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AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONTROL OF FIREARMS.



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

Section 1. As used in this act, "firearm" means any pistol, revolver, rifle or shotgun.

Sec. 2. (a) Any person who carries, controls or possesses any firearm without a permit to carry or possess the same issued by the chief of police of a city, town or borough of this state, or, where there is no chief of police, by the first selectman of a town, and validated with a seal of approval by the commissioner of state police, shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than ten years or both.

(b) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to the carrying or possession of firearms by any of the following persons or under the following conditions: Any law enforcement officer who has the power to execute an arrest for the violation of any state or federal law and who has been authorized to carry a firearm by his appointing authority; any member of the armed forces of the United States or of this state while on duty or while going to or from duty, and having authorization to carry firearms at such times by his commanding officer; any bona fide resident of the United States having a permit or license to carry a firearm issued by any other state or subdivision of the United States, who is coming into or passing through this state in order to attend an organized shooting competition or organized meeting or exhibition dealing with

firearms, or who is traveling to or from a lawful hunting area 42
during the hunting season or who is lawfully hunting at such 43
time; any minor between the ages of twelve and sixteen while 44
hunting under the provisions of section 26-38 of the 1969 45
supplement to the general statutes having a hunting license, 46
while in the constant presence of an adult hunter who possesses 47
a hunting license and a permit to carry firearms; any minor 48
between the ages of fourteen and twenty-one while in the constant 49
presence of a qualified instructor who possesses a permit to 50
carry firearms and who has the written permission of the minor's 51
parent or guardian to teach such minor in the safe and proper use
of firearms; any firearm being transported as merchandise if 52
accompanied by corresponding invoices or similar descriptive 53
business forms.

Sec. 3. (a) Upon receipt of a written application 54
therefor, the chief of police of a city, town, or borough, or 55
where there is no chief, the first selectman of a town, may issue 56
an unvalidated permit for carrying or possessing firearms in this 57
state to any suitable person having a bona fide residence or 58
place of business within the jurisdiction of such authority or to 59
any bona fide resident of the United States having a permit or 60
license to carry or possess a firearm issued by the authority of 61
any other state or subdivision of the United States. Such permit 63
shall not become effective until a validating stamp of approval 64
is placed on the permit by the commissioner of state police. 65

(b) Upon receipt of a written request for an application 66
form for a permit to carry or possess firearms, a permit to 67
purchase firearms or a license to deal in firearms, the issuing 68
authority shall mail an official application form along with any 69
other required forms to the requesting party within one week, and 70
shall immediately supply such forms if the request is made in 71
person. Not later than sixty days after receiving an accurately 72
completed application form along with any other required forms, 73
the issuing authority shall inform the applicant in writing that 74
his request for a permit or license has been approved or denied. 75

After such sixty day period has expired, the absence of any reply shall constitute an official denial.

(c) Prior to issuing or renewing any permit to carry or possess a firearm, any permit to purchase a firearm or any firearms dealer's license, the issuing authority shall obtain the following-prescribed forms from each applicant: An accurately completed application form; a written notice from the state police commissioner stating that the applicant does or does not have a criminal arrest record; a copy of the applicant's fingerprints which shall be immediately forwarded to the commissioner of state police who shall, within thirty days, advise the submitting agency in writing of any criminal record or other adverse information concerning the applicant; a form signed by a physician licensed to practice medicine in this state or, in lieu thereof, forms signed by three adults, unrelated to the applicant, who have never been convicted of a felony and who are deemed suitable by the issuing authority and the commissioner of state police, in which such physician or persons state that he or they have known the applicant for more than one year and that in his or their opinion there is no reason to believe that the applicant is either mentally or emotionally unsuited for handling and carrying a firearm.

(d) A firearm, ammunition for a firearm, a permit to carry or possess a firearm, a permit to purchase a firearm, or a firearms dealer's license shall not be sold or issued to any of the following persons: An alien; any minor under the age of eighteen; any minor between the ages of eighteen and twenty-one except with the written consent of his parent or guardian and in conformity with federal law; any person who has ever been convicted of a crime of violence; any person who has ever been convicted of a felony other than a crime of violence within a period of ten years preceding the application date or proposed issuance date, whichever is later, or who has been on parole from a prison or correctional institution within such period; any person whose possession or receiving of such firearm or permit

