

(c) A county or municipal corporation may regulate the transport, carrying, or possession of firearms by employees of the local unit of government in the course of their employment with that local unit of government.

(d) Nothing contained in this Code section shall prohibit municipalities or counties, by ordinance, resolution, or other enactment, from requiring the ownership of guns by heads of households within the political subdivision.

(e) Nothing contained in this Code section shall prohibit municipalities or counties, by ordinance, resolution, or other enactment, from reasonably limiting or prohibiting the discharge of firearms within the boundaries of the municipal corporation.

Title 43, Chapter 16. Firearms Dealers

43-16-1. "Department" defined. As used in this chapter, the term "department" means the Department of Public Safety.

43-16-2. License requirement; applicability of chapter to casual sales. Any person, firm, retail dealer, wholesale dealer, pawnbroker, or corporation who shall sell, dispose of, or offer for sale or cause or permit to be sold, disposed of, or offered for sale any pistol, revolver, or short-barreled firearm of less than 15 inches in length, whether the same shall be his own property or whether he shall sell the same as an agent or

employee of another, shall obtain from the department a license permitting the sale of such pistols, revolvers, and firearms. Nothing in this chapter shall apply to or prohibit the casual sales of the articles referred to in this Code section between individuals or bona fide gun collectors.

43-16-3. Affidavit of applicant for license.

Any person, firm, retail dealer, wholesale dealer, pawnbroker, or corporation who makes application for a license under this chapter must accompany such application with an affidavit of the applicant sworn to before an officer authorized by law to administer oaths, stating that the applicant is a citizen of the United States, has reached the age of 21 years, and has not been convicted of a felony.

43-16-4. Surety bond. There shall be filed with the application for a license under this chapter a bond for the sum of \$1,000.00, payable to the State of Georgia and conditioned upon the faithful performance of all provisions of this chapter, signed by the applicant as principal, and with a surety company or two individuals as securities. Such bond must be approved by the department.

43-16-7. Display of license. Every recipient of a license to sell any firearms listed in Code Section 43-16-2 shall keep such license conspicuously displayed on his business premises.

43-16-10.1. Records required.

(a) As a condition of any license issued pursuant to this chapter, each licensee shall be required to keep a record of the acquisition and disposition of firearms as provided in this Code section.

(b) The record required by subsection (a) of this Code section shall be identical in form and context to the firearms acquisition and disposition record required by Part 178 of Chapter 1 of Title 27 of the Code of Federal Regulations as it exists on July 1, 1988.

(c) The record required by subsection (a) of this Code section shall be maintained on the licensed premises and shall be open to the inspection of any duly authorized law enforcement officer during the ordinary hours of business or at any reasonable time. The record of each acquisition or disposition of a firearm shall be maintained for a period of not less than five years.

(d) The failure of a licensee to keep and maintain the records required by this Code section shall be grounds for revocation of the license.

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Title 10. Health and Safety

Chapter 60. Firearms

[Note: References to "Director of Public Safety" changed to "Chief of Police", and references to "Department of Public Safety" changed to "Guam Police Department" pursuant to P.L. 17-78:1, which repealed §5102 GC providing for the Department of Public Safety and reenacted §5102 establishing the Guam Police Department.]

60100. Definitions. As used in this Chapter:

(a) **Firearm** means any weapon, the operating force of which is an explosive. This definition includes pistols, revolvers, rifles, shotguns, machine guns, automatic rifles, noxious gas projectors, mortars, bombs, cannon and submachine guns. The specific mention of certain weapons does not exclude from the definition other weapons operated by explosives.

(b) **Pistol or revolver** means any firearm of any shape whatever and designed to be fired with one hand with a barrel less than twelve inches (12") in length and capable of discharging loaded ammunition or any noxious gas.

(c) **Rifle** means a firearm designed, made, redesigned or remade and intended to be fired from the shoulder and to fire only a single projectile through a rifled bore for each single pull of the trigger, and shall include any such firearm which may be readily re-stored to fire loaded ammunition, and any antique rifle or long gun, regardless of the type of charge or projectile used, which is capable of being used as a weapon.

(d) **Shotgun** means any firearm designed, made, redesigned or remade and intended to be fired from the shoulder and to fire through a smooth barrel either a number of projectiles (ball shot) or a single projectile, and shall include any

such firearm which may be readily restored to fire any of the above, and shall also include any firearm of any age designed and capable of firing the above-mentioned projectiles.

