

# SENATE BILL No. 49

January 16, 2013, Introduced by Senators CASPERSON and WALKER and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend 1927 PA 372, entitled

"An act to regulate and license the selling, purchasing, possessing, and carrying of certain firearms, gas ejecting devices, and electro-muscular disruption devices; to prohibit the buying, selling, or carrying of certain firearms, gas ejecting devices, and electro-muscular disruption devices without a license or other authorization; to provide for the forfeiture of firearms and electro-muscular disruption devices under certain circumstances; to provide for penalties and remedies; to provide immunity from civil liability under certain circumstances; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies; to prohibit certain conduct against individuals who apply for or receive a license to carry a concealed pistol; to make appropriations; to prescribe certain conditions for the appropriations; and to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act,"

by amending sections 2 and 2a (MCL 28.422 and 28.422a), as amended by 2012 PA 377.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 2. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this act, a person  
2 shall not purchase, carry, possess, or transport a pistol in this

1 state without first having obtained a license for the pistol as  
2 prescribed in this section.

3 (2) A person who brings a pistol into this state who is on  
4 leave from active duty with the armed forces of the United States  
5 or who has been discharged from active duty with the armed forces  
6 of the United States shall obtain a license for the pistol within  
7 30 days after his or her arrival in this state.

8 (3) The commissioner or chief of police of a city, township,  
9 or village police department that issues licenses to purchase,  
10 carry, possess, or transport pistols, or his or her duly authorized  
11 deputy, or the sheriff or his or her duly authorized deputy, in the  
12 parts of a county not included within a city, township, or village  
13 having an organized police department, in discharging the duty to  
14 issue licenses shall with due speed and diligence issue licenses to  
15 purchase, carry, possess, or transport pistols to qualified  
16 applicants unless he or she has probable cause to believe that the  
17 applicant would be a threat to himself or herself or to other  
18 individuals, or would commit an offense with the pistol that would  
19 violate a law of this or another state or of the United States. An  
20 applicant is qualified if all of the following circumstances exist:

21 (a) The person is not subject to an order or disposition for  
22 which he or she has received notice and an opportunity for a  
23 hearing, and which was entered into the law enforcement information  
24 network under any of the following:

25 (i) Section 464a of the mental health code, 1974 PA 258, MCL  
26 330.1464a.

27 (ii) Section 5107 of the estates and protected individuals

1 code, 1998 PA 386, MCL 700.5107, or section 444a of former 1978 PA  
2 642.

3 (iii) Section 2950 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961  
4 PA 236, MCL 600.2950.

5 (iv) Section 2950a of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961  
6 PA 236, MCL 600.2950a.

7 (v) Section 14 of 1846 RS 84, MCL 552.14.

8 (vi) Section 6b of chapter V of the code of criminal procedure,  
9 1927 PA 175, MCL 765.6b, if the order has a condition imposed under  
10 section 6b(3) of chapter V of the code of criminal procedure, 1927  
11 PA 175, MCL 765.6b.

12 (vii) Section 16b of chapter IX of the code of criminal  
13 procedure, 1927 PA 175, MCL 769.16b.

14 (b) The person is 18 years of age or older or, if the seller  
15 is licensed under 18 USC 923, is 21 years of age or older.

16 (c) The person is a citizen of the United States or an alien  
17 lawfully admitted into the United States and is a legal resident of  
18 this state. For the purposes of this section, a person ~~shall be~~ IS  
19 considered a legal resident of this state if any of the following  
20 apply:

21 (i) The person has a valid, lawfully obtained Michigan driver  
22 license issued under the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL  
23 257.1 to 257.923, or an official state personal identification card  
24 issued under 1972 PA 222, MCL 28.291 to 28.300.

25 (ii) The person is lawfully registered to vote in this state.

26 (iii) The person is on active duty status with the United States  
27 armed forces and is stationed outside of this state, but the

1 person's home of record is in this state.

2 (iv) The person is on active duty status with the United States  
3 armed forces and is permanently stationed in this state, but the  
4 person's home of record is in another state.

5 (d) A felony charge or a criminal charge listed in section 5b  
6 against the person is not pending at the time of application.

