

ACT 53

H.B. NO. 789

A Bill for an Act Relating to Firearms.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that two hours of live fire training and practice at a firing range is sufficient for all persons seeking a permit to acquire a pistol or revolver under section 134-2(g), Hawaii Revised Statutes. Much of the safe firearms handling instruction required is better taught in a classroom with dummy ammunition. A total of six required hours remains appropriate. The purpose of this Act is to reduce the required number of hours of fire training at a range from three to two hours and increase the required number of classroom hours from three to four.

SECTION 2. Section 134-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (g) to read as follows:

“(g) Effective July 1, 1995, no person shall be issued a permit under this section for the acquisition of a pistol or revolver unless the person, at any time prior to the issuance of the permit, has completed:

- (1) An approved hunter education course as authorized under section 183D-28;
- (2) A firearms safety or training course or class available to the general public offered by a law enforcement agency of the State or of any county;
- (3) A firearms safety or training course offered to law enforcement officers, security guards, investigators, deputy sheriffs, or any division or subdivision of law enforcement or security enforcement by a state or county law enforcement agency; or
- (4) A firearms training or safety course or class conducted by a state certified or National Rifle Association certified firearms instructor or a certified military firearms instructor that provides, at a minimum, a total of ~~[[at]]~~ least ~~[three]~~ two hours of firing training at a firing range and a total of at least ~~[three]~~ four hours of classroom instruction, which may include a video, that focuses on:
 - (A) The safe use, handling, and storage of firearms and firearm safety in the home; and
 - (B) Education on the firearm laws of the State.

An affidavit signed by the certified firearms instructor who conducted or taught the course, providing the name, address, and phone number of the instructor and attesting to the successful completion of the course by the applicant shall constitute evidence of certified successful completion under this paragraph.”

SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were begun, before its effective date.

SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved April 23, 1997.)