(e) The terms Chief of Police and department mean the Chief of Police and the Guam Police Department, respectively.

(f) **Body armor** means a commercially available, soft, lightweight material with penetration resistance equal to or greater than that of eighteen (18) layers of KEVLAR.

(g) **Restricted bullet** means a bullet that, as determined by the Chief of Police, when fired from a pistol or revolver with a barrel five inches (5") or less in length, is capable of penetrating body armor.

(h) **Putative Owner** means a person who were it not for the requirements of this Chapter, would be the owner of a firearm, or one who acquires possession of a firearm, or one who acquires possession of a firearm by theft.

(i) **Lawful Owner** means a person whose right to a firearm have been perfected in accordance with §60103 of this title.

60101. Chapter Not Applicable. This Chapter shall not apply to:

(a) Law enforcement officers when using firearms authorized by the Chief of Police in their official duty.

(b) Persons in the Armed Forces of the United States engaged in official duty.

(c) Devices which are not designed or redesigned for use as a weapon. Any device, although originally designed as a firearm, which has been redesigned, or was designed initially for use as a signaling, pyrotechnic, line-throwing, safety, industrial or similar device, surplus ordnance sold, loaned or given by the Secretary of the Army pursuant to the provisions of §§4684(2), 4685 or 4686 of Title 10 of the United States Code is not covered by this Chapter.

(d) Those firearms that can not fire fixed ammunition but are loaded through the muzzle or cylinder with a combination of ball and black powder.

60102. Ownership, Etc., of Certain Firearms Prohibited. The manufacture, possession, sale, barter, trade, gift, transfer or acquisition of any machine guns, sub-machine guns, automatic rifles or any other firearm not a rifle having a barrel length of sixteen (16) inches or greater or not a shotgun having a barrel length of eighteen (18) inches or greater or a revolver or pistol having a barrel length of more than twelve (12) inches is prohibited. Mufflers, silencers or devices for deadening the sound of discharged firearms are also prohibited. Any person violating this Section shall be guilty of a felony which shall be punishable for a term of imprisonment of not less than three (3) years and a fine of not less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000). Imposition of sentence shall not be suspended and the offender shall not be eligible for parole nor work release until the term of imprisonment prescribed herein has been completed nor may probation be imposed in lieu of this portion of the offender's sentence. Provided, however, that in the case of an offender not previously convicted of a felony, the court may sentence the offender to not more than two (2) years imprisonment and the provisions of this Section prohibiting probation, suspension, parole or work release shall not be applicable to such offender.

60103. Ownership, Etc., Permitted. Any person who qualifies under this Chapter may lawfully own, possess, use or carry any rifle, shotgun, pistol or revolver not prohibited by §60102 subject to the conditions and penalties provided in this Chapter.

60104. Dealer: Register: Dealer, etc., must register. Any person who is in the business of selling, buying, renting or trading any firearm

shall register with the Department of Revenue and Taxation under the terms and conditions set forth in this Chapter and the rules and regulations adopted hereunder before engaging in any of the above activities. The term in the business of shall mean any person, natural or legal, who engages in the above activities for profit or who so engages on behalf of others, but shall not include private sales, loans, gifts or transfers of lawfully possessed firearms which have been registered and possessed under the provisions of §§60103 and 60110 of this Chapter.

60106. Identification Card: Required. No person shall own, possess, use, carry or acquire any firearm which is lawful under §60103 unless he shall have first obtained from the Department an identification card evidencing his right to such ownership, possession, use or carrying, concealed or otherwise, as stated upon the face of the card; except that any person may use and possess a firearm at any shooting gallery licensed pursuant to §60105, et seq., without first obtaining a permit as otherwise required by this Section. Said card shall be in the possession of the holder and on his person whenever he is using or has in his possession a firearm.

60108. Same: Restrictions.

(a) No identification card shall issue unless the Department is satisfied that the applicant may lawfully possess, use, carry, concealed or otherwise, own or acquire the type of firearm stated in the application and upon the face of the identification card.