7 (e) The person is not prohibited from possessing, using,  
8 transporting, selling, purchasing, carrying, shipping, receiving,  
9 or distributing a firearm under section 224f of the Michigan penal  
10 code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.224f.

11 (f) The person has not been adjudged insane in this state or  
12 elsewhere unless he or she has been adjudged restored to sanity by  
13 court order.

14 (g) The person is not under an order of involuntary commitment  
15 in an inpatient or outpatient setting due to mental illness.

16 (h) The person has not been adjudged legally incapacitated in  
17 this state or elsewhere. This subdivision does not apply to a  
18 person who has had his or her legal capacity restored by order of  
19 the court.

20 (4) Applications for licenses under this section shall be  
21 signed by the applicant under oath upon forms provided by the  
22 director of the department of state police. Licenses to purchase,  
23 carry, possess, or transport pistols shall be executed in  
24 triplicate upon forms provided by the director of the department of  
25 state police and shall be signed by the licensing authority. Three  
26 copies of the license shall be delivered to the applicant by the  
27 licensing authority. A license is void unless used within 30 days

1 after the date it is issued. **INFORMATION RECEIVED UNDER THIS**  
2 **SUBSECTION IS CONFIDENTIAL, IS NOT SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE UNDER THE**  
3 **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 TO 15.246, AND**  
4 **SHALL NOT BE DISCLOSED TO ANY PERSON EXCEPT FOR PURPOSES OF THIS**  
5 **ACT OR LAW ENFORCEMENT PURPOSES.**

6 (5) If an individual purchases or otherwise acquires a pistol,  
7 the seller shall fill out the license forms describing the pistol,  
8 together with the date of sale or acquisition, and sign his or her  
9 name in ink indicating that the pistol was sold to or otherwise  
10 acquired by the purchaser. The purchaser shall also sign his or her  
11 name in ink indicating the purchase or other acquisition of the  
12 pistol from the seller. The seller may retain a copy of the license  
13 as a record of the transaction. The purchaser shall receive 2  
14 copies of the license. The purchaser shall return 1 copy of the  
15 license to the licensing authority within 10 days after the date  
16 the pistol is purchased or acquired. The return of the copy to the  
17 licensing authority may be made in person or may be made by first-  
18 class mail or certified mail sent within the 10-day period to the  
19 proper address of the licensing authority. **INFORMATION RECEIVED**  
20 **UNDER THIS SUBSECTION IS CONFIDENTIAL, IS NOT SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE**  
21 **UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 TO**  
22 **15.246, AND SHALL NOT BE DISCLOSED TO ANY PERSON EXCEPT FOR**  
23 **PURPOSES OF THIS ACT OR LAW ENFORCEMENT PURPOSES.** A purchaser who  
24 fails to comply with the requirements of this subsection is  
25 responsible for a state civil infraction and may be fined not more  
26 than \$250.00. If a purchaser is found responsible for a state civil  
27 infraction under this subsection, the court shall notify the

1 department of state police of that determination.

2 (6) Within 10 days after receiving the license copy returned  
3 under subsection (5), the licensing authority shall electronically  
4 enter the information into the pistol entry database as required by  
5 the department of state police if it has the ability to  
6 electronically enter that information. If the licensing authority  
7 does not have that ability, the licensing authority shall provide  
8 that information to the department of state police in a manner  
9 otherwise required by the department of state police. Any licensing  
10 authority that provided pistol descriptions to the department of  
11 state police under former section 9 of this act shall continue to  
12 provide pistol descriptions to the department of state police under  
13 this subsection. Within 48 hours after entering or otherwise  
14 providing the information on the license copy returned under  
15 subsection (5) to the department of state police, the licensing  
16 authority shall forward the copy of the license to the department  
17 of state police. The purchaser has the right to obtain a copy of  
18 the information placed in the pistol entry database under this  
19 subsection to verify the accuracy of that information. The  
20 licensing authority may charge a fee not to exceed \$1.00 for the  
21 cost of providing the copy. The licensee may carry, use, possess,  
22 and transport the pistol for 30 days beginning on the date of  
23 purchase or acquisition only while he or she is in possession of  
24 his or her copy of the license. However, the person is not required  
25 to have the license in his or her possession while carrying, using,  
26 possessing, or transporting the pistol after this period.

