



House of Representatives

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House Bill No. 5246

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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 bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PERMIT TO SELL PISTOLS OR REVOLVERS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 29-31 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2012*):

3 No sale of any pistol or revolver shall be made except in the room,
4 store or place described in the permit for the sale of pistols and
5 revolvers, and such permit or a copy thereof certified by the authority
6 issuing the same shall be exposed to view within the room, store or
7 place where pistols or revolvers are sold or offered or exposed for sale,
8 [~~and no~~] The premises of any meeting or exhibition of an organized
9 collectors' group or any gun show, as defined in section 29-37g, shall
10 be deemed an extension of the room, store or place described in the
11 permit. No sale or delivery of any pistol or revolver shall be made
12 unless the purchaser or person to whom the same is to be delivered is
13 personally known to the vendor of such pistol or revolver or the
14 person making delivery thereof or unless the person making such

15 purchase or to whom delivery thereof is to be made provides evidence
 16 of his or her identity. The vendor of any pistol or revolver shall keep a
 17 record of each pistol or revolver sold in a book kept for that purpose,
 18 which record shall be in such form as is prescribed by the
 19 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection and shall
 20 include the date of the sale, the caliber, make, model and
 21 manufacturer's number of such pistol or revolver and the name,
 22 address and occupation of the purchaser thereof, and shall be signed
 23 by the purchaser and by the person making the sale, each in the
 24 presence of the other, and shall be preserved by the vendor of such
 25 pistol or revolver for at least six years.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2012	29-31

PS *Joint Favorable*

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***

There is no state or municipal fiscal impact anticipated for allowing gun dealers to conduct handgun transactions at gun shows.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 5246*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE PERMIT TO SELL PISTOLS OR REVOLVERS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill allows a gun dealer to conduct handgun transactions at gun shows under his or her gun dealer permit, thereby generally conforming state law to federal law. Current state law limits where gun dealers may buy and sell handguns to the room, store, or place described in the gun dealer permit (usually a business premises) which, in practice, means the dealer must get a separate permit for a gun show from the permit-issuing authority in the host town. The current permit fee is \$200 (CGS § 29-30(a)).

The bill applies to any meeting or exhibition of an organized gun collectors' group or gun show. The laws governing handgun transactions at gun shows are the same as apply to transactions at a dealer's business place.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2012

BACKGROUND***Federal Regulation***

Federal law allows gun dealers to temporarily conduct business under their federal firearm license at gun shows or events sponsored by a state, national, or local organization or any affiliate of the organization devoted to the collection, competitive use, or other sporting use of firearms in the community (18 USC § 923(j)).

Gun Shows

State law defines a "gun show" as an event involving at least two people offering at least 50 or more firearms for public exhibit, sale,

transfer, or exchange (CGS § 29-37g).

Permit-Issuing Authority

By law, anyone who sells 10 or more handguns in a calendar year or is a federally licensed gun dealer selling handguns must have a local permit. The permit is issued by the chief of police, borough warden, or first selectman, as applicable (CGS §§ 29-28 (a)).

Related Bill

SB 46, reported favorably by the Public Safety and Security Committee on March 15, requires gun show promoters to notify the DESPP commissioner when they plan to hold a gun show.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 23 Nay 0 (03/15/2012)