(b) No person shall be issued an identification card:

(1) Who has been convicted by any court of the United States, a state, territory, possession, trust territory or political subdivision thereof of any felony; or

(2) Who is an alien, except temporary permits may be issued to aliens for use only at target ranges operated by persons possessing permits therefor and who are citizens, or only for use at authorized sporting events and except for official representatives of foreign governments in their official capacities; or

(3) Who is presently charged by information or indictment with any crime stated in (b)(1) above; or

(4) Who has been adjudicated incompetent, has been committed to any mental institution; or

(5) Who is under the age of eighteen (18) years; or

(6) Who has been convicted of any violation of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act or any misdemeanor where personal injury or use of firearms was an element or factor of the offense unless the Chief of Police has determined that the offense was committed more than ten (10) years previously and that the applicant would not endanger the public safety by receiving an identification card; or

(7) Who, in the determination of the Chief of Police appears to suffer from a physical or mental disease or defect which would adversely affect the safe use of the firearm applied for, unless the person obtains a certificate from a licensed physician stating that the physical or mental disease or defect would not adversely affect his safe operation of the firearm or the public safety.

(c) An applicant for an identification card shall apply therefor on a form supplied by the Department and shall supply such information as may be necessary to afford the Department reasonable opportunity to ascertain the facts required to appear upon the card and facts relevant to the applicant's eligibility for a card, and facts necessary to determine whether the applicant may

carry a concealed weapon if such permission is sought.

(d) If the application is not denied, the identification card shall issue within thirty (30) days, except where application has been made to carry a concealed weapon, in which case the card shall issue within sixty (60) days.

(e) For purposes of this Chapter, the term concealed when used in connection with any firearm whatsoever shall mean a firearm which is carried on a person or within a vehicle in such a manner that it cannot be seen by the naked eye, but would be available for use by the person concealing or attempting to conceal the firearm or any other person aware of the firearm's existence. A firearm is not concealed when it is within a locked portion of any vehicle, unloaded, with the ammunition stored outside of the firearm or any clip or ammunition storage chamber attached to the firearm, and outside of the immediate reach of the person so placing the weapon or any other person knowing of its existence. A firearm is concealed if, among other things, it is hidden beneath any article of clothing so that only the shape is visible, but not the firearm itself.

60109. Concealed Firearms. No identification card shall issue permitting the holder to carry a concealed firearm of any nature unless the applicant shows exceptional cause therefor. Such exceptional causes shall include, but not be limited to facts which show that such concealment is absolutely necessary for an individual who is engaged in the protection of persons or property, or who shows that he has a genuine reason to fear for the safety of his person or property and that a concealed firearm would materially lessen the danger. Such permission, once stated upon the identification card, shall not be renewed unless, at the time for renewal, the application shows a continuing need for such permission, using the standards for such permission as they exist at the time for renewal. It shall be unlawful for any person to carry any firearm concealed unless he has received permission to carry such firearm and such permission is sated upon the face of his identification card.

60110. Registration. Any person purchasing, receiving by gift, device or otherwise, acquiring or otherwise coming into permanent possession of a firearm, the possession of which is permitted by this chapter, shall register the same with the Department within three (3) working days after acquiring said firearm on the forms specified by the Department. Such facts and information shall be given so as to enable the Department to record for identification purposes the firearm so registered. It shall be unlawful for any person to own or possess any firearm which has not been registered. No firearm may be registered by the Department unless the person presenting the firearm also displays current identification card evidencing his eligibility to own, possess, use or carry the firearm presented for inspection as to the facts required for registration. Any firearm registration which expires on or after March 1, 1988 or which is thereafter issued under this chapter shall be permanent for as long as the registrant retains the firearm. The Chief of Police shall promulgate rules and regulations establishing a permanent firearms identification card and a reasonable fee to cover the cost incurred.

60111. Transfer of Firearm: Private. Upon the transfer of any firearm from one person not a dealer, manufacturer, wholesaler or repairer to another not a dealer, manufacturer, wholesaler or repairer, other than on loan, a new registration must be obtained by the new owner or one

permanently possessing the firearm, indicating the prior owner or possessor, and his identification card number, as well as all information pertinent to the new owner or possessor.

60112. Same: Pawnbroker. Upon transfer to a pawnbroker, and upon retransfer from the pawnbroker to either the owner or to another person, a new registration must be obtained.

60114. Identification Card: Possession.

(a) No person may use or possess a firearm regardless of ownership of the firearm, without possession of an identification card evidencing his eligibility to possess, use or carry such firearms.

(b) No person shall transfer, loan, give, sell either as a part of a business or individually, or permit the use of any firearm unless the person receiving the firearm has an identification card evidencing his eligibility to receive, possess, use and carry the type of firearm which he is to receive, borrow, use, buy or possess or carry.

