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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101     **CONCERNING PERMITS THAT AUTHORIZE PERSONS WHO DEMONSTRATE**  
102             **COMPETENCE WITH HANDGUNS TO CARRY CONCEALED**  
103             **HANDGUNS IN ALL STATUTORILY AUTHORIZED AREAS OF THE**  
104             **STATE, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, IDENTIFYING THE**  
105             **CARRYING OF CONCEALED HANDGUNS AS AN ISSUE OF**  
106             **STATEWIDE CONCERN, CREATING STATEWIDE STANDARDS FOR**  
107             **ISSUANCE OF PERMITS TO CARRY CONCEALED HANDGUNS, AND**  
108             **MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted.)*

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

**Authorization for permits.** Specifies that the issuance and use of a permit to carry a concealed handgun ("permit") is a matter of statewide concern. Assigns responsibility for issuing permits to county sheriffs and the official having the duties of a sheriff in a city and county.

**Qualifications to receive permits.** Specifies the qualifications for receiving a permit, including:

- Residency;
- Age;
- Ability to possess a firearm under state and federal law;
- Whether the applicant uses alcoholic beverages illegally or excessively;
- Whether the applicant is an unlawful user of or addicted to a controlled substance;
- Whether the applicant is the subject of a permanent restraining order or of a temporary or criminal restraining order in effect at the time of application;
- Competence with a handgun.

Allows a sheriff to deny the issuance of a permit if the sheriff has documentary evidence that the person would be a danger to self or others.

**Use of permits.** Specifies the minimum contents of the permit and how the permit may be used. Directs the sheriffs to ensure all permits contain the same items of information and are the same size and color. Identifies conditions under which a handgun is not considered concealed.

**Submittal of applications.** Specifies the documents, including an application, a permit fee, and, in some circumstances, a photograph, that an applicant must submit to a sheriff to apply for a permit. Instructs the sheriff to witness the applicant's signature on the permit application, to verify the applicant's identity, to take two full sets of the applicant's fingerprints, which must be sent to the Colorado bureau of investigation ("CBI"), and to determine whether the applicant meets the requirements for obtaining a permit. Requires the CBI to destroy the fingerprints immediately upon determining whether the applicant meets the permit requirements. Specifies the procedures for denying a permit, including giving notice of the right to request a second review by the sheriff, to seek judicial review, and to submit additional information for the record. Directs the sheriff to establish the amount of the new and renewal permit fees based on the actual costs of issuing and renewing the permits, and sets caps on the fee amounts. Requires each sheriff to submit an annual report to the general assembly containing information concerning permit applications and the number of permits issued, but not including the names of permit applicants.

**Judicial review.** Establishes procedures for judicial review of a sheriff's denial of, suspension of, revocation of, or refusal to renew a permit. Allows for judicial review either following or in lieu of a second review by the sheriff. Specifies that the sheriff bears the burden of

proving by a preponderance of the evidence that he or she appropriately denied, suspended, revoked, or refused to renew the permit. Directs the reviewing court to award attorney fees to the prevailing party on review.

**Emergency permits.** Establishes procedures for a sheriff to issue an emergency permit to a person whom the sheriff determines is in immediate danger. Allows a sheriff to issue an emergency permit to a person 18 years of age or older. Makes the emergency permit valid for 90 days. Allows renewal of an emergency permit for one additional 90-day period; except that, if the permittee is younger than 21 years of age, allows renewal for repeated 90-day periods until the permittee reaches 21 years of age.

**Maintaining and renewing permits.** Specifies conditions under which a permit may become invalid or may be suspended. Establishes procedures for renewing a permit, including the documents to be filed and the fee to be paid.

**Exemptions.** Exempts a law enforcement officer from another state from the permit requirement so long as the officer's state exempts Colorado law enforcement officers. Allows certain retired peace officers automatically to qualify for a permit within the first 5 years after retirement.

**Reciprocity.** Recognizes as valid in this state a permit issued to a person at least 21 years of age by another state that recognizes the validity of Colorado permits.

**Carrying restrictions.** States that a permit authorizes the permittee to carry a concealed handgun in all areas of the state, except as restricted by state law. Prohibits a local government from adopting a resolution or ordinance restricting the carrying of a concealed handgun that would conflict with the state law. Specifies that a permit does not authorize a permittee to carry a concealed handgun in areas where carrying is prohibited by federal law, in secure public buildings, or on public elementary or secondary school grounds, with some exceptions. Clarifies the rights of private property owners to control their private property.

**Immunity.** Grants civil immunity to the CBI, local law enforcement agencies, and employees of said entities for the good faith implementation of the act. Grants civil immunity in suits for damages arising from issuance or denial of a permit to persons who provide information concerning an applicant.

**Existing permits.** Provides that permits issued prior to the effective date of the act shall expire on June 30, 2005, or on the date specified in the permit, whichever occurs first. Specifies procedures for renewing existing permits.

Makes conforming amendments.

Makes an appropriation.



1 STATE INTEREST IN ENSURING THAT NO CITIZEN IS ARBITRARILY DENIED A  
2 CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT AND IN ENSURING THAT THE LAWS  
3 CONTROLLING THE USE OF THE PERMIT ARE CONSISTENT THROUGHOUT THE  
4 STATE.

5 (2) BASED ON THE FINDINGS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS  
6 SECTION, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HEREBY CONCLUDES THAT:

7 (a) THE PERMITTING AND CARRYING OF CONCEALED HANDGUNS IS  
8 A MATTER OF STATEWIDE CONCERN; AND

9 (b) IT IS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE STATEWIDE UNIFORM STANDARDS  
10 FOR ISSUING PERMITS TO CARRY CONCEALED HANDGUNS FOR  
11 SELF-DEFENSE.

12 (3) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS  
13 SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTIONS (1) AND (2) OF THIS SECTION, THE GENERAL  
14 ASSEMBLY HEREBY INSTRUCTS EACH SHERIFF TO IMPLEMENT AND  
15 ADMINISTER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS PART 2. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
16 DOES NOT DELEGATE TO THE SHERIFFS THE AUTHORITY TO REGULATE OR  
17 RESTRICT THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS PROVIDED FOR IN THIS PART 2  
18 BEYOND THE PROVISIONS OF THIS PART 2. AN ACTION OR RULE THAT  
19 ENCUMBERS THE PERMIT PROCESS BY PLACING BURDENS ON THE  
20 APPLICANT BEYOND THOSE SWORN STATEMENTS AND SPECIFIED  
21 DOCUMENTS DETAILED IN THIS PART 2 OR THAT CREATES RESTRICTIONS  
22 BEYOND THOSE SPECIFIED IN THIS PART 2 IS IN CONFLICT WITH THE INTENT  
23 OF THIS PART 2 AND IS PROHIBITED.

24 **18-12-202. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS PART 2, UNLESS THE  
25 CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

26 (1) "BUREAU" MEANS THE COLORADO BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
27 WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

1           (2) "CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR" MEANS AN INSTRUCTOR FOR A  
2 FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE WHO IS CERTIFIED AS A FIREARMS INSTRUCTOR  
3 BY:

4           (a) A COUNTY, MUNICIPAL, STATE, OR FEDERAL LAW  
5 ENFORCEMENT AGENCY;

6           (b) THE PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING BOARD  
7 CREATED IN SECTION 24-31-302, C.R.S.;

8           (c) A FEDERAL MILITARY AGENCY; OR

9           (d) A NATIONAL NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT CERTIFIES  
10 FIREARMS INSTRUCTORS, OPERATES NATIONAL FIREARMS COMPETITIONS,  
11 AND PROVIDES TRAINING, INCLUDING COURSES IN PERSONAL PROTECTION,  
12 IN SMALL ARMS SAFETY, USE, AND MARKSMANSHIP.

