

**CONCEALED CARRY AMENDMENTS**

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STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill amends provisions of the Public Safety Code relating to concealed carry permits.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ provides that a provisional concealed carry permit holder may, before age 21, apply for a concealed carry permit that becomes valid at age 21; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**53-5-704**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 280

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **53-5-704** is amended to read:

**53-5-704. Bureau duties -- Permit to carry concealed firearm -- Certification for concealed firearms instructor -- Requirements for issuance -- Violation -- Denial,**



28 **suspension, or revocation -- Appeal procedure.**

29 (1) (a) ~~[The]~~ Except as provided in Subsection (1)(b), the bureau shall issue a permit to  
30 carry a concealed firearm for lawful self defense to an applicant who is 21 years ~~[of age]~~ old or  
31 older within 60 days after receiving an application, unless the bureau finds proof that the  
32 applicant ~~[does not meet the qualifications set forth in]~~ is not qualified to hold a permit under  
33 Subsection (2) or (3).

34 (b) (i) Within 90 days before the day on which a provisional permit holder under  
35 Section [53-5-704.5](#) reaches 21 years old, the provisional permit holder may apply under this  
36 section for a permit to carry a concealed firearm for lawful self defense.

37 (ii) The bureau shall issue a permit to an applicant under Subsection (1)(b)(i) within 60  
38 days after receiving an application, unless the bureau finds proof that the applicant is not  
39 qualified to hold a permit under Subsection (2) or (3).

40 (iii) A permit issued under this Subsection (1)(b) is not valid until an applicant reaches  
41 21 years of age.

42 ~~[(b)]~~ (c) The permit is valid throughout the state for five years, without restriction,  
43 except as otherwise provided by Section [53-5-710](#).

44 ~~[(c)]~~ (d) The provisions of Subsections [76-10-504](#)(1) and (2), and Section [76-10-505](#)  
45 do not apply to ~~[a person]~~ an individual issued a permit under Subsection (1)(a) or (b).

46 ~~[(d)]~~ (e) Subsection (4)(a) does not apply to a nonresident:

47 (i) active duty service member, who present to the bureau orders requiring the active  
48 duty service member to report for duty in this state; or

49 (ii) an active duty service member's spouse, stationed with the active duty service  
50 member, who presents to the bureau the active duty service member's orders requiring the  
51 service member to report for duty in this state.

52 (2) (a) The bureau may deny, suspend, or revoke a concealed firearm permit if the  
53 applicant or permit holder:

54 (i) has been or is convicted of a felony;

55 (ii) has been or is convicted of a crime of violence;

56 (iii) has been or is convicted of an offense involving the use of alcohol;

57 (iv) has been or is convicted of an offense involving the unlawful use of narcotics or  
58 other controlled substances;

59 (v) has been or is convicted of an offense involving moral turpitude;  
60 (vi) has been or is convicted of an offense involving domestic violence;  
61 (vii) has been or is adjudicated by a state or federal court as mentally incompetent,  
62 unless the adjudication has been withdrawn or reversed; and  
63 (viii) is not qualified to purchase and possess a firearm pursuant to Section 76-10-503  
64 and federal law.

65 (b) In determining whether an applicant or permit holder [~~meets the qualifications set~~  
66 ~~forth in~~] is qualified to hold a permit under Subsection (2)(a), the bureau shall consider  
67 mitigating circumstances.

68 (3) (a) The bureau may deny, suspend, or revoke a concealed firearm permit if it has  
69 reasonable cause to believe that the applicant or permit holder has been or is a danger to self or  
70 others as demonstrated by evidence, including:

- 71 (i) past pattern of behavior involving unlawful violence or threats of unlawful violence;  
72 (ii) past participation in incidents involving unlawful violence or threats of unlawful  
73 violence; or  
74 (iii) conviction of an offense in violation of Title 76, Chapter 10, Part 5, Weapons.

75 (b) The bureau may not deny, suspend, or revoke a concealed firearm permit solely for  
76 a single conviction of an infraction violation of Title 76, Chapter 10, Part 5, Weapons.

