

ACT 163

An Act Relating to Permits to Carry Firearms.

Be it Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 157-9, Revised Laws of Hawaii 1955, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 157-9. Permits to carry; penalty. In exceptional case, when the applicant shows good reason to fear injury to his person or property, the respective chiefs of police may grant a license to a citizen of the United States or a duly accredited official representative of a foreign nation, of the age of twenty years or more, to carry concealed on his person within the county within which such license is granted, a pistol or revolver and ammunition therefor; or where the urgency of the need has been sufficiently indicated to the respective chiefs of police, they may grant to an applicant of good moral character who is a citizen of the United States of the age of twenty years or more, who is engaged in the protection of life and property and not prohibited under the provisions of section 157-7 from the ownership or possession of a firearm, a license to carry unconcealed on his person within the county within which such license is granted, a pistol or revolver. Unless renewed, such license shall automatically become void at the expiration of one year from date of issue. No such license shall be issued unless it appears that the applicant is

a suitable person to be so licensed, and in no event to a person who is prohibited under the provisions of section 157-7 from the ownership or possession of a firearm, or a person adjudged insane or appearing to be mentally deranged. No person shall carry concealed or unconcealed on his person a pistol or revolver without being licensed so to do under the provisions of this section or in compliance with the provisions of section 157-6, as amended.

For each such license there shall be charged a fee of \$10, which shall be covered into the treasury of the county in which such license is granted.

Any person violating this section shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.”

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved July 8, 1961.) **S.B. 199.**
