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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 25-18—sHB 7056

Public Safety and Security Committee

AN ACT CONCERNING FIREARM PERMITS AND TRANSFERS

SUMMARY: Existing law limits the number of pistols and revolvers (i.e. handguns) someone can purchase at retail in a 30-day period to (1) six for certain firearms instructors and (2) three for anyone else without an exemption. This act exempts from these limits firearm transfers to defense contractors, nuclear-powered submarine manufacturers, aerospace companies, or nuclear power generating facilities, that are made through agreements with federal agencies or applicable federal regulations to train armed security force personnel or provide or maintain an armed security force (§ 8).

The act also changes references to certain officials responsible for administering various gun laws at the municipal level. These laws authorize the police chief or, where there is no chief, the municipality's chief executive officer (CEO) (or the resident state trooper or relevant state police officer designated by the municipality's CEO) to perform various firearms permitting and administrative functions. The act collectively refers to these officials as "local permitting authorities," defined as that same series of officials, and uses this term to replace existing references to these officials.

The act also makes numerous technical and conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2025

BACKGROUND

Defense Contractors

By law and under the act, a "defense contractor" is any contractor, subcontractor, manufacturer, or service company that is a party to a defense contract and has agreed to produce or manufacture weapons or defense equipment under it. A "defense contract" is any contract to produce or manufacture weapons or other defense equipment for the Connecticut or United States military or naval forces.