77 (c) In determining whether the applicant or permit holder has been or is a danger to self  
78 or others, the bureau may inspect:

- 79 (i) expunged records of arrests and convictions of adults as provided in Section  
80 77-40-109; and  
81 (ii) juvenile court records as provided in Section 78A-6-209.

82 (4) (a) In addition to meeting the other qualifications for the issuance of a concealed  
83 firearm permit under this section, a nonresident applicant who resides in a state that recognizes  
84 the validity of the Utah permit or has reciprocity with Utah's concealed firearm permit law  
85 shall:

- 86 (i) hold a current concealed firearm or concealed weapon permit issued by the  
87 appropriate permitting authority of the nonresident applicant's state of residency; and  
88 (ii) submit a photocopy or electronic copy of the nonresident applicant's current  
89 concealed firearm or concealed weapon permit referred to in Subsection (4)(a)(i).

90 (b) A nonresident applicant who knowingly and willfully provides false information to  
91 the bureau under Subsection (4)(a) is prohibited from holding a Utah concealed firearm permit  
92 for a period of 10 years.

93 (c) Subsection (4)(a) applies to all applications for the issuance of a concealed firearm  
94 permit that are received by the bureau after May 10, 2011.

95 (d) Beginning January 1, 2012, Subsection (4)(a) also applies to an application for  
96 renewal of a concealed firearm permit by a nonresident.

97 (5) The bureau shall issue a concealed firearm permit to a former peace officer who  
98 departs full-time employment as a peace officer, in an honorable manner, within five years of  
99 that departure if the officer meets the requirements of this section.

100 (6) Except as provided in Subsection (7), the bureau shall also require the applicant to  
101 provide:

102 (a) the address of the applicant's permanent residence;

103 (b) one recent dated photograph;

104 (c) one set of fingerprints; and

105 (d) evidence of general familiarity with the types of firearms to be concealed as defined  
106 in Subsection (8).

107 (7) An applicant who is a law enforcement officer under Section [53-13-103](#) may  
108 provide a letter of good standing from the officer's commanding officer in place of the evidence  
109 required by Subsection (6)(d).

110 (8) (a) General familiarity with the types of firearms to be concealed includes training  
111 in:

112 (i) the safe loading, unloading, storage, and carrying of the types of firearms to be  
113 concealed; and

114 (ii) current laws defining lawful use of a firearm by a private citizen, including lawful  
115 self-defense, use of force by a private citizen, including use of deadly force, transportation, and  
116 concealment.

117 (b) An applicant may satisfy the general familiarity requirement of Subsection (8)(a) by  
118 one of the following:

119 (i) completion of a course of instruction conducted by a national, state, or local  
120 firearms training organization approved by the bureau;

121 (ii) certification of general familiarity by [~~a person~~] an individual who has been  
122 certified by the bureau, which may include a law enforcement officer, military or civilian  
123 firearms instructor, or hunter safety instructor; or

124 (iii) equivalent experience with a firearm through participation in an organized  
125 shooting competition, law enforcement, or military service.

126 (c) Instruction taken by a student under Subsection (8) shall be in person and not  
127 through electronic means.

128 (9) (a) An applicant for certification as a Utah concealed firearms instructor shall:

129 (i) be at least 21 years of age;

130 (ii) be currently eligible to possess a firearm under Section 76-10-503;

131 (iii) have:

132 (A) completed a firearm instruction training course from the National Rifle Association  
133 or the Department of Public Safety, Division of Peace Officer Safety Standards and Training;  
134 or

135 (B) received training equivalent to one of the courses referred to in Subsection  
136 (9)(a)(iii)(A) as determined by the bureau;

137 (iv) have taken a course of instruction and passed a certification test as described in  
138 Subsection (9)(c); and

139 (v) possess a Utah concealed firearm permit.

140 (b) An instructor's certification is valid for three years from the date of issuance, unless  
141 revoked by the bureau.

142 (c) (i) In order to obtain initial certification or renew a certification, an instructor shall  
143 attend an instructional course and pass a test under the direction of the bureau.