would constitute a violation of federal law; any person whose 109
mental or emotional instability or physical handicap would make 110
him an unsuitable person for carrying a firearm; any person who 111
is mentally deranged or incompetent; any person who has a 112
reputation for arguing, fighting or disturbing the peace; any 113
person whose course of conduct or behavior shows poor judgment or 114
an absence of a mature and responsible attitude; any person 115
convicted of a violation of any state or federal narcotic or 116
harmful drug law; any person who is or has been under treatment 117
or confinement for mental illness, drug addiction or habitual 118
durnkenness within a period of ten years preceding the 119
application date or proposed issuance date, whichever is later; 120
or any person who for justifiable reason is deemed an unsuitable 121
person by the issuing authority or the commissioner of state 122
police. Any person who gives, lends, hires, barters, sells or 123
delivers any firearm or ammunition for any firearm to any person 125
described in this subsection shall be fined not more one thousand 126
dollars or imprisoned not more than ten years or both, except 127
that there shall be no prosecution of any licensed firearms 128
dealer who has fully complied with the requirements of subsection 129
(a) and subsection (b) of section 4 of this act.

(e) Before granting a permit to carry or possess a firearm, 130
the issuing authority shall consider the applicant's stated and 131
demonstrated need for carrying a firearm together with the 132
circumstances involved in each case, and weigh these against 133
possible impairment to public safety and convenience, and when 134
reasonably justified, such authority may issue a restricted 135
permit which limits the holder to a specific firearm or type of 136
firearm, or which restricts the purpose, geographical area or 137
time in which a firearm may be lawfully carried. The holder of 139
a permit to carry or possess a firearm, a permit to purchase a
firearm or a firearms dealer's license who violates a restriction 141
or limitation which is written on the permit or license, or who 142
refuses to surrender such permit or license at the demand of the 143
issuing authority or the commissioner of state police, shall be 144

fined not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than one year or both. Whether or not there is an arrest or conviction, the issuing authoirty or the commissioner of state police may revoke any permit to carry or possess a firearm, any permit to purchase a firearm or any license to deal in firearms, for any reason that would have originally disqualified the holder or for any use that is contrary to a stated restriction or limitation or for any unnecessary display of a firearm in a public place or for any other course of action or behavior that shows poor judgment or an absence of a mature and responsible attitude. Whenever the issuing authority or the commissioner of state police revokes a permit to carry or possess a firearm, a permit to purchase a firearm or a license to deal in firearms, the authority which initiates the revocation shall immediately notify the other of such action.

(f) If the issuing authority determines that the applicant is a suitable person to carry or possess firearms, he shall issue such person an unvalidated permit to carry firearms anywhere within the state of Connecticut, unless a contrary restriction or limitation appears on the permit, and shall forward such permit to the commissioner of state police who may then validate the permit with a seal of approval. The commissioner shall insure that each permit is complete and in proper form and may require each applicant to appear at a designated place to obtain a photograph to be attached to the permit prior to validation. The commissioner may refuse to validate any permit which he has reason to believe was improperly issued or which was issued within using all of the prescribed forms and procedures.

(g) Permits to carry or possess firearms shall be valid for periods of five years, provided the commissioner of state police shall devise a staggered system of permit expiration dates and may arrange for expiration dates of not less than three months nor more than five years and eleven months after the issuance of a permit when such a course is needed in order to place the expiration date evenly into a staggered system. For any such

permit, the issuing authority and the commissioner of state 181
police shall each charge a fee of ten dollars for any full five- 182
year period, and for other periods of time each shall pro rate 183
their fees at two dollars per year, and twenty cents per month
for periods less than one year, except that, for any permit 184
restricted to carrying rifles and shotguns while lawfully hunting 185
and while going to and from lawful hunting grounds, the fee shall 186
be twenty-five per cent of the amount that would otherwise be 187
charged. The fee for a permit to carry or possess a firearm, a 188
permit to purchase a firearm or a license to deal in firearms 189
shall be handled and accounted for according to law, and if such 190
permit or license is later revoked, the fee therefor shall not be 191
refunded.