(c) No person shall use, display, or carry with the intent to use or display, an identification card which has been suspended or revoked, or for which a duplicate has been issued, or which has been defaced or altered. No person shall use any of the above for the purpose of obtaining any firearm.

(d) No person shall willfully alter, remove or obliterate the name of the make, model, manufacturer's number or other mark of identity of any firearm or ammunition. Possession of a firearm or ammunition upon which any mark of identity has been altered, removed or obliterated shall be presumptive evidence that the possessor has altered, removed or obliterated the same.

(e) If any person, in complying with any of the requirements of this Chapter, knowingly gives false information or knowingly offers false evidence of any of the facts required by the Department or by this Chapter, he shall be guilty of unsworn falsification and punished therefore as provided by §52.30 of the Criminal and Correctional Code. Additionally, upon conviction, such person shall not be eligible for an identification for a period of ten (10) years, and any existing identification card issued to such person shall be revoked, and any firearms possessed pursuant to such identification card forfeited.

(f) The registered owner shall report to the Guam Police Department the loss, theft, sale or transfer of a firearm within three (3) working days thereof.

60115. Dealer: Registration. Dealers, etc., must register. Any person who is a dealer, manufacturer, wholesaler or retailer of firearms or ammunition within the territory of Guam who must register pursuant to §60104 shall do so by supplying the Department with information required by it relative to the name of the business, name or names of the owners, whether the business is a corporation, sole proprietorship, partnership or any other form, relative to the types of firearms sold, manufactured, bought or repaired by such business, to the security of the storage areas of the business wherein the firearms are stored and any other information deemed necessary by the Department. Upon receipt of the necessary information, the Department shall issue a registration card, which shall be prominently displayed at the place of business of the person or firm so registered and copies to be displayed at each location where firearms are sold.

60116. Conduct of Dealer's Business. Any person or firm licensed pursuant to §60104 shall, in the conduct of his business:

(1) Display no firearms or ammunition in any place where they can be seen from outside the premises.

(2) Keep all firearms and ammunition in a securely locked place at all times except when they are actually being shown to a customer or when actually being repaired or worked on.

(3) Permit only persons who are holders of identification cards making them eligible to purchase, possess and use the firearms sold by the registrant or repaired by the repair facility to have access to the firearms or ammunition, except that nothing in this Section shall be construed to require a customer to show an identification card prior to his engaging in a transaction for which an identification card is required by this Chapter.

(4) Sell only to persons who have a valid identification card making them eligible to purchase, own, possess, use and carry the firearm or ammunition which is the subject of the transaction.

(5) Keep a continuing and up-to-date inventory of all firearms and ammunition in his possession and report the loss, theft, damage or destruction of the same to the Department immediately upon the discovery of the event.

(6) Deliver a written warning to the purchaser or transferee of a firearm a written warning which states in block letters not less than one-fourth inch (1/4") in height:

IT IS UNLAWFUL AND PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT AND A FINE FOR ANY ADULT TO STORE OR LEAVE A FIREARM WITHOUT PLACING IT IN A SECURE LOCKED CABINET OR CLOSET, OR WITHOUT A TRIGGER LOCK IN PLACE.

(7) Conspicuously post at each purchase counter the following warning in block letters not less than one (1) inch in height:

IT IS UNLAWFUL TO STORE OR LEAVE A FIREARM WITHOUT PLACING IT IN A SECURE LOCKED CABINET OR CLOSET, OR WITHOUT A TRIGGER LOCK IN PLACE.

60117. Repair. No person, other than the owner or possessor of a firearm, may accept any firearm for repair without having first been shown a valid identification card showing the person delivering the firearm to such person accepting it for repair to be eligible to possess the firearm in question. No firearm shall be returned to any person after repair or other work done on it without the repairer having seen the identification card of the one to whom the fire-arm is to be given.

60118. Private Sale or Transfer. Any person engaging in a private sale, loan or other transfer of a firearm shall be shown by the person receiving the firearm an identification card evidencing the receiver's right to own, possess, use and carry such firearm. It shall be unlawful for a person to transact a private sale, loan, gift or transfer without having seen the valid identification card of the person receiving the firearm.

60120. Rules and Regulations. The Chief of Police may adopt, pursuant to the Administrative Adjudication Act, rules and regulations to implement this Chapter. Nevertheless, the absence of such rules and regulations shall not affect the implementation of this Chapter.

