



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 6817**

January Session, 2023



**AN ACT CONCERNING A TEMPORARY PERMIT TO CARRY A PISTOL OR REVOLVER, A RESPONSE PLAN FOR A MASS SHOOTING EVENT, AND THE POSTING OF A PERSON'S RIGHTS ASSOCIATED WITH OWNING, POSSESSING AND CARRYING A FIREARM.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 29-28a of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2023*):

4 (b) The local authority shall, not later than eight weeks after a  
5 sufficient application for a temporary state permit has been made,  
6 inform the applicant that such applicant's request for a temporary state  
7 permit has been approved or denied, and if denied, supply to the  
8 applicant a detailed written reason for such denial. The local authority  
9 shall forward a copy of the application indicating approval or denial of  
10 the temporary state permit to the Commissioner of Emergency  
11 Services and Public Protection. If the local authority has denied the  
12 application for a temporary state permit, no state permit may be  
13 issued. [The] If the local authority has failed to expressly deny the  
14 application during the eight-week period following the submission of  
15 such application, upon presentation of an affidavit by the applicant at  
16 least nine weeks after the local authority accepts such application  
17 attesting to the failure to include a written reason for a denial, the

18 commissioner shall [, not later than eight weeks after receiving an  
19 application indicating approval from the local authority,] issue to the  
20 applicant a state permit or inform the applicant in detailed writing that  
21 the applicant's application for a state permit has been [approved or]  
22 denied, or that the results of the national criminal history records  
23 check have not been received. [If grounds for denial become known  
24 after a temporary state permit has been obtained, the temporary state  
25 permit shall be immediately revoked pursuant to section 29-32] The  
26 failure of the issuing authority to complete review of an application for  
27 a temporary state permit shall not be grounds for the commissioner to  
28 deny issuance of a state permit.

29 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Any comprehensive plan  
30 and program developed by the Commissioner of Emergency Services  
31 and Public Protection pursuant to subsection (b) of section 28-5 of the  
32 general statutes shall include a response plan for a mass shooting  
33 event. A mass shooting event is deemed to occur when, within a  
34 period of twenty-four hours, four or more individuals are shot within  
35 a three-mile radius.

36 (b) In any response plan for a mass shooting event, the  
37 commissioner shall include provisions directing the coordination of a  
38 meeting with the Department of Emergency Services and Public  
39 Protection, the local police department, community leaders, including  
40 religious leaders, and representatives of the Project Longevity  
41 Initiative, established under section 4-68bb of the general statutes, for  
42 the purpose of determining (1) why the shooting event occurred, (2)  
43 what circumstances lead to the shooting event, (3) whether there were  
44 warning signs that such shooting event would occur, (4) preventative  
45 measures the community can enact to prevent further shooting events,  
46 and (5) if there are resources available to assist the community in its  
47 response to the shooting event. At the conclusion of such meeting, the  
48 meeting participants shall report their findings to the Commissioner of  
49 Emergency Services and Public Protection. The commissioner shall  
50 review and report the findings and any other information the

51 commissioner deems pertinent, in accordance with the provisions of  
52 section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the Governor, majority and  
53 minority leaders of the House of Representatives and Senate, and joint  
54 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
55 matters relating to public safety and security. Such report shall include  
56 recommendations, if any, for legislative action to reduce mass shooting  
57 events.

58 (c) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection  
59 shall coordinate with the Commissioner of Public Health for the  
60 deployment of grief counselors and mental health professionals to  
61 provide mental health services to the family members or other  
62 individuals with a close association with any victim of a mass  
63 shooting. Such deployments shall be made to local community  
64 outreach groups in and around the impacted geographical location  
65 and to any school or institution of higher education where any victim  
66 or perpetrator of a mass shooting event was enrolled.

67 (d) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection  
68 shall coordinate an investigation into each mass shooting event with  
69 the office of the Chief State's Attorney. Each such investigation shall  
70 consider: (1) How the perpetrator acquired any firearm used in the  
71 event, (2) whether the firearm that was used was legally acquired, (3) if  
72 the magazine used in the shooting was a large capacity magazine, as  
73 defined in section 53-202w of the general statutes, and (4) the  
74 backgrounds of the perpetrator and the victims. The commissioner and  
75 Chief State's Attorney shall report, in accordance with the provisions  
76 of section 11-4a of the general statutes, a summary of each such  
77 investigation, all findings of such investigation, including any  
78 determination of cause of the mass shooting event and any  
79 recommendations to prevent future mass shooting events to the  
80 Governor, majority and minority leaders of the House of  
81 Representatives and Senate and joint standing committee of the  
82 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public  
83 safety and security and to the chief elected officer and legislative body,

84 each as described in section 7-193 of the general statutes, of the  
85 municipality where the mass shooting event occurred.

86 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2023*) The administrative head of  
87 each law enforcement unit, as defined in section 7-291e of the general  
88 statutes, shall ensure that each police station, headquarters or barracks  
89 under such administrative head's jurisdiction posts in a conspicuous  
90 place that is readily available for viewing by the public a statement  
91 informing individuals of their right to request and obtain an  
92 application to apply for a permit to carry a pistol or revolver, their  
93 right to submit an application for a permit to carry a pistol or revolver  
94 no more than one week after their request to do so, their right to be  
95 informed in writing of the result of their application within eight  
96 weeks from its submittal, their right to file an appeal in the event of a  
97 denial of a permit for the carrying of a pistol or revolver and an  
98 individual's state and federal constitutional right to own, possess and  
99 carry a firearm for protection of the individual's home or family as the  
100 individual so lawfully chooses.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |                        |             |
| Section 1                                                                     | <i>October 1, 2023</i> | 29-28a(b)   |
| Sec. 2                                                                        | <i>from passage</i>    | New section |
| Sec. 3                                                                        | <i>October 1, 2023</i> | New section |

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