27 **INFORMATION RECEIVED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION AND INFORMATION IN THE**

1 PISTOL ENTRY DATABASE IS CONFIDENTIAL, IS NOT SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE  
2 UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 TO  
3 15.246, AND SHALL NOT BE DISCLOSED TO ANY PERSON EXCEPT FOR  
4 PURPOSES OF THIS ACT OR LAW ENFORCEMENT PURPOSES.

5 (7) This section does not apply to the purchase of pistols  
6 from wholesalers by dealers regularly engaged in the business of  
7 selling pistols at retail, or to the sale, barter, or exchange of  
8 pistols kept as relics or curios not made for modern ammunition or  
9 permanently deactivated. This section does not prevent the transfer  
10 of ownership of pistols that are inherited if the license to  
11 purchase is approved by the commissioner or chief of police,  
12 sheriff, or their authorized deputies, and signed by the personal  
13 representative of the estate or by the next of kin having authority  
14 to dispose of the pistol.

15 (8) An individual who is not a resident of this state is not  
16 required to obtain a license under this section if all of the  
17 following conditions apply:

18 (a) The individual is licensed in his or her state of  
19 residence to purchase, carry, or transport a pistol.

20 (b) The individual is in possession of the license described  
21 in subdivision (a).

22 (c) The individual is the owner of the pistol he or she  
23 possesses, carries, or transports.

24 (d) The individual possesses the pistol for a lawful purpose  
25 as that term is defined in section 231a of the Michigan penal code,  
26 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.231a.

27 (e) The individual is in this state for a period of 180 days

1 or less and does not intend to establish residency in this state.

2 (9) An individual who is a nonresident of this state shall  
3 present the license described in subsection (8)(a) upon the demand  
4 of a police officer. An individual who violates this subsection is  
5 guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more  
6 than 90 days or a fine of not more than \$100.00, or both.

7 (10) The licensing authority may require a person claiming  
8 active duty status with the United States armed forces to provide  
9 proof of 1 or both of the following:

10 (a) The person's home of record.

11 (b) Permanent active duty assignment in this state.

12 (11) This section does not apply to a person who is younger  
13 than the age required under subsection (3)(b) and who possesses a  
14 pistol if all of the following conditions apply:

15 (a) The person is not otherwise prohibited from possessing  
16 that pistol.

17 (b) The person is at a recognized target range.

18 (c) The person possesses the pistol for the purpose of target  
19 practice or instruction in the safe use of a pistol.

20 (d) The person's parent or guardian is physically present and  
21 supervising the person.

22 (e) The owner of the pistol is physically present.

23 (12) This section does not apply to a person who possesses a  
24 pistol if all of the following conditions apply:

25 (a) The person is not otherwise prohibited from possessing a  
26 pistol.

27 (b) The person is at a recognized target range or shooting



1 facility.

2 (c) The person possesses the pistol for the purpose of target  
3 practice or instruction in the safe use of a pistol.

4 (d) The owner of the pistol is physically present and  
5 supervising the use of the pistol.

6 (13) A person who forges any matter on an application for a  
7 license under this section is guilty of a felony, punishable by  
8 imprisonment for not more than 4 years or a fine of not more than  
9 \$2,000.00, or both.

10 (14) A licensing authority shall implement this section during  
11 all of the licensing authority's normal business hours and shall  
12 set hours for implementation that allow an applicant to use the  
13 license within the time period set forth in subsection (4).

14 Sec. 2a. (1) The following individuals are not required to  
15 obtain a license under section 2 to purchase, carry, possess, use,  
16 or transport a pistol:

17 (a) An individual licensed under section 5b.

18 (b) A federally licensed firearms dealer.

19 (c) An individual who purchases a pistol from a federally  
20 licensed firearms dealer in compliance with 18 USC 922(t).

