



SPONSOR: Rep. Spiegelman

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE AMENDMENT NO. 5
TO
SENATE SUBSTITUTE NO. 1
FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 2

AMEND Senate Substitute No. 1 for Senate Bill No. 2 by deleting lines 13 through 20 in their entirety and substituting in lieu thereof the following and redesignating accordingly:

(c) The following persons are exempt from the requirements of this section and are not required to obtain a permit prior to purchasing a handgun:

(1) Qualified law enforcement officers;

(2) Qualified retired law enforcement officers;

(3) Sheriffs and deputy sheriffs if otherwise qualified under this subsection;

(4) Attorney General and Deputy Attorneys General;

(5) Federal Firearms Licensees and Delaware Deadly Weapons Dealers licensed and regulated under Chapter 9 of Title 24;

(6) Collectors of Curios and Relics holding a valid Type 03 Federal Firearms License (FFL);

(7) Armored car guards and security personnel licensed and regulated under Chapter 13 of Title 24;

(8) Constables commissioned and regulated under Chapter 56 of Title 24;

(9) Delaware Correctional Officers;

(10) Members of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Space Force, and Coast Guard and the Reserve elements thereof, including members of the Delaware National Guard;

(11) Judicial officers serving under Article IV of the Delaware Constitution

SYNOPSIS

Every person desiring to purchase a firearm must first undergo and pass the criminal background check required by the laws of both the United States and the State of Delaware.

Likewise, there are numerous professions and individual licensing processes that require their members to undergo either intense screening, intense training, or both. This amendment recognizes that fact and provides an exemption for certain professionals and individuals for whom the "permit-to-purchase" process contained in the original bill would represent an unnecessary waste of State time, money and human resources while adding no additional safety to the community.

This amendment would eliminate from the permitting process those who have already been screened, trained and/or licensed and would allow scarce resources to be used more effectively to protect the public by eliminating unnecessary volume from the system and recognizing the overall value and trustworthiness the listed persons and professionals bring to our State.