



Senate

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Senate Bill No. 196

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The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through SEN. HARTLEY of the 15th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECORDING OF PISTOL AND REVOLVER SALES IN A BOUND BOOK.

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 Section 29-31 of the general statutes is repealed and the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~~] No sale or delivery of any pistol or revolver shall be made
9 unless the purchaser or person to whom the same is to be delivered is
10 personally known to the vendor of such pistol or revolver or the
11 person making delivery thereof or unless the person making such
12 purchase or to whom delivery thereof is to be made provides evidence
13 of his or her identity. The vendor of any pistol or revolver shall keep a
14 record of each pistol or revolver sold in a book kept for that purpose,

15 which record shall be in such form as is prescribed by [the
 16 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection and shall
 17 include the date of the sale, the caliber, make, model and
 18 manufacturer's number of such pistol or revolver and the name,
 19 address and occupation of the purchaser thereof, and shall be signed
 20 by the purchaser and by the person making the sale, each in the
 21 presence of the other, and shall be preserved by the vendor of such
 22 pistol or revolver for at least six years] 27 CFR 478.125. The vendor of
 23 any pistol or revolver shall make such record available for inspection
 24 upon the request of any sworn member of the Division of State Police
 25 within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection or
 26 any investigator assigned to the state-wide firearms trafficking task
 27 force established under section 29-38e.

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 associated with removing the requirement that firearm vendors maintain a record of all pistol and revolver sales in the form prescribed by the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection. Firearm vendors already maintain a similar, but separate record pursuant to federal regulations.

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

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 196*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECORDING OF PISTOL AND REVOLVER SALES IN A BOUND BOOK.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires gun dealers to (1) keep their handgun sale records in a form prescribed by federal law, rather than by the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) commissioner, and (2) make the records available for inspection at the request of any sworn state police officer or investigator on the State-wide Firearms Trafficking Task Force. Current law does not specify who has access to the records; but, in practice, they are available to local and state police and other law enforcement officials.

By law, the penalty for failing to maintain the records as required is a fine of up to \$500, imprisonment for up to three years, or both. The bill extends the penalty to failure to grant law enforcement officials access to the records.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2012

RECORDKEEPING SYSTEM FOR GUN TRANSACTIONS

Under current state law, a gun dealer must record handgun (pistols or revolvers) sales in a book kept solely for that purpose. The record must be in a form the DESPP commissioner prescribes and include (1) the date the firearm is sold; (2) its caliber, make, model, and serial number; and (3) the buyer's name, address, and occupation. Both the dealer and buyer must sign the record in each other's presence, and the dealer must preserve it for at least six years.

The bill requires the dealers to keep their records in a form

prescribed by federal law, which requires them to keep a bound book with firearm receipt and sales data for inspection by federal law enforcement officers. With the exception of the buyer's occupation, federal law generally requires the same data as state law. It requires the dealers to keep the record for 20 years.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 21 Nay 0 (03/01/2012)