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Title 6. Crimes and Offenses

Chapter 8. Weapons

Article 1. Weapons Offenses

6-8-102. Use or possession of firearm by person convicted of certain felony offenses; penalties. Any person who has previously pleaded guilty to or been convicted of committing or attempting to commit a violent felony or a felony under W.S. 6-5-204(b), and has not been pardoned and who uses or knowingly possesses any firearm is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than three (3) years, a fine of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), or both.

6-8-104. Wearing or carrying concealed weapons; penalties; exceptions; permits.

(a) A person who wears or carries a concealed deadly weapon is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six (6) months, or both, unless:

- (i) The person is a peace officer;
- (ii) The person possesses a permit under this section; or
- (iii) The person holds a valid permit authorizing him to carry a concealed firearm authorized and issued by a governmental agency or entity in another state that recognizes Wyoming permits, is a valid statewide permit, and the state has laws similar to the provisions of this section, as determined by the attorney general, including a proper background check of the permit holder.

(b) The attorney general is authorized to issue permits to carry a concealed firearm to persons qualified as provided by this subsection. The attorney general shall promulgate rules necessary to carry out this section no later than October 1, 1994. Applications for a permit to carry a concealed firearm shall be made available and distributed by the division of criminal investigation and local law enforcement agencies. The permit shall be valid throughout the state for a period of five (5) years from the date of issuance. The permittee shall carry the permit, together with valid identification at all times when the permittee is carrying a concealed firearm and shall display both the permit and proper identification upon request of any peace officer. ...

(o) Within thirty (30) days after the changing of a permanent address, or within thirty (30) days after the loss or destruction of a permit, the permittee, including any permittee under paragraph (a)(iii) of this section, shall so notify the division. Violation of this subsection may result in cancellation or revocation of the permit.

(p) In the event that a permit is lost or destroyed, the permit shall be automatically invalid,

and the person to whom the same was issued may, upon payment of a five dollar (\$5.00) fee to the division, obtain a duplicate, upon furnishing a notarized statement to the division that the permit has been lost or destroyed. ...

- (y) As used in this section:
 - (i) "Division" means the division of criminal investigation within the office of the attorney general;
 - (ii) "Firearm" means any pistol, revolver or derringer, designed to be fired by the use of a single hand.

Article 2. Firearms Regulation

6-8-203. Firearms information to be kept in place of business; inspection by peace officer. The information required by federal law to be maintained on firearms shall be kept by every wholesaler, retailer, pawnbroker and dealer in firearms in the place of business of the wholesaler, retailer, pawnbroker or dealer, and shall be subject to inspection by any peace officer at all reasonable times.

Article 3. Rifles and Shotguns

6-8-301. Sale or delivery to person from contiguous state; restrictions and requirements.

(a) It is lawful for a licensed importer, licensed manufacturer, licensed dealer or a licensed collector (licensed under the federal Gun Control Act of 1968) whose place of business is in the state of Wyoming to sell or deliver a rifle or shotgun to a resident of a state contiguous to the state of Wyoming, subject to the following restrictions and requirements:

- (i) The purchaser's state of residence must permit the sale or delivery by law;
- (ii) The sale shall fully comply with the legal conditions of sale in both contiguous states; and
- (iii) The purchaser and the licensee shall have, prior to the sale or delivery for sale of the rifle or shotgun, complied with all of the requirements of section 922(c) of the federal Gun Control Act of 1968, applicable to interstate transactions other than at the licensee's business premises.

6-8-302. Resident may purchase or receive delivery in contiguous state; restrictions and requirements.

(a) A Wyoming resident otherwise qualified may purchase or receive delivery of a rifle or shotgun in a state contiguous to the state of Wyoming, subject to the following restrictions and requirements:

- (i) The sale must fully comply with the legal conditions of sale in both contiguous states; and
- (ii) Prior to the sale or delivery for sale of the rifle or shotgun, the purchaser and the licensee have complied with all of the requirements of section 922(c) of the federal Gun Control Act of

1968, applicable to interstate transactions other than at the licensee's business premises.

6-8-303. Provisions inapplicable in certain instances.

- (a) This article does not apply to:
 - (i) Transactions between licensed importers, licensed manufacturers, licensed dealers and licensed collectors; or
 - (ii) The loan or rental of a firearm to any person for temporary use for lawful sporting purposes.

(b) This article does not preclude any person who is participating in any organized rifle or shotgun match or contest, or is hunting, in a state other than his state of residence and whose rifle or shotgun has been lost or stolen or has become inoperative in the other state from purchasing a rifle or shotgun in the other state from a licensed dealer if the person presents to the dealer a sworn statement:

- (i) That his rifle or shotgun was lost or stolen or became inoperative while participating in such a match or contest, or while engaged in hunting, in the other state; and
- (ii) Identifying the chief law enforcement officer of the locality in which the person resides, to whom the licensed dealer shall forward the statement by registered mail.

Article 4. Regulation by State

6-8-401. Firearm, weapon and ammunition regulation and prohibition by state.

(a) The sale, transfer, purchase, delivery, taxation, manufacture, ownership, transportation, storage, use and possession of firearms, weapons and ammunition shall be authorized, regulated and prohibited by the state, and regulation thereof is preempted by the state. Except as authorized by W.S. 15-1-103(a)(xviii), no city, town or county shall authorize, regulate or prohibit the sale, transfer, purchase, delivery, taxation, manufacture, ownership, transportation, storage, use or possession of firearms, weapons and ammunition except as specifically provided by this chapter. This section shall not affect zoning or other ordinances which encompass firearms businesses along with other businesses. Zoning and other ordinances which are designed for the purpose of restricting or prohibiting the sale, purchase, transfer or manufacture of firearms or ammunition as a method of regulating firearms or ammunition are in conflict with this section and are prohibited.

(b) As used in this article, "firearm" means any weapon which will or is designed to expel any projectile by the action of an explosive.

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