13           (3) "CHRONICALLY AND HABITUALLY USES ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES  
14 TO THE EXTENT THAT THE APPLICANT'S NORMAL FACULTIES ARE IMPAIRED"  
15 MEANS:

16           (a) THE APPLICANT HAS AT ANY TIME BEEN COMMITTED AS AN  
17 ALCOHOLIC PURSUANT TO SECTION 25-1-310 OR 25-1-311, C.R.S.; OR

18           (b) WITHIN THE TEN-YEAR PERIOD IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE  
19 DATE ON WHICH THE PERMIT APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED, THE APPLICANT:

20           (I) HAS BEEN COMMITTED AS AN ALCOHOLIC PURSUANT TO  
21 SECTION 25-1-308 OR 25-1-309, C.R.S.; OR

22           (II) HAS HAD TWO OR MORE ALCOHOL-RELATED CONVICTIONS  
23 UNDER SECTION 42-4-1301 (1) OR (2), C.R.S., OR A LAW OF ANOTHER  
24 STATE THAT HAS SIMILAR ELEMENTS, OR REVOCATIONS RELATED TO  
25 MISDEMEANOR, ALCOHOL-RELATED CONVICTIONS UNDER SECTION  
26 42-2-126, C.R.S., OR A LAW OF ANOTHER STATE THAT HAS SIMILAR  
27 ELEMENTS.

1 (4) "HANDGUN" MEANS A HANDGUN AS DEFINED IN SECTION  
2 18-12-101 (1) (e.5); EXCEPT THAT THE TERM DOES NOT INCLUDE A  
3 MACHINE GUN AS DEFINED IN SECTION 18-12-101 (1) (g).

4 (5) "HANDGUN TRAINING CLASS" MEANS:

5 (a) A LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE;

6 (b) A FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE OFFERED BY A LAW  
7 ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, OR A  
8 PUBLIC OR PRIVATE INSTITUTION OR ORGANIZATION OR FIREARMS  
9 TRAINING SCHOOL, THAT IS OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND IS TAUGHT  
10 BY A CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR; OR

11 (c) A FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE OR CLASS THAT IS OFFERED AND  
12 TAUGHT BY A CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR.

13 (6) "PERMIT" MEANS A PERMIT TO CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN  
14 ISSUED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS PART 2; EXCEPT THAT  
15 "PERMIT" DOES NOT INCLUDE A TEMPORARY EMERGENCY PERMIT ISSUED  
16 PURSUANT TO SECTION 18-12-209.

17 (7) "SHERIFF" MEANS THE SHERIFF OF A COUNTY, OR HIS OR HER  
18 DESIGNEE, OR THE OFFICIAL WHO HAS THE DUTIES OF A SHERIFF IN A CITY  
19 AND COUNTY, OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE.

20 (8) "TRAINING CERTIFICATE" MEANS A CERTIFICATE, AFFIDAVIT, OR  
21 OTHER DOCUMENT ISSUED BY THE INSTRUCTOR, SCHOOL, CLUB, OR  
22 ORGANIZATION THAT CONDUCTS A HANDGUN TRAINING CLASS THAT  
23 EVIDENCES AN APPLICANT'S SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE CLASS  
24 REQUIREMENTS.

25 **18-12-203. Criteria for obtaining a permit.** (1) BEGINNING ON  
26 THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS PART 2, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN  
27 THIS SECTION, A SHERIFF SHALL ISSUE A PERMIT TO CARRY A CONCEALED

1 HANDGUN TO AN APPLICANT WHO:

2 (a) IS A LEGAL RESIDENT OF THE STATE OF COLORADO. FOR  
3 PURPOSES OF THIS PART 2, A PERSON WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE ARMED  
4 FORCES AND IS STATIONED PURSUANT TO PERMANENT DUTY STATION  
5 ORDERS AT A MILITARY INSTALLATION IN THIS STATE, AND A MEMBER OF  
6 THE PERSON'S IMMEDIATE FAMILY LIVING IN COLORADO, SHALL BE  
7 DEEMED TO BE A LEGAL RESIDENT OF THE STATE OF COLORADO.

8 (b) IS TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER;

9 (c) IS NOT INELIGIBLE TO POSSESS A FIREARM PURSUANT TO  
10 SECTION 18-12-108 OR FEDERAL LAW;

11 (d) HAS NOT BEEN CONVICTED OF PERJURY UNDER SECTION  
12 18-8-503, IN RELATION TO INFORMATION PROVIDED OR DELIBERATELY  
13 OMITTED ON A PERMIT APPLICATION SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO THIS PART  
14 2;

15 (e) (I) DOES NOT CHRONICALLY AND HABITUALLY USE ALCOHOLIC  
16 BEVERAGES TO THE EXTENT THAT THE APPLICANT'S NORMAL FACULTIES  
17 ARE IMPAIRED.

18 (II) THE PROHIBITION SPECIFIED IN THIS PARAGRAPH (e) SHALL NOT  
19 APPLY TO AN APPLICANT WHO PROVIDES AN AFFIDAVIT, SIGNED BY A  
20 PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR WHO IS LICENSED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 43 OF  
21 TITLE 12, C.R.S., AND SPECIALIZES IN ALCOHOL ADDICTION, STATING THAT  
22 THE APPLICANT HAS BEEN EVALUATED BY THE COUNSELOR AND HAS BEEN  
23 DETERMINED TO BE A RECOVERING ALCOHOLIC WHO HAS REFRAINED FROM  
24 USING ALCOHOL FOR AT LEAST THREE YEARS.

25 (f) IS NOT AN UNLAWFUL USER OF OR ADDICTED TO A CONTROLLED  
26 SUBSTANCE AS DEFINED IN SECTION 18-18-102 (5). WHETHER AN  
27 APPLICANT IS AN UNLAWFUL USER OF OR ADDICTED TO A CONTROLLED

1 SUBSTANCE SHALL BE DETERMINED AS PROVIDED IN FEDERAL LAW AND  
2 REGULATIONS.

3 (g) IS NOT SUBJECT TO:

4 (I) A RESTRAINING ORDER ISSUED PURSUANT TO SECTION  
5 18-1-1001 OR SECTION 19-2-707, C.R.S., THAT IS IN EFFECT AT THE TIME  
6 THE APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED; OR

7 (II) A PERMANENT RESTRAINING ORDER ISSUED PURSUANT TO  
8 ARTICLE 14 OF TITLE 13, C.R.S.; OR

9 (III) A TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER ISSUED PURSUANT TO  
10 ARTICLE 14 OF TITLE 13, C.R.S., THAT IS IN EFFECT AT THE TIME THE  
11 APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED;

12 (h) DEMONSTRATES COMPETENCE WITH A HANDGUN BY  
13 SUBMITTING:

14 (I) EVIDENCE OF EXPERIENCE WITH A FIREARM THROUGH  
15 PARTICIPATION IN ORGANIZED SHOOTING COMPETITIONS OR CURRENT  
16 MILITARY SERVICE;

17 (II) EVIDENCE THAT, AT THE TIME THE APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED,  
18 THE APPLICANT IS A CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR;

19 (III) PROOF OF HONORABLE DISCHARGE FROM A BRANCH OF THE  
20 UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES WITHIN THE THREE YEARS PRECEDING  
21 SUBMITTAL OF THE APPLICATION;

22 (IV) PROOF OF HONORABLE DISCHARGE FROM A BRANCH OF THE  
23 UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES THAT REFLECTS PISTOL QUALIFICATIONS  
24 OBTAINED WITHIN THE TEN YEARS PRECEDING SUBMITTAL OF THE  
25 APPLICATION;

26 (V) A CERTIFICATE SHOWING RETIREMENT FROM A COLORADO  
27 LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY THAT REFLECTS PISTOL QUALIFICATIONS

1 OBTAINED WITHIN THE TEN YEARS PRECEDING SUBMITTAL OF THE  
2 APPLICATION; OR

3 (VI) A TRAINING CERTIFICATE FROM A HANDGUN TRAINING CLASS  
4 OBTAINED WITHIN THE TEN YEARS PRECEDING SUBMITTAL OF THE  
5 APPLICATION. THE APPLICANT SHALL SUBMIT THE ORIGINAL TRAINING  
6 CERTIFICATE OR A PHOTOCOPY THEREOF THAT INCLUDES THE ORIGINAL  
7 SIGNATURE OF THE CLASS INSTRUCTOR. IN OBTAINING A TRAINING  
8 CERTIFICATE FROM A HANDGUN TRAINING CLASS, THE APPLICANT SHALL  
9 HAVE DISCRETION IN SELECTING WHICH HANDGUN TRAINING CLASS TO  
10 COMPLETE.