Sec. 4. (a) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this 192
section, any person who gives, lends, hires, barters, sells or 193
delivers, or offers or exposes for sale, or has in his possession 194
with intent to give, sell or deliver, any firearm or ammunition 195
for any firearm to anyone other than a licensed firearms dealer 196
without first having obtained a valid firearms dealer's license 198
issued by the chief of police or a city, town or borough, or 199
where there is no chief, by the first selectman of a town, or any 200
other licensed firearms dealer who so gives, sells or delivers 202
any firearm or ammunition to any person who does not first 203
display a permit to purchased a firearm, a permit to carry a 204
firearm or a firearms dealer's license, issued to the holder 205
thereof, shall for the first offense be fined not more than five 206
hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than one year or both, and 207
for any second or subsequent offense shall be fined not more than 208
one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than ten years or 209
both. No person shall engage in the business of a gunsmith or 210
repair firearms for compensation without first obtaining a 211
firearms dealer's license. The provisions of this subsection and 212
subsection (b) of this section shall not apply to manufacturers 213
or wholesalers of firearms or ammunition who sell exclusively to 214
licensed firearms dealers or to sources outside this state in 215

compliance with federal laws and regulations, but such 216
manufacturers or wholesalers shall allow the inspection of their 217
records or places of business at any reasonable hour of the night 218
or day by any law enforcement officer having jurisdiction within 219
the municipality where such records or places are to be found. 220

(b) Upon written application, the chief of police of a 221
city, town or borough, or where there is no chief, the first 222
selectman of a town, may issue a firearms dealer's license to any 223
suitable person which shall authorize such person to buy and sell 224
firearms and ammunition for firearms and to make repairs on 225
firearms, within the jurisdiction of the issuing authority and at 227
a specific place designated by the issuing authority and listed 228
on the license. If a transfer of location becomes necessary, the 229
issuing authority may amend a license by substituting another 230
specific place for the one originally listed, and a copy of all 231
original, amended and renewed firearms dealer's licenses shall be 232
forwarded to the commissioner of state police within twenty-four 233
hours of issuance. The issuing authority may impose any 234
reasonable limitation or condition which he may deem necessary 235
and advisable for the safe and proper operation of the business, 236
and shall issue no firearms dealer's license until the applicant 237
is able to show that all firearms to be kept at his designated 238
establishment are protected by alarms and other security devices 239
to safeguard against possible theft. No sale of a firearm shall 241
be made except in the room or place described in the firearms 242
dealer's license, and such license or a copy thereof certified by 243
the authority issuing the same shall be exposed to view in such 244
place, and no sale of a firearm shall be consummated unless the 245
proposed purchaser holds a permit to purchase a firearm, a permit 246
to carry or possess a firearm or a firearms dealer's license, 247
issued to him, and in addition, is personally known to the vendor 248
of such firearm or is able to show convincing evidence of his 249
true name and identity. The firearms dealer shall fully record 251
all data relative to the identity of every purchaser and seller 252
of a firearm and of every firearm sold, including all data 253

relative to sales consummated under subsection (d) of this section, in books, forms and receipts, prescribed by the commissioner of state police, which shall be signed by the purchaser and the person making the sale, each in the presence of the other, and within twenty-four hours of the sale, two copies of the receipt shall be mailed to the commissioner of state police and one copy to the authority issuing the license for the sale of such firearm, and the originals of all prescribed forms and books shall be retained by the firearms dealer for at least six years unless otherwise prescribed by the commissioner of state police. Each firearms dealer shall keep a record of all firearms repaired including the name and address of each customer, and shall maintain a current accounting of his entire inventory of firearms whether kept for sale, resale, repair or any other reason, and shall include the date of receipt together with the name and address of the supplier whether it be an individual person or a wholesale source of supply, and shall allow the inspection of his records or place of business at any reasonable hour of the day or night by any law enforcement officer having jurisdiction within the municipality wherein such license is in effect. A firearms dealer's license shall be valid for five years and the issuing authority shall charge a fee of twenty dollars for every such license issued or renewed.

(c) Any person who buys, receives or accepts any firearm or ammunition for any firearm without first having obtained a permit to purchase a firearm, a permit to carry or possess a firearm or a firearms dealer's license shall for the first offense be fined not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than one year or both and for any second or subsequent offense, shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than ten years or both.