144 (ii) (A) The bureau shall provide or contract to provide the course referred to in  
145 Subsection (9)(c)(i) twice every year.

146 (B) The course shall include instruction on current Utah law related to firearms,  
147 including concealed carry statutes and rules, and the use of deadly force by private citizens.

148 (d) (i) Each applicant for certification under this Subsection (9) shall pay a fee of  
149 \$50.00 at the time of application for initial certification.

150 (ii) The renewal fee for the certificate is \$25.

151 (iii) The bureau may use a fee paid under Subsections (9)(d)(i) and (ii) as a dedicated

152 credit to cover the cost incurred in maintaining and improving the instruction program required  
153 for concealed firearm instructors under this Subsection (9).

154 (10) A certified concealed firearms instructor shall provide each of the instructor's  
155 students with the required course of instruction outline approved by the bureau.

156 (11) (a) (i) A concealed firearms instructor shall provide a signed certificate to [a  
157 ~~person~~] an individual successfully completing the offered course of instruction.

158 (ii) The instructor shall sign the certificate with the exact name indicated on the  
159 instructor's certification issued by the bureau under Subsection (9).

160 (iii) (A) The certificate shall also have affixed to it the instructor's official seal, which  
161 is the exclusive property of the instructor and may not be used by any other [~~person~~] individual.

162 (B) The instructor shall destroy the seal upon revocation or expiration of the  
163 instructor's certification under Subsection (9).

164 (C) The bureau shall determine the design and content of the seal to include at least the  
165 following:

166 (I) the instructor's name as it appears on the instructor's certification;

167 (II) the words "Utah Certified Concealed Firearms Instructor," "state of Utah," and "my  
168 certification expires on (the instructor's certification expiration date)"; and

169 (III) the instructor's business or residence address.

170 (D) The seal shall be affixed to each student certificate issued by the instructor in a  
171 manner that does not obscure or render illegible any information or signatures contained in the  
172 document.

173 (b) The applicant shall provide the certificate to the bureau in compliance with  
174 Subsection (6)(d).

175 (12) The bureau may deny, suspend, or revoke the certification of an applicant or a  
176 concealed firearms instructor if it has reason to believe the applicant or the instructor has:

177 (a) become ineligible to possess a firearm under Section 76-10-503 or federal law; or

178 (b) knowingly and willfully provided false information to the bureau.

179 (13) An applicant for certification or a concealed firearms instructor has the same  
180 appeal rights as [~~set forth~~] described in Subsection (16).

181 (14) In providing instruction and issuing a permit under this part, the concealed  
182 firearms instructor and the bureau are not vicariously liable for damages caused by the permit

183 holder.

184 (15) An individual who knowingly and willfully provides false information on an  
185 application filed under this part is guilty of a class B misdemeanor, and the application may be  
186 denied, or the permit may be suspended or revoked.

187 (16) (a) In the event of a denial, suspension, or revocation of a permit, the applicant or  
188 permit holder may file a petition for review with the board within 60 days from the date the  
189 denial, suspension, or revocation is received by the applicant or permit holder by certified mail,  
190 return receipt requested.

191 (b) The bureau's denial of a permit shall be in writing and shall include the general  
192 reasons for the action.

193 (c) If an applicant or permit holder appeals the denial to the review board, the applicant  
194 or permit holder may have access to the evidence upon which the denial is based in accordance  
195 with Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government Records Access and Management Act.

196 (d) On appeal to the board, the bureau has the burden of proof by a preponderance of  
197 the evidence.

198 (e) (i) Upon a ruling by the board on the appeal of a denial, the board shall issue a final  
199 order within 30 days stating the board's decision.

200 (ii) The final order shall be in the form prescribed by Subsection [63G-4-203\(1\)\(i\)](#).

201 (iii) The final order is final bureau action for purposes of judicial review under Section  
202 [63G-4-402](#).

203 (17) The commissioner may make rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah  
204 Administrative Rulemaking Act, necessary to administer this chapter.