
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FIREARMS REPORTING.

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

SECTION 1. Section 134-9.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"~~[f]~~ §134-9.6 ~~[f]~~ Annual report on licenses to carry. (a) ~~[No later than April 1, 2024, and April 1 of each year thereafter, the]~~ The department of the attorney general shall publish ~~[a]~~ an annual report on its publicly available website that includes, if available:

- (1) The number of licenses to carry applied for, issued, revoked, and denied, further categorized by the age, gender, race, and county of residence of each applicant or licensee;
- (2) The specific reasons for each revocation and denial;
- (3) Analysis of denials based on applicants' failure to meet the standards of section 134-9(d), and recommendations to remedy any disparities in denial rates by age, gender, or race;
- (4) The number of appeals and appeals granted; and
- (5) The number of violations of section 134-9.1.

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1 (b) No later than [~~February 1~~] March 31 of each year, the
2 chief of police of each county shall [~~supply~~] provide to the
3 department of the attorney general [~~with~~] the data for the prior
4 calendar year that the department requires to complete the
5 report under subsection (a)."

6 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:

ATG; Firearms; Reporting

Description:

Amends the annual reporting requirements imposed on the Department of the Attorney General and the chief of police of each county regarding licenses to carry firearms.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Attorney General

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREARMS REPORTING.

PURPOSE: To amend the annual reporting requirements for the Department and the chief of police of each county concerning licenses to carry firearms.

MEANS: Amend section 134-9.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS).

JUSTIFICATION: The bill removes the deadline for the Department to publish its annual report, which will allow the Department time to complete the required aggregation of the data it receives from the county police departments. The report is still due annually.

The bill extends the date that the chief of police of each county shall provide the data to the Department from February 1 to March 31 of each year to allow the police departments additional time to gather the required data and provide it to the Department.

Impact on the public: The report can be of value to policy makers, researchers, educators, and the public interested in laws regulating the ownership or use of firearms.

Impact on the department and other agencies: The bill will allow the Department sufficient time to complete a report that is vetted for accuracy and completeness. The county police departments will have 58 additional days to provide the reportable data.

GENERAL FUND: None.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM

DESIGNATION: None.

OTHER AFFECTED

AGENCIES: County police departments.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.