(d) Any person who does not have a firearms dealer's license and who wishes to sell a firearm or ammunition to another unlicensed person who holds a permit to purchase a firearm or a permit to carry or possess a firearm may do so only thorugh a

licensed Connecticut firearms dealer who shall be responsible for 287
the accurate recordation of required data and the prompt 288
submission of the correct forms to the proper authorities, and 289
for performing this service may charge a fee of not more than 290
three dollars for each such transaction. 291

(e) Upon written application, the chief of police of a 292
city, town or borough, or where there is no chief, the first 293
selectman of a town, may issue a permit to purchase a firearm and 294
ammunition to any suitable person having a bona fide residence 295
within the jurisdiction of such authority, and may impose any 296
necessary or reasonable restriction or limitation, and such 297
permit shall authorize the permittee to purchase firearms and 298
ammunition from or through any licensed Connecticut firearms 299
dealer in the legally prescribed manner. A permit to purchase a 301
firearm shall be valid for two years and the issuing authority 302
shall charge a fee of two dollars for every permit issued or 303
renewed, and shall immediately submit a copy of such permit to
the commissioner of state police. 304

(f) A permit to carry or possess a firearm may be used by 305
the person to whom it has been legally issued in lieu of a permit 306
to purchase firearms for the purpose of buying firearms or 307
ammunition.

Sec. 5. (a) "Machine gun," as used in this section, means 308
any firearm from which more than a single shot, bullet or 309
projectile can be successively and automatically discharged by a 310
single function of the firing device. 311

(b) Any person who uses or possesses a machine gun during 312
the commission of any crime shall be imprisoned not less than ten 314
years nor more than thirty years. 315

(c) Any person who owns, controls or possesses any machine 316
gun without registering the same with the commissioner of state 317
police, and re-registering the same every July first thereafter, 318
and any person who, after the effective date of this act, who 319
buys, receives or accepts any machine gun without first 320
registering the same with the commissioner of state police and 321

thereafter re-registering it every July first, and without first 322
obtaining a permit to carry or possess a firearm or a permit to 323
purchase a firearm, or any person who sells an unregistered 324
machine gun, shall be fined not more than two thousand dollars or 325
imprisoned not more than twenty years or both.

(d) Any person who has registered a machine gun with the 326
commissioner of state police shall own, control or possess such 328
weapon only within the confines of his own bona fide dwelling
house except while transporting it directly between his own 329
dwelling house and the establishment of a licensed Connecticut 330
firearms dealer in connection with a lawful purchase, sale or 331
repair. A licensed firearms dealer shall own, control or possess 333
a machine gun only at the place designated in his dealer's 335
license except when transporting it to another dealer or 336
wholesaler. Any person who violates any provision of this 337
subsection shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars or 338
imprisoned not more than one year or both. 339

(e) The commissioner of state police may register any 340
machine gun owned, controlled or possessed, or shortly to be 341
owned, controlled or possessed, by any person who has a permit to 343
purchase a firearm or a permit to carry a firearm unless such
person is less than twenty-one years of age or has ever been 344
convicted of a felony and may re-register the same every July 345
first thereafter, and for the re-registration or reregistration 346
of any machine gun shall charge a fee of ten dollars for each 347
such weapon. Before registering or re-registering any machine 348
gun or machine guns, the commissioner shall be satisfied that the 349
owner or possessor has installed protective security devices to 350
safeguard against possible theft. The commissioner may revoke 352
any registration of any owner or possessor of a machine gun who 353
has failed to maintain proper security measures or whose permit 354
to purchase a firearm or permit to carry a firearm has been
revoked. The owner or possessor of a machine gun whose 355
registration thereof has been revoked shall deliver such machine 356
guns to a licensed firearms dealer desiganted by the commissioner 357

of state police within forty-eight hours after receiving notice 358
of revocation or shall surrender it immediately to the 359
commissioner upon demand. After a ninety-day period, if the 360
registration has not been reinstated or if the owner has failed 361
to complete a sales agreement with any firearms dealer, the 362
dealer having possession may sell the machine gun as prescribed 363
by law, and deliver the proceeds to the original owner after
deducting reasonable expenses. Whenever the commissioner 365
registers or revokes the registration of any machine gun, he 366
shall immediately notify the policy authority in the town or city 367
in which the registrant resides.