11 (2) REGARDLESS OF WHETHER AN APPLICANT MEETS THE CRITERIA  
12 SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, IF THE SHERIFF HAS A  
13 REASONABLE BELIEF THAT DOCUMENTED PREVIOUS BEHAVIOR BY THE  
14 APPLICANT MAKES IT LIKELY THE APPLICANT WILL PRESENT A DANGER TO  
15 SELF OR OTHERS IF THE APPLICANT RECEIVES A PERMIT TO CARRY A  
16 CONCEALED HANDGUN, THE SHERIFF MAY DENY THE PERMIT.

17 (3) (a) THE SHERIFF SHALL DENY, REVOKE, OR REFUSE TO RENEW  
18 A PERMIT IF AN APPLICANT OR A PERMITTEE FAILS TO MEET ONE OF THE  
19 CRITERIA LISTED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION AND MAY DENY,  
20 REVOKE, OR REFUSE TO RENEW A PERMIT ON THE GROUNDS SPECIFIED IN  
21 SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION.

22 (b) FOLLOWING ISSUANCE OF A PERMIT, IF THE ISSUING SHERIFF  
23 HAS A REASONABLE BELIEF THAT A PERMITTEE NO LONGER MEETS THE  
24 CRITERIA SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION OR THAT THE  
25 PERMITTEE PRESENTS A DANGER AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS  
26 SECTION, THE SHERIFF SHALL SUSPEND THE PERMIT UNTIL SUCH TIME AS  
27 THE MATTER IS RESOLVED AND THE ISSUING SHERIFF DETERMINES THAT

1 THE PERMITTEE IS ELIGIBLE TO POSSESS A PERMIT AS PROVIDED IN THIS  
2 SECTION.

3 (c) IF THE SHERIFF SUSPENDS OR REVOKES A PERMIT, THE SHERIFF  
4 SHALL NOTIFY THE PERMITTEE IN WRITING, STATING THE GROUNDS FOR  
5 SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION AND INFORMING THE PERMITTEE OF THE  
6 RIGHT TO SEEK A SECOND REVIEW BY THE SHERIFF, TO SUBMIT ADDITIONAL  
7 INFORMATION FOR THE RECORD, AND TO SEEK JUDICIAL REVIEW PURSUANT  
8 TO SECTION 18-12-207.

9 **18-12-204. Permit contents - validity - carrying requirements.**

10 (1) (a) EACH PERMIT SHALL BEAR A COLOR PHOTOGRAPH OF THE  
11 PERMITTEE AND SHALL DISPLAY THE SIGNATURE OF THE SHERIFF WHO  
12 ISSUES THE PERMIT. IN ADDITION, THE SHERIFFS OF THIS STATE SHALL  
13 ENSURE THAT ALL PERMITS ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS PART 2 CONTAIN THE  
14 SAME ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND ARE THE SAME SIZE AND THE SAME  
15 COLOR.

16 (b) A PERMIT IS VALID FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS AFTER THE  
17 DATE OF ISSUANCE AND MAY BE RENEWED AS PROVIDED IN SECTION  
18 18-12-211. A PERMIT ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS PART 2, INCLUDING A  
19 TEMPORARY EMERGENCY PERMIT ISSUED PURSUANT TO SECTION  
20 18-12-209, IS EFFECTIVE IN ALL AREAS OF THE STATE, EXCEPT AS  
21 OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SECTION 18-12-214.

22 (2) (a) A PERMITTEE, IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE TERMS OF A  
23 PERMIT, MAY CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN AS ALLOWED BY STATE LAW.  
24 THE PERMITTEE SHALL CARRY THE PERMIT, TOGETHER WITH VALID PHOTO  
25 IDENTIFICATION, AT ALL TIMES DURING WHICH THE PERMITTEE IS IN  
26 ACTUAL POSSESSION OF A CONCEALED HANDGUN AND SHALL PRODUCE  
27 BOTH DOCUMENTS UPON DEMAND BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.

1 FAILURE TO PRODUCE A PERMIT UPON DEMAND BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT  
2 OFFICER RAISES A REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION THAT THE PERSON DOES NOT  
3 HAVE A PERMIT. FAILURE TO CARRY AND PRODUCE A PERMIT AND VALID  
4 PHOTO IDENTIFICATION UPON DEMAND AS REQUIRED IN THIS SUBSECTION  
5 (2) IS A CLASS 1 PETTY OFFENSE. A CHARGE OF FAILURE TO CARRY AND  
6 PRODUCE A PERMIT AND VALID PHOTO IDENTIFICATION UPON DEMAND  
7 PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (2) SHALL BE DISMISSED BY THE COURT IF,  
8 AT OR BEFORE THE PERMITTEE'S SCHEDULED COURT APPEARANCE, THE  
9 PERMITTEE EXHIBITS TO THE COURT A VALID PERMIT AND VALID PHOTO  
10 IDENTIFICATION, BOTH OF WHICH WERE ISSUED TO THE PERMITTEE PRIOR  
11 TO THE DATE ON WHICH THE PERMITTEE WAS CHARGED WITH FAILURE TO  
12 CARRY AND PRODUCE A PERMIT AND VALID PHOTO IDENTIFICATION UPON  
13 DEMAND.

14 (b) THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION (2)  
15 APPLY TO TEMPORARY EMERGENCY PERMITS ISSUED PURSUANT TO SECTION  
16 18-12-209.

17 (3) (a) A PERSON WHO MAY LAWFULLY POSSESS A HANDGUN MAY  
18 CARRY A HANDGUN UNDER THE FOLLOWING CIRCUMSTANCES WITHOUT  
19 OBTAINING A PERMIT AND THE HANDGUN SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED  
20 CONCEALED:

21 (I) THE HANDGUN IS IN THE POSSESSION OF A PERSON WHO IS IN A  
22 PRIVATE AUTOMOBILE OR IN SOME OTHER PRIVATE MEANS OF  
23 CONVEYANCE AND WHO CARRIES THE HANDGUN FOR A LEGAL USE,  
24 INCLUDING SELF-DEFENSE; OR

25 (II) THE HANDGUN IS IN THE POSSESSION OF A PERSON WHO IS  
26 LEGALLY ENGAGED IN HUNTING ACTIVITIES ■ ■ WITHIN THE STATE.

27 (b) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION (3) SHALL NOT BE

1 CONSTRUED TO AUTHORIZE THE CARRYING OF A HANDGUN IN VIOLATION  
2 OF THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 18-12-105 OR 18-12-105.5.

3 **18-12-205. Sheriff - application - procedure - background**

4 **check.** (1) (a) TO OBTAIN A PERMIT, A PERSON SHALL SUBMIT A PERMIT  
5 APPLICATION ON A STATEWIDE STANDARDIZED FORM DEVELOPED BY THE  
6 SHERIFFS AND AVAILABLE FROM EACH SHERIFF. THE PERMIT APPLICATION  
7 FORM SHALL SOLICIT ONLY THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM THE  
8 APPLICANT:

9 (I) THE APPLICANT'S FULL NAME, DATE OF BIRTH, AND ADDRESS;

10 (II) THE APPLICANT'S BIRTH NAME, IF DIFFERENT FROM THE NAME  
11 PROVIDED PURSUANT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH (a), AND  
12 ANY OTHER NAMES THE APPLICANT MAY HAVE USED OR BY WHICH THE  
13 APPLICANT MAY HAVE BEEN KNOWN;

14 (III) THE APPLICANT'S HOME ADDRESS OR ADDRESSES FOR THE  
15 TEN-YEAR PERIOD IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING SUBMITTAL OF THE  
16 APPLICATION;

17 (IV) WHETHER THE APPLICANT IS A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE AS OF  
18 THE DATE OF APPLICATION AND WHETHER THE APPLICANT HAS A VALID  
19 DRIVER'S LICENSE OR OTHER STATE-ISSUED PHOTO IDENTIFICATION OR  
20 MILITARY ORDER PROVING RESIDENCE; AND

21 (V) WHETHER THE APPLICANT MEETS THE CRITERIA FOR  
22 OBTAINING A PERMIT SPECIFIED IN SECTION 18-12-203 (1).

23 (b) THE PERMIT APPLICATION FORM SHALL NOT REQUIRE THE  
24 APPLICANT TO WAIVE OR RELEASE A RIGHT OR PRIVILEGE, INCLUDING BUT  
25 NOT LIMITED TO WAIVER OR RELEASE OF PRIVILEGED OR CONFIDENTIAL  
26 INFORMATION CONTAINED IN MEDICAL RECORDS.