60121. Prohibitions and Penalties.

(a) Any person who knowingly owns or possesses an unregistered firearm shall be punishable by imprisonment of not less than one (1) year and a fine of not less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000).

(b) For any violation of this Chapter or the rules and regulations adopted hereunder where another penalty is not set forth specifically, any person, corporation, firm or business found guilty

shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. In the case of a corporation, business or other firm convicted of a violation of this Chapter, as a legal person, then the individual actually performing the acts forbidden or omitting the acts required shall be guilty in addition to the corporation, firm or business as an entity.

(c) Any person who carries a concealed firearm without a valid identification card evidencing permission to carry a concealed weapon shall be guilty of a felony which shall be punishable for a term of imprisonment of not less than three (3) years and a fine of not less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000).

(d) Any person who knowingly removes, obliterates or alters the identifying marks of a firearm shall be guilty of a felony which shall be punishable for a term of imprisonment of not less than three (3) years and a fine of not less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000).

(e) Any person purchasing, possessing, using or carrying a firearm without an applicable identification card shall be guilty of a felony which shall be punishable for a term of imprisonment of not less than three (3) years and a fine of not less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000).

(f) Any person, legal or natural, who transfers, gives, returns, sells or loans any firearm to any person without a valid identification card is guilty of a felony which shall be punishable for a term of imprisonment of not less than three (3) years and a fine of not less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000). In the case of a violation by a legal person, the natural persons liable for punishment under this Section, in addition to said legal person, shall be the person or persons performing the forbidden acts or omitting the required acts and any responsible officer of the legal person who knew or should have known of the acts or omissions committed.

(g)(1) Any person legal or natural who transfers, gives, returns, sells, or loans any firearm to any minor is guilty of a felony which shall be punishable by a term of imprisonment not less than five (5) years and a fine of not less than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000). In the case of a violation by a legal person or persons performing the forbidden acts, or omitting the required acts and any responsible officer who knew or should have known of the act as omission committed shall be liable for punishment under this section

(2) This section does not apply when a minor is being instructed by his parent or guardian in the use of weapons or when that minor, properly licensed, is hunting with his parent or guardian who is also properly licensed and complying with the provisions of Department of Agriculture Hunting Regulations §§15300.00 through 15300.29.

(h) Any person who negligently entrusts a firearm to a minor is guilty of a felony, which shall be punishable by a term of imprisonment of not less than one (1) year and a fine of not less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000).

(i) Imposition of sentence pursuant to the provisions of this Section shall not be suspended nor shall probation be granted and the offender shall not be eligible for parole nor work re-lease until the term of imprisonment prescribed herein has been completed.

(j) Notwithstanding provisions of this Section to the contrary, in the case of an offender not previously convicted of a felony, the court may sentence the offender to not more than two (2) years imprisonment for an offense established by the provisions of Subsections (a), (b), (c), (d) or (e) of this Section. The provisions of Subsection (f) of this Section prohibiting probation, sus-

pension, parole or work release shall not be applicable to such an offender.

60121.1. Same: Restricted Bullets. Any person who imports, manufactures or sells a restricted bullet on Guam, except as specifically authorized by the Chief of Police for purposes of public safety shall be guilty of a felony of the third degree and if the person holds a business license or is registered under the provisions of this Chapter, such business license and such registration shall be subject to revocation.

60121.2. Same: Same. Any person who possesses or carries a restricted bullet not in accordance with the regulations promulgated by the Chief of Police shall be guilty of a felony of the third degree.

60123. Revalidation of Previous Weapon Registration. All registrations of weapons issued under any prior law are hereby declared revalidated as of the date of enactment of this Act and shall be valid until the next birthday of the holder, at which time an identification card must be obtained and the firearms registered according to the provisions of this Chapter. This Section does not apply to firearms owned, possessed, used or carried in a manner declared illegal by any previous Act.

60124. Registration of Prohibited Firearms. Any firearm which cannot be legally owned, possessed, used or carried pursuant to this Act but which was legally possessed, owned, used or carried prior to the effective date of this Act may not be registered hereafter. However, the owner or possessor may retain said weapons until the time specified in §60123, at which time he must dispose of the firearm. If he cannot do so without loss to himself, the Department is authorized to purchase the firearm from the legal owner based upon the fair market value at the time of last eligibility to possess or own as stated in §60123, and keep or dispose of the firearm as the Chief of Police determines.