(f) The provisions of this section shall not apply to 368
Connecticut corporations engaged in manufacturing firearms in 369
compliance with federal law and regulations, Connecticut 370
corporations under contract with the federal government who need 371
machine guns for the purpose of testing products being developed 372
for the armed forces of the United States, the state police 373
department, organized municipal police departments, or the 374
members or employees of any of these corporations or departments 375
while they are acting under the direct orders of supervisory
personnel, but such corporations and departments shall install 376
and maintain protective security measures to safeguard against 378
theft of their machine guns, and shall maintain an exact 379
inventory of all machine guns which they own, control or possess, 380
and, with the exception of firearms manufacturers, such 381
corporations and departments shall submit a copy of their current 382
inventory to the commissioner of state police upon the effective 383
date of this act and every July first thereafter. For the 385
violation of any provision of this subsection, the president of 386
the corporation, or the commissioner, chief or superintendent of
police, as the case may be, shall be fined not more than one 387
hundred dollars for each day such violation continues. 388

Sec. 6. For the purpose of standardization and expediency, 389
the commissioner of state police shall prescribe and provide all 390
forms required for, preliminary to, and involved in the 391

processing, recording, issuance, and renewal of any permit to carry a firearm any permit to purchase a firearm and any license to deal in firearms, and shall designate uniform methods and procedures for the processing, recording, issuance, renewal, revocation and reinstatement of such permits and licenses.

Sec. 7. "Firearm dealer," "firearms dealer's permit," "license to deal in firearms," "permit to carry a firearm," and "permit to purchase a firearm," when used in the general statutes, shall refer only to Connecticut dealers, licensees and permittees, unless the context clearly supports a contrary meaning.

Sec. 8. Any person who knowingly offers or gives false information concerning his name, address, date of birth, place of birth, citizenship status, occupation or criminal record, in purchasing or otherwise procuring a firearm, or in selling or delivering a firearm, or in making application for a permit to purchase a firearm, a permit to carry or possess a firearm or a license to deal in firearms, shall for the first offense be fined not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than one year or both, and for any second or subsequent offense, shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than ten years or both.

Sec. 9. Any person who knowingly allows the use of his permit to carry a firearm or his permit to purchase a firearm by another person for the purpose of transporting or purchasing a firearm shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than ten years or both, and such permit shall be forfeited.

Sec. 10. Any person who uses a permit to purchase a firearm or to carry or possess a firearm for the purpose of acquiring any firearm for use by another in violation of any law, or for the purpose of unlawful resale, or to give such weapon to a person not authorized by law to carry or possess such weapon, shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than ten years or both, and such permit shall be forfeited.

Sec. 11. (a) As used in this section "sawed-off shotgun" means any shotgun that has been cut or altered so that its overall length is less than twenty-six inches. (b) Any person who owns, controls or possesses any sawed-off shotgun or any silencer designed to muffle the noise of a firearm during discharge shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than ten years or both. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to organized police departments or members of such departments while on duty. (c) Any person who uses or possesses a sawed-off shotgun during the commission of a crime shall be imprisoned not less than ten years nor more than thirty years.

Sec. 12. Any person who steals any firearm shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than ten years or both, for each such firearm stolen.

Sec. 13. The term, "crime of violence," when used in this section means and includes any of the following crimes or an attempt to commit any of the same: Aggravated assault; armed robbery; arson; assault with intent to rob; breaking and entering with violence; burglary; extortion; kidnapping; larceny when committed while breaking and entering; mayhem; manslaughter; murder; rape; robbery; robbery with violence, and treason. Any person who has ever been convicted of a crime of violence and thereafter buys, receives, accepts, owns, controls or possesses any firearm shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than ten years or both.

Sec. 14. Unless a judge of a court of record directs otherwise, any firearm owned or possessed by any person who is convicted of a felony, or any firearm that is used or possessed during the commission of any felony, shall be automatically forfeited to the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction which finds or seizes such firearm, except when an innocent person can clearly establish ownership of such firearm. Any law enforcement agency acquiring any firearm under the provisions of this section shall immediately submit a full description of the weapon to the

commissioner of state police, and thereafter shall retain such 478
weapon for at least one year after which time it may be destroyed 479
or delivered to any other law enforcement agency that has need of 480
such weapon.

Sec. 15. Any person who alters, removes or obliterates the 482
name of any maker or model or any maker's number or serial number
or other mark of identification on any firearm shall be fined not 484
more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than ten 485
years or both. The possession of any firearm upon which any 486
identification mark, number or name has been altered, removed or 487
obliterated shall be prima facie evidence that the person owning 488
or in possession of such firearm has altered, removed or 489
obliterated the same.