27 (2) (a) AN APPLICANT SHALL COMPLETE THE PERMIT APPLICATION

1 FORM AND RETURN IT, IN PERSON, TO THE SHERIFF OF THE COUNTY OR CITY  
2 AND COUNTY IN WHICH THE APPLICANT RESIDES, TO THE SHERIFF OF THE  
3 COUNTY OR CITY AND COUNTY IN WHICH THE APPLICANT MAINTAINS A  
4 SECONDARY RESIDENCE OR OWNS OR LEASES REAL PROPERTY USED BY THE  
5 APPLICANT IN A BUSINESS, OR TO THE SHERIFF THAT PREVIOUSLY ISSUED  
6 A PERMIT TO THE APPLICANT. THE APPLICANT SHALL SIGN THE COMPLETED  
7 PERMIT APPLICATION FORM IN PERSON BEFORE THE SHERIFF. THE  
8 APPLICANT SHALL PROVIDE HIS OR HER SIGNATURE VOLUNTARILY UPON A  
9 SWORN OATH THAT THE APPLICANT KNOWS THE CONTENTS OF THE PERMIT  
10 APPLICATION AND THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE PERMIT  
11 APPLICATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT. AN APPLICANT WHO KNOWINGLY  
12 AND INTENTIONALLY MAKES A FALSE OR MISLEADING STATEMENT ON A  
13 PERMIT APPLICATION OR DELIBERATELY OMITTS ANY MATERIAL  
14 INFORMATION REQUESTED ON THE APPLICATION COMMITS PERJURY AS  
15 DESCRIBED IN SECTION 18-8-503. UPON CONVICTION, THE APPLICANT  
16 SHALL BE PUNISHED AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 18-1.3-501. IN ADDITION,  
17 THE APPLICANT SHALL BE DENIED THE RIGHT TO OBTAIN OR POSSESS A  
18 PERMIT, AND THE SHERIFF SHALL REVOKE THE APPLICANT'S PERMIT IF  
19 ISSUED PRIOR TO CONVICTION.

20 (b) AN APPLICANT SHALL ALSO SUBMIT TO THE SHERIFF A PERMIT  
21 FEE NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR PROCESSING THE PERMIT  
22 APPLICATION. THE SHERIFF SHALL SET THE AMOUNT OF THE PERMIT FEE AS  
23 PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (5) OF THIS SECTION. IN ADDITION, THE  
24 APPLICANT SHALL SUBMIT AN AMOUNT SPECIFIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE  
25 BUREAU, PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-72-306, C.R.S., FOR PROCESSING THE  
26 APPLICANT'S FINGERPRINTS THROUGH THE BUREAU AND THROUGH THE  
27 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. NEITHER THE PERMIT FEE NOR

1 THE FINGERPRINT PROCESSING FEE SHALL BE REFUNDABLE IN THE EVENT  
2 THE SHERIFF DENIES THE APPLICANT'S PERMIT APPLICATION OR SUSPENDS  
3 OR REVOKES THE PERMIT SUBSEQUENT TO ISSUANCE.

4 (3) IN ADDITION TO THE ITEMS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF  
5 THIS SECTION, AN APPLICANT, WHEN SUBMITTING THE COMPLETED PERMIT  
6 APPLICATION, SHALL SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO THE SHERIFF:

7 (a) DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE DEMONSTRATING COMPETENCE WITH  
8 A HANDGUN AS SPECIFIED IN SECTION 18-12-203 (1) (h); AND

9 (b) A FULL FRONTAL VIEW COLOR PHOTOGRAPH OF THE  
10 APPLICANT'S HEAD TAKEN WITHIN THE THIRTY DAYS IMMEDIATELY  
11 PRECEDING SUBMITTAL OF THE PERMIT APPLICATION; EXCEPT THAT THE  
12 APPLICANT NEED NOT SUBMIT A PHOTOGRAPH IF THE SHERIFF  
13 PHOTOGRAPHS THE APPLICANT FOR PURPOSES OF ISSUING A PERMIT. ANY  
14 PHOTOGRAPH SUBMITTED SHALL SHOW THE APPLICANT'S FULL HEAD,  
15 INCLUDING HAIR AND FACIAL FEATURES, AND THE DEPICTION OF THE  
16 APPLICANT'S HEAD SHALL MEASURE ONE AND ONE-EIGHTH INCHES WIDE  
17 AND ONE AND ONE-FOURTH INCHES HIGH.

18 (4) (a) THE SHERIFF SHALL WITNESS AN APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE  
19 ON THE PERMIT APPLICATION AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS  
20 SECTION AND VERIFY THAT THE PERSON MAKING APPLICATION FOR A  
21 PERMIT IS THE SAME PERSON WHO APPEARS IN ANY PHOTOGRAPH  
22 SUBMITTED AND THE SAME PERSON WHO SIGNED THE PERMIT APPLICATION  
23 FORM. TO VERIFY THE APPLICANT'S IDENTITY, THE APPLICANT SHALL  
24 PRESENT TO THE SHERIFF THE APPLICANT'S VALID COLORADO DRIVER'S  
25 LICENSE OR VALID COLORADO OR MILITARY PHOTO IDENTIFICATION.

26 (b) AFTER VERIFYING THE APPLICANT'S IDENTITY, THE SHERIFF  
27 SHALL TAKE TWO COMPLETE SETS OF THE APPLICANT'S FINGERPRINTS. THE

1 SHERIFF SHALL SUBMIT BOTH SETS OF FINGERPRINTS TO THE BUREAU, AND  
2 THE SHERIFF SHALL NOT RETAIN A SET OF THE APPLICANT'S FINGERPRINTS.

3 (c) AFTER RECEIPT OF A PERMIT APPLICATION AND THE ITEMS  
4 SPECIFIED IN THIS SECTION, THE SHERIFF SHALL VERIFY THAT THE  
5 APPLICANT MEETS THE CRITERIA SPECIFIED IN SECTION 18-12-203 (1) AND  
6 IS NOT A DANGER AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 18-12-203 (2). THE  
7 VERIFICATION AT A MINIMUM SHALL INCLUDE REQUESTING THE BUREAU TO  
8 CONDUCT A SEARCH OF THE NATIONAL INSTANT CRIMINAL BACKGROUND  
9 CHECK SYSTEM AND A SEARCH OF THE STATE INTEGRATED CRIMINAL  
10 JUSTICE INFORMATION SYSTEM TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE APPLICANT  
11 MEETS THE CRITERIA SPECIFIED IN SECTION 18-12-203 (1). IN ADDITION,  
12 IF THE APPLICANT RESIDES IN A MUNICIPALITY OR TOWN, THE SHERIFF  
13 SHALL CONSULT WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE MUNICIPALITY OR  
14 TOWN IN WHICH THE APPLICANT RESIDES, AND THE SHERIFF MAY CONSULT  
15 WITH OTHER LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.

16 (5) THE SHERIFF IN EACH COUNTY OR CITY AND COUNTY IN THE  
17 STATE SHALL ESTABLISH THE AMOUNT OF THE NEW AND RENEWAL PERMIT  
18 FEES WITHIN HIS OR HER JURISDICTION. THE AMOUNT OF THE NEW AND  
19 RENEWAL PERMIT FEES SHALL COMPLY WITH THE LIMITS SPECIFIED IN  
20 PARAGRAPH (b) OF SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION AND SECTION  
21 18-12-211 (1), RESPECTIVELY. THE FEE AMOUNTS SHALL REFLECT THE  
22 ACTUAL DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS TO THE SHERIFF OF PROCESSING  
23 PERMIT APPLICATIONS AND RENEWAL APPLICATIONS PURSUANT TO THIS  
24 PART 2.

