



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6817

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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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
3 *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 Services
11 and Public Protection. If the local authority has denied the application
12 for a temporary state permit, no state permit may be issued. [The] If the
13 local authority has failed to expressly deny the application during the
14 eight-week period following the submission of such application, upon
15 presentation of an affidavit by the applicant at least nine weeks after the
16 local authority accepts such application attesting to the failure to include

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

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

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

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

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

65 (d) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection
66 shall coordinate an investigation into each mass shooting event with the
67 office of the Chief State's Attorney. Each such investigation shall
68 consider: (1) How the perpetrator acquired any firearm used in the
69 event, (2) whether the firearm that was used was legally acquired, (3) if
70 the magazine used in the shooting was a large capacity magazine, as
71 defined in section 53-202w of the general statutes, and (4) the
72 backgrounds of the perpetrator and the victims. The commissioner and
73 Chief State's Attorney shall report, in accordance with the provisions of
74 section 11-4a of the general statutes, a summary of each such
75 investigation, all findings of such investigation, including any
76 determination of cause of the mass shooting event and any
77 recommendations to prevent future mass shooting events to the
78 Governor, majority and minority leaders of the House of
79 Representatives and Senate and joint standing committee of the General
80 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public safety and
81 security and to the chief elected officer and legislative body, each as
82 described in section 7-193 of the general statutes, of the municipality

83 where the mass shooting event occurred.

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

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

JUD Joint Favorable Subst.

APP Joint Favorable