Sec. 16. Any person who knowingly has, in any vehicle 490
owned, operated, or occupied by him, any weapon for which a 491
proper permit has not been issued as provided in section 3 or 5 492
of this act or section 53-206, or has not registered such weapon 493
as required by section 5 of this act, as the case may be, shall 494
be fined not more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned not 495
more than ten years or both, and the presence of any such weapon 496
in any vehicle shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of 497
this section by the owner, operator and each occupant thereof. 499
The word "weapon," as used in this section, means any firearm, 500
any machine gun, any dirk knife or switch knife or any knife 503
having an automatic spring release device by which a blade is 504
released from the handle, having a blade of over one and one-half 506
inches in length, and any other dangerous or deadly weapon or 507
instrument, including any slung shot, black jack, sand bag, metal 508
or brass knuckles, or stiletto or any knife, the edged portion of 509
the blade of which is four inches or over in length. 510

Sec. 17. Section 26-35 of the general statutes is repealed 511
and the following is substituted in lieu thereof: Each license to 513
hunt, to hunt and trap or to sport fish, or the combination 514
thereof, shall expire December thirty-first next following the
date of issue and, shall not be transferable. No person shall 516

change or alter such a license or loan to another or permit 517
another to have or use such license issued to himself or use any 518
license issued to another. All licenses shall be carried in a 520
holder provided by the board and shall be displayed by the 521
licensee in such place on the outer clothing as is designated by 522
the board at all times when such licensee is hunting, trapping or 523
sport fishing and shall be produced for examination upon demand 524
of any member of the board, the director or any conservation
officer or any other officer authorized to make arrests or the 525
owner or lessee or the agent of any owner or lessee of any land 526
or water upon which such licensed person may be found. Each 528
person receiving a license to hunt or to hunt and trap shall make 529
an annual report to the board in such form and at such time as 530
may be required by the board showing the numbers and kinds of 531
birds and quadrupeds killed or trapped. A hunting license or a 532
hunting and trapping license shall not authorize the carrying or 533
possession of a [pistol or revolver] FIREARM. 534

Sec. 18. Section 27-35 of the general statutes is repealed 535
and the following is substituted in lieu thereof: The rifle 537
ranges under control of the military department of the state and 538
those of rifle or gun clubs or of members of rifle or gun clubs
who are affiliated with the national rifle association of 539
America, which are conducted under rules prescribed by the 540
national board for the promotion of rifle practice, may be used 541
on Sunday for the purpose of practicing rifle and shot gun 542
shooting, [and the members of such clubs and the organized 543
military forces of the state may carry rifles, rifled firearms
and shot guns, with ammunition, to and from such ranges on said 544
day].

Sec. 19. Subsection (b) of section 29-32b of the 1969 545
supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following 546
is substituted in lieu thereof: Any person aggrieved by any 547
refusal to issue or renew a permit under the provisions of 548
section [29-28] 3 OF THIS ACT or section 53-206, or by any 549
limitation or revocation of a permit issued under either of said 550

sections, or by a refusal or failure of any issuing authoirty to 551
furnish an application as provided in section [29-28a] 3 OF THIS 552
ACT or section 53-206a, and without prejudice to any other course 553
of action open to him in law or in equity, appeal to the board. 554
On such appeal the board shall inquire into and determine the 555
facts, de novo, and unless it finds that such a refusal, 556
limitation or revocation, or such refusal or failure to supply an 558
application, as the case may be, would be for just and proper
cause, it shall order such permit to be issued, renewed or 559
restored, or the limitation removed or modified, as the case may 561
be.

Sec. 20. Subsection (f) of section 29-32b is repealed and 563
the following is substituted in lieu thereof: Any person 564
aggrieved by the decision of the board may, within thirty days of 565
notice of the decision being received, appeal to the court of 566
common pleas for the county in which he resides, or in which he 567
has his place of business. On such appeal the court shall 568
inquire into and determine the facts and unless it finds that 569
such a refusal, revocation or limitation of a permit under the 570
provisions of section [29-28] 3 OF THIS ACT or section 53-206, or 571
that a refusal to supply an application as provided in section 572
[29-28a] 3 OF THIS ACT or section 53-206a, is for a just and 573
proper cause, it shall order such permit to be issued, renewed or 574
restored as the case may be. 575

Sec. 21. Sections 29-28, 29-27 to 29-32, inclusive, 29-34, 578
29-36 to 29-39, inclusive, and 53-302 of the general statutes and 580
sections 29-28a, 29-33 and 29-35 of the 1969 supplement thereto 582
are repealed.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To provide for the regulations of all 585
firearms by issuing licenses to possess, purchase, carry or deal 586
in firearms or ammunition.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets and proposed 588
additions are all capitalized, or underlined where appropriate.] 590