25 **18-12-206. Sheriff - issuance or denial of permits - report.**

26 (1) WITHIN NINETY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF RECEIPT OF THE ITEMS  
27 SPECIFIED IN SECTION 18-12-205, A SHERIFF SHALL:

1 (a) APPROVE THE PERMIT APPLICATION AND ISSUE THE PERMIT; OR  
2 (b) DENY THE PERMIT APPLICATION BASED SOLELY ON THE  
3 GROUND THAT THE APPLICANT FAILS TO QUALIFY UNDER THE CRITERIA  
4 LISTED IN SECTION 18-12-203 (1) OR THAT THE APPLICANT WOULD BE A  
5 DANGER AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 18-12-203 (2). IF THE SHERIFF DENIES  
6 THE PERMIT APPLICATION, HE OR SHE SHALL NOTIFY THE APPLICANT IN  
7 WRITING, STATING THE GROUNDS FOR DENIAL AND INFORMING THE  
8 APPLICANT OF THE RIGHT TO SEEK A SECOND REVIEW OF THE APPLICATION  
9 BY THE SHERIFF, TO SUBMIT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR THE RECORD,  
10 AND TO SEEK JUDICIAL REVIEW PURSUANT TO SECTION 18-12-207.

11 (2) IF THE SHERIFF DOES NOT RECEIVE THE RESULTS OF THE  
12 FINGERPRINT CHECKS CONDUCTED BY THE BUREAU AND BY THE FEDERAL  
13 BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WITHIN NINETY DAYS AFTER RECEIVING A  
14 PERMIT APPLICATION, THE SHERIFF SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER TO GRANT  
15 OR DENY THE PERMIT APPLICATION WITHOUT CONSIDERING THE  
16 FINGERPRINT CHECK INFORMATION. IF, UPON RECEIPT OF THE  
17 INFORMATION, THE SHERIFF FINDS THAT THE PERMIT WAS ISSUED OR  
18 DENIED ERRONEOUSLY, BASED ON THE CRITERIA SPECIFIED IN SECTION  
19 18-12-203 (1) AND (2), THE SHERIFF SHALL EITHER REVOKE OR ISSUE THE  
20 PERMIT, WHICHEVER IS APPROPRIATE.

21 (3) (a) EACH SHERIFF SHALL MAINTAIN A LIST OF THE PERSONS TO  
22 WHOM HE OR SHE ISSUES PERMITS PURSUANT TO THIS PART 2. UPON  
23 REQUEST BY ANOTHER CRIMINAL JUSTICE AGENCY FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT  
24 PURPOSES, THE SHERIFF MAY, AT HIS OR HER DISCRETION, SHARE  
25 INFORMATION FROM THE LIST OF PERMITTEES WITH A LAW ENFORCEMENT  
26 AGENCY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING THE VALIDITY OF A PERMIT.  
27 A DATABASE MAINTAINED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (3) AND ANY

1 DATABASE OPERATED BY A STATE AGENCY THAT INCLUDES PERMITTEES  
2 SHALL BE SEARCHABLE ONLY BY NAME.

3 (b) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH (a) OF  
4 THIS SUBSECTION (3), ON AND AFTER JULY 1, 2007, A SHERIFF SHALL NOT  
5 SHARE INFORMATION FROM THE LIST OF PERMITTEES WITH A LAW  
6 ENFORCEMENT AGENCY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING A STATEWIDE  
7 DATABASE OF PERMITTEES, AND ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY THAT  
8 RECEIVES INFORMATION CONCERNING PERMITTEES FROM A SHERIFF SHALL  
9 NOT USE THE INFORMATION TO CREATE OR MAINTAIN A STATEWIDE  
10 DATABASE OF PERMITTEES. ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING A PERMITTEE  
11 THAT IS INCLUDED IN A STATEWIDE DATABASE PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH  
12 (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION (3) SHALL BE REMOVED FROM THE DATABASE NO  
13 LATER THAN JULY 1, 2007.

14 (4) EACH SHERIFF SHALL ANNUALLY PREPARE A REPORT  
15 SPECIFYING, AT A MINIMUM, THE NUMBER OF PERMIT APPLICATIONS  
16 RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR FOR WHICH THE REPORT WAS PREPARED, THE  
17 NUMBER OF PERMITS ISSUED DURING THE YEAR, THE NUMBER OF PERMITS  
18 DENIED DURING THE YEAR, THE REASONS FOR DENIAL, THE NUMBER OF  
19 REVOCATIONS DURING THE YEAR, AND THE REASONS FOR THE  
20 REVOCATIONS. THE REPORT SHALL NOT INCLUDE THE NAME OF A PERSON  
21 WHO APPLIES FOR A PERMIT, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE PERSON  
22 RECEIVES OR IS DENIED A PERMIT. EACH SHERIFF SHALL SUBMIT THE  
23 REPORT ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1, 2004, AND ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1  
24 EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, TO THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.  
25 IN ADDITION, EACH SHERIFF SHALL PROVIDE A COPY OF THE ANNUAL  
26 REPORT PREPARED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (4) TO A MEMBER OF  
27 THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST.

1           **18-12-207. Judicial review - permit denial - permit suspension**

2   **- permit revocation.** (1) IF A SHERIFF DENIES A PERMIT APPLICATION,  
3 REFUSES TO RENEW A PERMIT, OR SUSPENDS OR REVOKES A PERMIT, THE  
4 APPLICANT OR PERMITTEE MAY SEEK JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THE SHERIFF'S  
5 DECISION. THE APPLICANT OR PERMITTEE MAY SEEK JUDICIAL REVIEW  
6 EITHER IN LIEU OF OR SUBSEQUENT TO THE SHERIFF'S SECOND REVIEW.

7           (2) THE PROCEDURE AND TIME LINES FOR FILING A COMPLAINT, AN  
8 ANSWER, AND BRIEFS FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION  
9 SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURES SPECIFIED IN RULE 106  
10 (a) (4) AND (b) OF THE COLORADO RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE.

11           (3) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW TO THE  
12 CONTRARY, AT A JUDICIAL REVIEW SOUGHT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION,  
13 THE SHERIFF SHALL HAVE THE BURDEN OF PROVING BY A PREPONDERANCE  
14 OF THE EVIDENCE THAT THE APPLICANT OR PERMITTEE IS INELIGIBLE TO  
15 POSSESS A PERMIT UNDER THE CRITERIA LISTED IN SECTION 18-12-203 (1)  
16 OR, IF THE DENIAL, SUSPENSION, OR REVOCATION WAS BASED ON THE  
17 SHERIFF'S DETERMINATION THAT THE PERSON WOULD BE A DANGER AS  
18 PROVIDED IN SECTION 18-12-203 (2), THE SHERIFF SHALL HAVE THE  
19 BURDEN OF PROVING THE DETERMINATION BY CLEAR AND CONVINCING  
20 EVIDENCE. FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF THE REVIEW, THE COURT MAY  
21 AWARD ATTORNEY FEES TO THE PREVAILING PARTY.

22           **18-12-208. Colorado bureau of investigation - duties.**

23 (1) UPON RECEIPT OF A PERMIT APPLICANT'S FINGERPRINTS FROM A  
24 SHERIFF PURSUANT TO SECTION 18-12-205 (4) OR UPON A SHERIFF'S  
25 REQUEST PURSUANT TO SECTION 18-12-211 (1), THE BUREAU SHALL  
26 PROCESS THE FULL SET OF FINGERPRINTS TO OBTAIN ANY AVAILABLE STATE  
27 CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION OR FEDERAL INFORMATION PURSUANT TO

1 SECTION 16-21-103 (5), C.R.S., AND SHALL REPORT ANY INFORMATION  
2 RECEIVED TO THE SHERIFF. IN ADDITION, WITHIN TEN DAYS AFTER  
3 RECEIVING THE FINGERPRINTS, THE BUREAU SHALL FORWARD ONE SET OF  
4 THE FINGERPRINTS TO THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION FOR  
5 PROCESSING TO OBTAIN ANY AVAILABLE STATE CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
6 INFORMATION OR FEDERAL INFORMATION.

7 (2) THE BUREAU SHALL USE THE FINGERPRINTS RECEIVED  
8 PURSUANT TO THIS PART 2 SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSES OF:

9 (a) OBTAINING INFORMATION FOR THE ISSUANCE OR RENEWAL OF  
10 PERMITS; AND

11 (b) NOTIFYING AN ISSUING SHERIFF THAT A PERMITTEE HAS BEEN  
12 ARRESTED FOR OR CHARGED WITH AN OFFENSE THAT WOULD REQUIRE  
13 REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF THE PERMIT OR THAT A PERMITTEE HAS  
14 BEEN CONVICTED OF SUCH AN OFFENSE.

