loan licensee, or an applicant for an installment loan
11 license, as provided in chapter 480J;

12 [+] (51) [+] The University of Hawaii on current and prospective
13 employees and contractors whose duties include
14 ensuring the security of campus facilities and
15 persons; and

16 [+] (52) [+] Any other organization, entity, or the State, its
17 branches, political subdivisions, or agencies as may
18 be authorized by state law."

19 SECTION 14. Act 30, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022, is
20 amended by amending section 5 to read as follows:



1 "SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval[
2 ~~provided that on June 30, 2025, section 2 of this Act shall be~~
3 ~~repealed and section 134-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall be~~
4 ~~reenacted in the form in which it read on the day before the~~
5 ~~effective date of this Act]."~~

6 SECTION 15. Every provision in this Act and every
7 application of each provision in this Act is severable from each
8 other. If any application of any provision in this Act to any
9 person or group of persons or circumstances is determined by any
10 court to be invalid, the remainder of this Act and the
11 application of the Act's provisions to all other persons and
12 circumstances shall not be affected. All constitutionally valid
13 applications of this Act shall be severed from any applications
14 that a court determines to be invalid or unenforceable, leaving
15 the valid applications in force, because it is the legislature's
16 intent that all valid applications shall remain in force.

17 SECTION 16. This Act shall be construed to be enforceable
18 up to but no further than the maximum possible extent consistent
19 with federal law and constitutional requirements.

20 SECTION 17. In codifying the new sections added by section
21 2 of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute



1 appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating
2 the new sections in this Act.

3 SECTION 18. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 19. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023;
6 provided that the amendments made to section 846-2.7(b), Hawaii
7 Revised Statutes, by section 13 of this Act shall not be
8 repealed when section 28 of Act 278, Session Laws of Hawaii
9 2022, takes effect on January 1, 2024.



Report Title:

Firearms; Permits; Licenses; Enforcement

Description:

Prohibits firearms in certain locations and premises and provides for enhanced sentencing. Requires possession and disclosure of a license to carry. Prohibits leaving an unsecured firearm in a vehicle unattended. Prohibits consuming or being under the influence of alcohol, an intoxicating liquor, or a controlled substance when carrying a firearm. Prohibits carrying or possessing firearms on certain private property open to the public without express authorization. Requires annual reports from the Department of the Attorney General on carry licenses. Amends the requirements for, and revocation of, firearms permits and licenses. Amends the disqualification of persons from owning, possessing, or controlling a firearm. Expands the qualified immunity for health care providers who provide information on firearms applicants to include physician assistants and advanced practice registered nurses. (SD1)

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