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Substitute House Bill No. 5263

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The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through REP. DARGAN of the 115th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING RENEWAL BY MAIL OF A STATE PERMIT TO CARRY A PISTOL OR REVOLVER.

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

1 Section 1. Section 29-30 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

3 (a) The fee for each permit originally issued under the provisions of
4 subsection (a) of section 29-28 for the sale at retail of pistols and
5 revolvers shall be two hundred dollars and for each renewal [thereof]
6 of such permit two hundred dollars. The fee for each state permit
7 originally issued under the provisions of subsection (b) of section 29-28
8 for the carrying of pistols and revolvers shall be one hundred forty
9 dollars plus sufficient funds as required to be transmitted to the
10 Federal Bureau of Investigation to cover the cost of a national criminal
11 history records check. The local authority shall forward sufficient
12 funds for the national criminal history records check to the
13 commissioner no later than five business days after receipt by the local

14 authority of the application for the temporary state permit. Seventy
15 dollars shall be retained by the local authority. Upon approval by the
16 local authority of the application for a temporary state permit, seventy
17 dollars shall be sent to the commissioner. The fee to renew each state
18 permit originally issued under the provisions of subsection (b) of
19 section 29-28 shall be seventy dollars. Upon deposit of such fees in the
20 General Fund, ten dollars of each fee shall be credited within thirty
21 days to the appropriation for the Department of Public Safety to a
22 separate nonlapsing account for the purposes of the issuance of
23 permits under subsections (a) and (b) of section 29-28.

24 (b) A local permit originally issued before October 1, 2001, whether
25 for the sale at retail of pistols and revolvers or for the carrying of
26 pistols and revolvers, shall expire five years after the date it becomes
27 effective and each renewal [thereof] of such permit shall expire five
28 years after the expiration date of the permit being renewed. On and
29 after October 1, 2001, no local permit for the carrying of pistols and
30 revolvers shall be renewed.

31 (c) A state permit originally issued under the provisions of section
32 29-28 for the carrying of pistols and revolvers shall expire five years
33 after the date such permit becomes effective and each renewal [thereof]
34 of such permit shall expire five years after the expiration date of the
35 state permit being renewed and such renewal shall not be contingent
36 on the renewal or issuance of a local permit. A temporary state permit
37 issued for the carrying of pistols and revolvers shall expire sixty days
38 after the date it becomes effective, and may not be renewed.

39 (d) The renewal fee required pursuant to subsection (a) of this
40 section shall apply for each renewal which is requested not earlier than
41 thirty-one days before, and not later than thirty-one days after, the
42 expiration date of the state permit being renewed.

43 (e) No fee or portion [thereof] of any fee paid under the provisions
44 of this section for issuance or renewal of a state permit shall be
45 refundable except if such permit for which the fee or portion [thereof]
46 was paid was not issued or renewed. The portion of the fee expended

47 on the national criminal history records check for any such permit that
48 was not issued or renewed shall not be refunded.

49 (f) The issuing authority shall send a notice of the expiration of a
50 state permit to carry a pistol or revolver, issued pursuant to section 29-
51 28, to the holder of such permit, by first class mail, not less than ninety
52 days before such expiration, and shall enclose with such notice a form
53 for the renewal of said state permit. The holder of such permit may
54 mail the form for renewal to the issuing authority and the issuing
55 authority shall accept such form as a valid application for renewal,
56 provided the holder (1) completed the form according to instructions
57 provided by the Department of Public Safety, (2) enclosed the
58 appropriate fee to renew, in accordance with subsection (a) of this
59 section, (3) enclosed a copy of proof of citizenship or legal residency of
60 the holder, (4) enclosed a photograph of the holder that is either
61 notarized or date stamped, and (5) is otherwise eligible for such permit
62 pursuant to section 29-28. A state permit to carry a pistol or revolver,
63 issued pursuant to section 29-28, shall be valid for a period of ninety
64 days after the expiration date, except this provision shall not apply to
65 any state permit to carry a pistol or revolver which has been revoked
66 or for which revocation is pending, pursuant to section 29-32.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2011	29-30

PS *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill would result in no fiscal impact by allowing pistol permit renewals by mail. Changing the method by which permit holders submit their renewal applications is not anticipated to change the administrative process.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 5263*****AN ACT AUTHORIZING RENEWAL BY MAIL OF A STATE PERMIT TO CARRY A PISTOL OR REVOLVER.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill allows people to renew their gun permit by mail, thereby conforming the law to current State Police practice for renewing gun permits for out-of-state residents. Under current State Police practice, in-state permittees must personally appear at one of the Department of Public Safety (DPS) gun permitting locations to renew their permit.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2011

GUN PERMIT RENEWAL

By law, with minor exceptions, anyone carrying a handgun (pistol or revolver) in Connecticut must have a valid gun permit, which is renewable every five years for \$70.

By law, permit renewal applications must be made on a DPS form. Under the bill, the State Police must accept this form, when sent by mail, as a valid renewal application, if five criteria are met: the holder (1) completed the form according to DPS instructions, (2) enclosed the renewal fee, (3) enclosed a copy of proof of citizenship or legal residency, (4) enclosed either a notarized or date-stamped photograph of himself or herself, and (5) is otherwise eligible for the permit.

BACKGROUND***Eligibility for Permit***

The following people are ineligible for a gun permit—illegal aliens, anyone under age 21, and anyone:

1. discharged from custody in the preceding 20 years after a finding of not guilty of a crime by reason of mental disease or defect;
2. confined by the probate court to a mental hospital in the 12 months before applying for a permit;
3. convicted of a serious juvenile offense;
4. subject to a firearm seizure order issued after notice and a hearing;
5. prohibited under federal law from possessing or shipping firearms because he or she was adjudicated as a mental defective or committed to a mental institution (except in cases where the U.S. Treasury Department grants relief from this disability);
6. under a protective or restraining order for using or threatening to use force and, in the case of possession, he or she knows about the order and, if the order was issued in-state, he or she was notified and given a hearing opportunity; or
7. convicted of any felony or specified misdemeanors.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 24 Nay 0 (03/08/2011)