15 (3) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 15, 2004, AND ON OR BEFORE  
16 JANUARY 15 EACH YEAR THEREAFTER UNTIL JANUARY 15, 2007, THE  
17 BUREAU SHALL PROVIDE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY A LIST OF THE  
18 JURISDICTIONS IN WHICH THE SHERIFF PROVIDES TO THE BUREAU THE  
19 NAMES OF PERSONS TO WHOM THE SHERIFF ISSUES PERMITS.

20 **18-12-209. Issuance by sheriffs of temporary emergency**  
21 **permits.** (1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISIONS OF THIS PART 2 TO THE  
22 CONTRARY, A SHERIFF, AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, MAY ISSUE A  
23 TEMPORARY EMERGENCY PERMIT TO CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN TO  
24 A PERSON WHOM THE SHERIFF HAS REASON TO BELIEVE MAY BE IN  
25 IMMEDIATE DANGER.

26 (2) TO RECEIVE A TEMPORARY EMERGENCY PERMIT, A PERSON  
27 SHALL SUBMIT TO THE SHERIFF OF THE COUNTY OR CITY AND COUNTY IN

1 WHICH THE PERSON RESIDES OR IN WHICH THE CIRCUMSTANCES GIVING  
2 RISE TO THE EMERGENCY EXIST THE ITEMS SPECIFIED IN SECTION  
3 18-12-205; EXCEPT THAT AN APPLICANT FOR A TEMPORARY EMERGENCY  
4 PERMIT NEED NOT SUBMIT DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE DEMONSTRATING  
5 COMPETENCE WITH A HANDGUN AS REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 18-12-205  
6 (3) (a), AND THE APPLICANT SHALL SUBMIT A TEMPORARY PERMIT FEE NOT  
7 TO EXCEED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS, AS SET BY THE SHERIFF. UPON  
8 RECEIPT OF THE DOCUMENTS AND FEE, THE SHERIFF SHALL REQUEST THAT  
9 THE BUREAU CONDUCT A CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECK OF THE  
10 BUREAU FILES AND A SEARCH OF THE NATIONAL INSTANT CRIMINAL  
11 BACKGROUND CHECK SYSTEM. THE SHERIFF MAY ISSUE A TEMPORARY  
12 EMERGENCY PERMIT TO THE APPLICANT IF THE SHERIFF DETERMINES THE  
13 PERSON MAY BE IN IMMEDIATE DANGER AND THE CRIMINAL HISTORY  
14 RECORD CHECK SHOWS THAT THE APPLICANT MEETS THE CRITERIA  
15 SPECIFIED IN SECTION 18-12-203; EXCEPT THAT THE APPLICANT NEED NOT  
16 DEMONSTRATE COMPETENCE WITH A HANDGUN AND THE APPLICANT MAY  
17 BE EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER. A TEMPORARY EMERGENCY  
18 PERMIT ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IS VALID FOR A PERIOD OF  
19 NINETY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF ISSUANCE. PRIOR TO OR WITHIN TEN  
20 DAYS AFTER EXPIRATION OF A TEMPORARY EMERGENCY PERMIT, THE  
21 PERMITTEE MAY APPLY TO THE ISSUING SHERIFF FOR RENEWAL OF THE  
22 PERMIT. THE ISSUING SHERIFF MAY RENEW A TEMPORARY EMERGENCY  
23 PERMIT ONCE FOR AN ADDITIONAL NINETY-DAY PERIOD; EXCEPT THAT, IF  
24 THE PERMITTEE IS YOUNGER THAN TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE, THE  
25 SHERIFF MAY RENEW THE TEMPORARY EMERGENCY PERMIT FOR  
26 SUBSEQUENT NINETY-DAY PERIODS UNTIL THE PERMITTEE REACHES  
27 TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE.

1           **18-12-210. Maintenance of permit - address change - invalidity**

2           **of permit.** (1) WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER A PERMITTEE CHANGES THE  
3           ADDRESS SPECIFIED ON HIS OR HER PERMIT OR WITHIN THREE BUSINESS  
4           DAYS AFTER HIS OR HER PERMIT IS LOST, STOLEN, OR DESTROYED, THE  
5           PERMITTEE SHALL NOTIFY THE ISSUING SHERIFF OF THE CHANGE OF  
6           ADDRESS OR PERMIT LOSS, THEFT, OR DESTRUCTION. FAILURE TO NOTIFY  
7           THE SHERIFF PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (1) IS A CLASS 1 PETTY  
8           OFFENSE.

9           (2) IF A PERMIT IS LOST, STOLEN, OR DESTROYED, THE PERMIT IS  
10          AUTOMATICALLY INVALID. THE PERSON TO WHOM THE PERMIT WAS ISSUED  
11          MAY OBTAIN A DUPLICATE OR SUBSTITUTE THEREFOR UPON PAYMENT OF  
12          FIFTEEN DOLLARS TO THE ISSUING SHERIFF AND UPON SUBMISSION OF A  
13          NOTARIZED STATEMENT TO THE ISSUING SHERIFF THAT THE PERMIT HAS  
14          BEEN LOST, STOLEN, OR DESTROYED.

15          (3) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION APPLY TO TEMPORARY  
16          EMERGENCY PERMITS ISSUED PURSUANT TO SECTION 18-12-209.

17          **18-12-211. Renewal of permits.** (1) WITHIN ONE HUNDRED  
18          TWENTY DAYS PRIOR TO EXPIRATION OF A PERMIT, THE PERMITTEE MAY  
19          OBTAIN A RENEWAL FORM FROM THE ISSUING SHERIFF AND RENEW THE  
20          PERMIT BY SUBMITTING TO THE ISSUING SHERIFF A COMPLETED RENEWAL  
21          FORM, A NOTARIZED AFFIDAVIT STATING THAT THE PERMITTEE REMAINS  
22          QUALIFIED PURSUANT TO THE CRITERIA SPECIFIED IN SECTION 18-12-203  
23          (1) (a) TO (1) (g), AND THE REQUIRED RENEWAL FEE NOT TO EXCEED FIFTY  
24          DOLLARS, AS SET BY THE SHERIFF PURSUANT TO SECTION 18-12-205 (5).  
25          THE RENEWAL FORM SHALL MEET THE REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN  
26          SECTION 18-12-205 (1) FOR AN APPLICATION. THE SHERIFF SHALL VERIFY  
27          PURSUANT TO SECTION 18-12-205 (4) THAT THE PERMITTEE MEETS THE

1 CRITERIA SPECIFIED IN SECTION 18-12-203 (1) (a) TO (1) (g) AND IS NOT A  
2 DANGER AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 18-12-203 (2) AND SHALL EITHER  
3 RENEW OR DENY THE RENEWAL OF THE PERMIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE  
4 PROVISIONS OF SECTION 18-12-206 (1). IF THE SHERIFF DENIES RENEWAL  
5 OF A PERMIT, THE PERMITTEE MAY SEEK A SECOND REVIEW OF THE  
6 RENEWAL APPLICATION BY THE SHERIFF AND MAY SUBMIT ADDITIONAL  
7 INFORMATION FOR THE RECORD. THE PERMITTEE MAY ALSO SEEK JUDICIAL  
8 REVIEW AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 18-12-207.

9 (2) A PERMITTEE WHO FAILS TO FILE A RENEWAL FORM ON OR  
10 BEFORE THE PERMIT EXPIRATION DATE MAY RENEW THE PERMIT BY PAYING  
11 A LATE FEE OF FIFTEEN DOLLARS IN ADDITION TO THE RENEWAL FEE  
12 ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION. NO PERMIT  
13 SHALL BE RENEWED SIX MONTHS OR MORE AFTER ITS EXPIRATION DATE,  
14 AND THE PERMIT SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE PERMANENTLY EXPIRED. A  
15 PERSON WHOSE PERMIT HAS PERMANENTLY EXPIRED MAY REAPPLY FOR A  
16 PERMIT, BUT THE PERSON SHALL SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT  
17 AND THE FEE REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SECTION 18-12-205. A PERSON WHO  
18 KNOWINGLY AND INTENTIONALLY FILES FALSE OR MISLEADING  
19 INFORMATION OR DELIBERATELY OMITTS MATERIAL INFORMATION  
20 REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO CRIMINAL PROSECUTION FOR  
21 PERJURY UNDER SECTION 18-8-503.