60125. Firearms Forfeited: When. Upon the conviction of any violation of this Chapter or of any crime wherein the use of firearms was an element or part or was involved in the commission thereof, the firearms involved in the violation shall be declared forfeit by the court convicting such person and be given to the Department for its use, sale or destruction. In addition, the court shall either revoke the applicable identification card or business registration or suspend the same for a period of not less than six (6) months nor for more than two (2) years. In the case of a conviction of a business, the weapons shall be forfeited only where the registration is revoked. In the case of suspension of a business registration no firearms shall

60126. Registry. The Department shall maintain a confidential registry, open only to law enforcement officials, of all firearms registered for the life of the weapon on Guam and for two years thereafter. However, once a firearm has been transferred and the registration cancelled in the name of the transferor, then the records of the transferor may be destroyed.

60127. New Residents. Any United States citizen who is in legal possession of a firearm or ammunition thereof pursuant to the laws of any state, territory, possession or Trust Territory of the United States shall have a period of thirty (30) days after arriving on Guam as a new resident in which to apply for an identification card and during that period may continue to use the firearm and, for that purpose, the gun is legally in his possession until an identification card is issued or denied him. Thereafter, all provisions of this Chapter apply in full to such person and he must purchase, possess or use firearms only in

compliance therewith. The Section does not apply to any firearm which may not be legally possessed or used, carried or purchased under this Chapter. With respect to such firearms the provisions of §60123 shall apply except that under this Section the new resident has thirty (30) days in which to comply. Further, this Section does not apply to persons transiting Guam. Such transiting persons shall not have in their possession any firearm on Guam without first obtaining permission therefor from the Chief of Police.

60128. Exceptions. The provisions of Civil Code §§1714.2, and 1716.1; and sub-items (40) and (41) of §5107, Title 6, Guam Code Annotated, shall not apply:

(a) If the firearm is stored in a secure, locked cabinet or closet in the home of its lawful owner.

(b) If the minor obtains the firearm as a result of the unlawful entry of the home of the owner of the firearm.

(c) To members of the Armed Forces, National Guard, police or other law enforcement

officials with respect to firearm possession by a minor which occurs during or incidental to the performance of their official duties.

(d) If the firearm was properly secured by the owner with a trigger lock.

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Title 10. Public Safety and Internal Security

Chapter 134. Firearms, Ammunition and Dangerous Weapons

Part I. General Regulations

134-1 Definitions. As used in this chapter, unless the context indicates otherwise:

"Acquire" means gain ownership of.

"Antique pistol or revolver" means any pistol or revolver manufactured before 1899 and any replica thereof if it either is not designed or redesigned for using rimfire or conventional centerfire fixed ammunition or is designed or redesigned to use rimfire or conventional centerfire fixed ammunition that is no longer manufactured in the United States and is not readily available in the ordinary channels of commercial trade.

"Assault pistol" means a semiautomatic pistol which accepts a detachable magazine and which has two or more of the following characteristics:

(1) An ammunition magazine which attaches to the pistol outside of the pistol grip;

(2) A threaded barrel capable of accepting a barrel extender, flash suppressor, forward hand grip, or silencer;

(3) A shroud which is attached to or partially or completely encircles the barrel and which permits the shooter to hold the firearm with the second hand without being burned;

(4) A manufactured weight of fifty ounces or more when the pistol is unloaded;

(5) A centerfire pistol with an overall length of twelve inches or more; or

(6) It is a semiautomatic version of an automatic firearm; but does not include a firearm with a barrel sixteen or more inches in length, an antique pistol as defined in section 134-1 or a curio or relic as those terms are used in 18 U.S.C. § 921(16) or 27 C.F.R. 178.11.

"Automatic firearm" means any firearm that shoots, is designed to shoot, or can be readily modified to shoot automatically more than one shot, without a manual reloading, by a single function of the trigger. This term shall also include the frame or receiver of any such firearm, any part designed and intended solely and exclusively, or any combination of parts designed and intended, for use in converting a firearm into an automatic firearm, and any combination of parts from which an automatic firearm can be assembled if the parts are in the possession or under the control of a single person.

"Chief of police" means the chief of police of the counties of Hawaii, Maui, Kauai, or the city and county of Honolulu.