21 (2) If an individual described in subsection (1) purchases or  
22 otherwise acquires a pistol, the seller shall complete a record in  
23 triplicate on a form provided by the department of state police.  
24 The record shall include the purchaser's concealed weapon license  
25 number or, if the purchaser is a federally licensed firearms  
26 dealer, his or her dealer license number. If the purchaser is not  
27 licensed under section 5b and is not a federally licensed firearms

1 dealer, the record shall include the dealer license number of the  
2 federally licensed firearms dealer who is selling the pistol. The  
3 purchaser shall sign the record. The seller may retain 1 copy of  
4 the record. The purchaser shall receive 2 copies of the record and  
5 forward 1 copy to the police department of the city, village, or  
6 township in which the purchaser resides, or, if the purchaser does  
7 not reside in a city, village, or township having a police  
8 department, to the county sheriff, within 10 days following the  
9 purchase or acquisition. The return of the copy to the police  
10 department or county sheriff may be made in person or may be made  
11 by first-class mail or certified mail sent within the 10-day period  
12 to the proper address of the police department or county sheriff.

13 **INFORMATION RECEIVED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION IS CONFIDENTIAL, IS NOT**  
14 **SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, 1976 PA**  
15 **442, MCL 15.231 TO 15.246, AND SHALL NOT BE DISCLOSED TO ANY PERSON**  
16 **EXCEPT FOR PURPOSES OF THIS ACT OR LAW ENFORCEMENT PURPOSES. A**  
17 purchaser who fails to comply with the requirements of this  
18 subsection is responsible for a state civil infraction and may be  
19 fined not more than \$250.00. If a purchaser is found responsible  
20 for a state civil infraction under this subsection, the court shall  
21 notify the department of state police. If the purchaser is licensed  
22 under section 5b, the court shall notify the licensing authority of  
23 that determination.

24 (3) Within 10 days after receiving the record copy returned  
25 under subsection (2), the police department or county sheriff shall  
26 electronically enter the information into the pistol entry database  
27 as required by the department of state police if it has the ability

1 to electronically enter that information. If the police department  
2 or county sheriff does not have that ability, the police department  
3 or county sheriff shall provide that information to the department  
4 of state police in a manner otherwise required by the department of  
5 state police. Any police department or county sheriff that provided  
6 pistol descriptions to the department of state police under former  
7 section 9 of this act shall continue to provide pistol descriptions  
8 to the department of state police under this subsection. Within 48  
9 hours after entering or otherwise providing the information on the  
10 record copy returned under subsection (2) to the department of  
11 state police, the police department or county sheriff shall forward  
12 the copy of the record to the department of state police. The  
13 purchaser has the right to obtain a copy of the information placed  
14 in the pistol entry database under this subsection to verify the  
15 accuracy of that information. The police department or county  
16 sheriff may charge a fee not to exceed \$1.00 for the cost of  
17 providing the copy. The purchaser may carry, use, possess, and  
18 transport the pistol for 30 days beginning on the date of purchase  
19 or acquisition only while he or she is in possession of his or her  
20 copy of the record. However, the person is not required to have the  
21 record in his or her possession while carrying, using, possessing,  
22 or transporting the pistol after this period. **INFORMATION RECEIVED**  
23 **UNDER THIS SUBSECTION AND INFORMATION IN THE PISTOL ENTRY DATABASE**  
24 **IS CONFIDENTIAL, IS NOT SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE UNDER THE FREEDOM OF**  
25 **INFORMATION ACT, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 TO 15.246, AND SHALL NOT**  
26 **BE DISCLOSED TO ANY PERSON EXCEPT FOR PURPOSES OF THIS ACT OR LAW**  
27 **ENFORCEMENT PURPOSES.**

1           (4) This section does not apply to a person or entity exempt  
2 under section 2(7).

3           (5) An individual who makes a material false statement on a  
4 sales record under this section is guilty of a felony punishable by  
5 imprisonment for not more than 4 years or a fine of not more than  
6 \$2,500.00, or both.

7           (6) The department of state police may promulgate rules to  
8 implement this section.

9           (7) As used in this section, "federally licensed firearms  
10 dealer" means an individual who holds a type 01 dealer license  
11 under 18 USC 923.