22 **18-12-212. Exemption.** (1) THIS PART 2 SHALL NOT APPLY TO  
23 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS EMPLOYED BY JURISDICTIONS OUTSIDE THIS  
24 STATE, SO LONG AS THE FOREIGN EMPLOYING JURISDICTION EXEMPTS  
25 PEACE OFFICERS EMPLOYED BY JURISDICTIONS WITHIN COLORADO FROM  
26 ANY CONCEALED HANDGUN OR CONCEALED WEAPONS LAWS IN EFFECT IN  
27 THE FOREIGN EMPLOYING JURISDICTION.

1           (2) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS PART 2 TO THE  
2 CONTRARY, A RETIRED PEACE OFFICER, LEVEL I OR Ia, AS DEFINED IN  
3 SECTION 18-1-901 (3) (I) (I) AND (3) (I) (II), WITHIN THE FIRST FIVE YEARS  
4 AFTER RETIREMENT MAY OBTAIN A PERMIT BY SUBMITTING TO THE SHERIFF  
5 OF THE JURISDICTION IN WHICH THE RETIRED PEACE OFFICER RESIDES A  
6 LETTER SIGNED BY THE SHERIFF OR CHIEF OF POLICE OF THE JURISDICTION  
7 BY WHICH THE PEACE OFFICER WAS EMPLOYED IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO  
8 RETIREMENT ATTESTING THAT THE RETIRED OFFICER MEETS THE CRITERIA  
9 SPECIFIED IN SECTION 18-12-203 (1). A RETIRED PEACE OFFICER WHO  
10 SUBMITS A LETTER PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (2) IS NOT SUBJECT TO  
11 THE FINGERPRINT OR CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED  
12 IN THIS PART 2 AND IS NOT REQUIRED TO PAY THE PERMIT APPLICATION FEE.  
13 UPON RECEIPT OF A LETTER SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION  
14 (2), THE SHERIFF SHALL ISSUE THE PERMIT. A PERMIT ISSUED PURSUANT TO  
15 THIS SUBSECTION (2) MAY NOT BE RENEWED. UPON EXPIRATION OF THE  
16 PERMIT, THE PERMITTEE MAY APPLY FOR A NEW PERMIT AS PROVIDED IN  
17 THIS PART 2.

18           **18-12-213. Reciprocity.** A PERMIT TO CARRY A CONCEALED  
19 HANDGUN OR A CONCEALED WEAPON THAT IS ISSUED TO A PERSON  
20 TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER BY A STATE THAT RECOGNIZES THE  
21 VALIDITY OF PERMITS ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS PART 2 SHALL BE VALID  
22 IN THIS STATE IN ALL RESPECTS AS A PERMIT ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS  
23 PART 2.

24           **18-12-214. Authority granted by permit - carrying restrictions.**  
25 (1) (a) A PERMIT TO CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN AUTHORIZES THE  
26 PERMITTEE TO CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN IN ALL AREAS OF THE  
27 STATE, EXCEPT AS SPECIFICALLY LIMITED IN THIS SECTION. A PERMIT DOES

1 NOT AUTHORIZE THE PERMITTEE TO USE A HANDGUN IN A MANNER THAT  
2 WOULD VIOLATE A PROVISION OF STATE LAW. A LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
3 DOES NOT HAVE AUTHORITY TO ADOPT OR ENFORCE AN ORDINANCE OR  
4 RESOLUTION THAT WOULD CONFLICT WITH ANY PROVISION OF THIS PART  
5 2.

6 (b) A PEACE OFFICER MAY TEMPORARILY DISARM A PERMITTEE,  
7 INCIDENT TO A LAWFUL STOP OF THE PERMITTEE. THE PEACE OFFICER  
8 SHALL RETURN THE HANDGUN TO THE PERMITTEE PRIOR TO DISCHARGING  
9 THE PERMITTEE FROM THE SCENE.

10 (2) A PERMIT ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS PART 2 DOES NOT  
11 AUTHORIZE A PERSON TO CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN INTO A PLACE  
12 WHERE THE CARRYING OF FIREARMS IS PROHIBITED BY FEDERAL LAW.

13 (3) A PERMIT ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS PART 2 DOES NOT  
14 AUTHORIZE A PERSON TO CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN ONTO THE REAL  
15 PROPERTY, OR INTO ANY IMPROVEMENTS ERECTED THEREON, OF A PUBLIC  
16 ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE, JUNIOR HIGH, OR HIGH SCHOOL; EXCEPT THAT:

17 (a) A PERMITTEE MAY HAVE A HANDGUN ON THE REAL PROPERTY  
18 OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SO LONG AS THE HANDGUN REMAINS IN HIS OR HER  
19 VEHICLE AND, IF THE PERMITTEE IS NOT IN THE VEHICLE, THE HANDGUN IS  
20 IN A COMPARTMENT WITHIN THE VEHICLE AND THE VEHICLE IS LOCKED.

21 (b) A PERMITTEE WHO IS EMPLOYED OR RETAINED BY CONTRACT  
22 BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT AS A SCHOOL SECURITY OFFICER MAY CARRY A  
23 CONCEALED HANDGUN ONTO THE REAL PROPERTY, OR INTO ANY  
24 IMPROVEMENT ERECTED THEREON, OF A PUBLIC ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE,  
25 JUNIOR HIGH, OR HIGH SCHOOL WHILE THE PERMITTEE IS ON DUTY.

26 (c) A PERMITTEE MAY CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN ON  
27 UNDEVELOPED REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT IS

1 USED FOR HUNTING OR OTHER SHOOTING SPORTS.

2 (4) A PERMIT ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS PART 2 DOES NOT  
3 AUTHORIZE A PERSON TO CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN INTO A PUBLIC  
4 BUILDING AT WHICH:

5 (a) SECURITY PERSONNEL AND ELECTRONIC WEAPONS SCREENING  
6 DEVICES ARE PERMANENTLY IN PLACE AT EACH ENTRANCE TO THE  
7 BUILDING;

8 (b) SECURITY PERSONNEL ELECTRONICALLY SCREEN EACH PERSON  
9 WHO ENTERS THE BUILDING TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE PERSON IS  
10 CARRYING A WEAPON OF ANY KIND; AND

11 (c) SECURITY PERSONNEL REQUIRE EACH PERSON WHO IS  
12 CARRYING A WEAPON OF ANY KIND TO LEAVE THE WEAPON IN POSSESSION  
13 OF SECURITY PERSONNEL WHILE THE PERSON IS IN THE BUILDING.

14 (5) NOTHING IN THIS PART 2 SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO LIMIT,  
15 RESTRICT, OR PROHIBIT IN ANY MANNER THE EXISTING RIGHTS OF A  
16 PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNER, PRIVATE TENANT, PRIVATE EMPLOYER, OR  
17 PRIVATE BUSINESS ENTITY.

18 (6) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION APPLY TO TEMPORARY  
19 EMERGENCY PERMITS ISSUED PURSUANT TO SECTION 18-12-209.

20 **18-12-215. Immunity.** (1) THE BUREAU AND A LOCAL LAW  
21 ENFORCEMENT AGENCY AND AN INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYED BY THE BUREAU  
22 OR A LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY  
23 DAMAGES THAT MAY RESULT FROM GOOD FAITH COMPLIANCE WITH THE  
24 PROVISIONS OF THIS PART 2.

25 (2) A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OR AGENCY, MEDICAL  
26 PERSONNEL, AND AN ORGANIZATION THAT OFFERS HANDGUN TRAINING  
27 CLASSES AND ITS PERSONNEL WHO IN GOOD FAITH PROVIDE INFORMATION

1 REGARDS AN APPLICANT SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY DAMAGES THAT  
2 MAY RESULT FROM ISSUANCE OR DENIAL OF A PERMIT.