"Crime of violence" means any offense, as defined in Title 37, that involves injury or threat of injury to the person of another.

"Electric gun" means any portable device that is electrically operated to project a missile or electromotive force. It does not include any electric livestock prod used in animal husbandry.

"Firearm" means any weapon, for which the operating force is an explosive, including but not limited to pistols, revolvers, rifles, shotguns, automatic firearms, noxious gas projectors, mortars, bombs, and cannon.

"Firearm loaded with ammunition" and "loaded firearm" means a firearm with ammunition present within the firing chamber, revolving cylinder, or within a magazine which is inserted in a firearm.

"Fugitive from justice" means any person (1) who has fled from any state, territory, the District of Columbia, or possession of the United States, to avoid prosecution for a felony or to avoid giving testimony in any criminal proceeding or (2) who has fled from any country other than the United States and is avoiding lawful extradition back to that country.

"Pistol" or "revolver" means any firearm of any shape with a barrel less than sixteen inches in length and capable of discharging loaded ammunition or any noxious gas.

"Public highway" shall have the same meaning as defined in section 264- 1(a).

"Semiautomatic" means the mode of operation by which a firearm uses the energy of the explosive in a fixed cartridge to extract a fired cartridge and chamber a fresh cartridge with each single pull of a trigger.

134-2 Permits to acquire.

(a) No person shall acquire the ownership of a firearm, whether usable or unusable, serviceable or unserviceable, modern or antique, registered under prior law or by a prior owner or unregistered, either by purchase, gift, inheritance, bequest, or in any other manner, whether procured in the State or imported by mail, express, freight, or otherwise, until the person has first procured from the chief of police of the county of the person's place of business or, if there is no place of business, the person's residence or, if there is neither place of business nor residence, the person's place of sojourn, a permit to acquire the ownership of a firearm as prescribed in this section. When title to any firearm is acquired by inheritance or bequest, the foregoing permit shall be obtained before taking possession of a firearm; provided that upon presentation of a copy of the death certificate of the owner making the bequest, any heir or legatee may transfer the inherited or bequested firearm directly to a dealer licensed under section 134-31 or licensed by the United States Department of the Treasury without complying with the requirements of this section.

(b) The permit application form shall include the applicant's name, address, sex, height, weight, date of birth, place of birth, Social Secur-

ity number, and information regarding the applicant's mental health history and shall require the fingerprinting and photographing of the applicant by the police department of the county of registration; provided that where fingerprints and photograph are already on file with the department, these may be waived.

(c) An applicant for a permit shall sign a waiver at the time of application, allowing the chief of police of the county issuing the permit access to any records that have a bearing on the mental health of the applicant. The permit application form and the waiver form shall be prescribed by the attorney general and shall be uniform throughout the State.

(d) The chief of police of the respective counties may issue permits to acquire firearms to citizens of the United States of the age of twenty-one years or more, or duly accredited official representatives of foreign nations, or duly commissioned law enforcement officers of the State who are aliens; provided that any law enforcement officer who is the owner of a firearm and who is an alien shall transfer ownership of the firearm within forty-eight hours after termination of employment from a law enforcement agency. The chief of police of each county may issue permits to aliens of the age of eighteen years or more for use of rifles and shotguns for a period not exceeding sixty days, upon a showing that the alien has first procured a hunting license under chapter 183D, part II. The chief of police of each county may issue permits to aliens of the age of twenty-one years or more for use of firearms for a period not exceeding six months, upon a showing that the alien is in training for a specific organized sport-shooting contest to be held within the permit period. The attorney general shall adopt rules, pursuant to chapter 91, as to what constitutes sufficient evidence that an alien is in training for a sport-shooting contest. Notwithstanding any provision of the law to the contrary and upon joint application, the chief of police may issue permits to acquire firearms jointly to spouses who otherwise qualify to obtain permits under this section.

(e) The permit application form shall be signed by the applicant and by the issuing authority. One copy of the permit shall be retained by the issuing authority as a permanent official record. Except for sales to dealers licensed under section 134-31, or dealers licensed by the United States Department of the Treasury, or law enforcement officers, or where a license is granted under section 134-9, or where any firearm is registered pursuant to section 134-3(a), no permit shall be issued to an applicant earlier than fourteen calendar days after the date of the application; provided that a permit shall be issued or the application denied before the twentieth day from the date of application. Permits issued to acquire any pistol or revolver shall be void un-