3 **18-12-216. Permits issued prior to the effective date of this part**

4 **2.** (1) A PERMIT ISSUED PURSUANT TO SECTION 18-12-105.1, AS IT  
5 EXISTED PRIOR TO ITS REPEAL, SHALL PERMANENTLY EXPIRE ON JUNE 30,  
6 2007, OR ON THE EXPIRATION DATE SPECIFIED ON THE PERMIT, WHICHEVER  
7 OCCURS FIRST. A PERSON WHO SUBMITTED A FULL SET OF FINGERPRINTS  
8 TO OBTAIN A PERMIT PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS PART 2, UPON  
9 EXPIRATION OF THE PERMIT, MAY APPLY FOR RENEWAL OF THE PERMIT AS  
10 PROVIDED IN THIS PART 2. A PERSON WHO DID NOT SUBMIT A FULL SET OF  
11 FINGERPRINTS TO OBTAIN A PERMIT PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS  
12 PART 2, UPON EXPIRATION OF THE PERMIT, MAY APPLY FOR A NEW PERMIT  
13 AS PROVIDED IN THIS PART 2.

14 (2) WITHIN ONE HUNDRED TWENTY DAYS PRIOR TO THE  
15 EXPIRATION OF A PERMIT ISSUED PURSUANT TO SECTION 18-12-105.1, AS  
16 IT EXISTED PRIOR TO ITS REPEAL, THE ISSUING AUTHORITY SHALL SEND A  
17 NOTICE OF EXPIRATION TO THE PERMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE PERMITTEE OF  
18 THE PERMIT EXPIRATION AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION  
19 AND OF HIS OR HER ABILITY TO RENEW THE PERMIT OR OBTAIN A NEW  
20 PERMIT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION.

21 **SECTION 2. Repeal.** 18-12-105.1, Colorado Revised Statutes,  
22 is repealed.

23 **SECTION 3.** 18-12-105 (2) (c), Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
24 amended to read:

25 **18-12-105. Unlawfully carrying a concealed weapon - unlawful**  
26 **possession of weapons.** (2) It shall not be an offense if the defendant  
27 was:

1 (c) A person who, ~~prior to~~ AT the time of carrying a concealed  
2 weapon, ~~has been issued a~~ HELD A VALID written permit TO CARRY A  
3 CONCEALED WEAPON ISSUED pursuant to section 18-12-105.1, ~~to carry the~~  
4 ~~weapon by the chief of police of a city or city and county, or the sheriff~~  
5 ~~of a county~~ AS IT EXISTED PRIOR TO ITS REPEAL, OR, IF THE WEAPON  
6 INVOLVED WAS A HANDGUN, HELD A VALID PERMIT TO CARRY A  
7 CONCEALED HANDGUN OR A TEMPORARY EMERGENCY PERMIT ISSUED  
8 PURSUANT TO PART 2 OF THIS ARTICLE; EXCEPT THAT IT SHALL BE AN  
9 OFFENSE UNDER THIS SECTION IF THE PERSON WAS CARRYING A  
10 CONCEALED HANDGUN IN VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION  
11 18-12-214; or

12 **SECTION 4.** 18-12-105.5 (3) (d), Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
13 amended, and the said 18-12-105.5 (3) is further amended BY THE  
14 ADDITION OF A NEW PARAGRAPH, to read:

15 **18-12-105.5. Unlawfully carrying a weapon - unlawful**  
16 **possession of weapons - school, college, or university grounds.** (3) It  
17 shall not be an offense under this section if:

18 (d) The person, ~~prior to~~ AT the time of carrying a concealed  
19 weapon, ~~has been issued a~~ HELD A VALID written permit TO CARRY A  
20 CONCEALED WEAPON ISSUED pursuant to section 18-12-105.1, ~~to carry the~~  
21 ~~weapon by the chief of police of a city or city and county or the sheriff~~  
22 ~~of a county~~ AS SAID SECTION EXISTED PRIOR TO ITS REPEAL; EXCEPT THAT  
23 IT SHALL BE AN OFFENSE UNDER THIS SECTION IF THE PERSON WAS  
24 CARRYING A CONCEALED HANDGUN IN VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF  
25 SECTION 18-12-214 (3); or

26 (d.5) THE WEAPON INVOLVED WAS A HANDGUN AND THE PERSON  
27 HELD A VALID PERMIT TO CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN OR A

1 TEMPORARY EMERGENCY PERMIT ISSUED PURSUANT TO PART 2 OF THIS  
2 ARTICLE; EXCEPT THAT IT SHALL BE AN OFFENSE UNDER THIS SECTION IF  
3 THE PERSON WAS CARRYING A CONCEALED HANDGUN IN VIOLATION OF THE  
4 PROVISIONS OF SECTION 18-12-214 (3); OR

5 **SECTION 5.** 18-12-106 (1) (d), Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
6 amended to read:

7 **18-12-106. Prohibited use of weapons.** (1) A person commits  
8 a class 2 misdemeanor if:

9 (d) ~~He~~ THE PERSON has in his OR HER possession a firearm while  
10 ~~he~~ THE PERSON is under the influence of intoxicating liquor or of a  
11 controlled substance, as defined in section 12-22-303 (7), C.R.S.  
12 Possession of a permit issued under section 18-12-105.1, AS IT EXISTED  
13 PRIOR TO ITS REPEAL, OR POSSESSION OF A PERMIT OR A TEMPORARY  
14 EMERGENCY PERMIT ISSUED PURSUANT TO PART 2 OF THIS ARTICLE is no  
15 defense to a violation of this subsection (1).

16 **SECTION 6.** 19-2-517 (1) (a) (II) (B), Colorado Revised  
17 Statutes, is amended to read:

18 **19-2-517. Direct filing - repeal.** (1) (a) A juvenile may be  
19 charged by the direct filing of an information in the district court or by  
20 indictment only when:

21 (II) The juvenile is fourteen years of age or older and:

22 (B) Is alleged to have committed a felony offense described in  
23 PART 1 OF article 12 of title 18, C.R.S., except for the possession of a  
24 handgun by a juvenile, as set forth in section 18-12-108.5, C.R.S.; or

25 **SECTION 7.** 24-33.5-412 (1) (o), Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
26 amended to read:

27 **24-33.5-412. Functions of bureau - legislative review.** (1) The

1 bureau has the following authority:

2 (o) ~~When requested by a police chief or sheriff, to conduct a~~  
3 ~~criminal history check of an applicant for a permit to carry a concealed~~  
4 ~~weapon, including processing of fingerprints, as provided in section~~  
5 ~~18-12-105.1 (2), C.R.S.;~~ TO CARRY OUT THE DUTIES SET FORTH IN PART  
6 2 OF ARTICLE 12 OF TITLE 18, C.R.S.;

7 **SECTION 8.** 30-10-523, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended  
8 to read:

9 **30-10-523. Sheriff - permits for concealed handguns.** The  
10 sheriff of each county ~~may~~ AND THE OFFICIAL WHO HAS THE DUTIES OF A  
11 SHERIFF IN EACH CITY AND COUNTY SHALL issue written permits to carry  
12 concealed weapons. ~~Any such permit shall be issued in accordance with~~  
13 ~~section 18-12-105.1, C.R.S.~~ HANDGUNS AS PROVIDED IN PART 2 OF  
14 ARTICLE 12 OF TITLE 18, C.R.S.

15 **SECTION 9. Repeal.** 31-4-112.1, Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
16 repealed as follows:

17 **31-4-112.1. Chief of police - permits for concealed weapons.**  
18 ~~The chief of police of a city or city and county may issue written permits~~  
19 ~~to carry concealed weapons. Any such permit shall be issued in~~  
20 ~~accordance with section 18-12-105.1, C.R.S.~~

21 **SECTION 10. Appropriation.** In addition to any other  
22 appropriation, there is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys collected  
23 pursuant to section 18-12-205 (2) (b), Colorado Revised Statutes, to the  
24 department of public safety for allocation to the Colorado bureau of  
25 investigation, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003, the sum of nine  
26 hundred eight thousand eight hundred and six dollars (\$908,806) and 5.6  
27 FTE, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the implementation of

1 this act. Of said sum, five hundred twenty-three thousand six hundred  
2 and ninety-six dollars (\$523,696) shall be from fees generated from  
3 criminal background checks, and three hundred eighty-five thousand one  
4 hundred ten dollars (\$385,110) shall be from cash funds exempt.

5 **SECTION 11. Effective date - applicability.** This act shall take  
6 effect sixty days after passage, and shall apply to offenses committed on  
7 or after said date.

8 **SECTION 12. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby  
9 finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
10 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.