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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 12-177—HB 5550

Judiciary Committee

**AN ACT PROVIDING FEDERAL PROBATION OFFICERS WITH
ACCESS TO FIREARM DATA REGARDING PROBATIONERS**

SUMMARY: This act allows U.S. Probation Office employees performing their duties to access the names and addresses of people issued (1) permits for the retail sale of handguns (pistols or revolvers), (2) state or temporary state permits to carry a handgun, (3) eligibility certificates to possess a handgun, and (4) certificates for possession of an assault weapon.

Existing law already allows disclosure of this information to (1) law enforcement officials performing their duties, (2) a person selling a handgun when necessary to verify that a permit or eligibility certificate is valid, and (3) the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services when related to someone subject to a commitment order for psychiatric disabilities.

With exceptions, existing law requires a permit to carry or sell at retail, and an eligibility certificate to possess, handguns. With minor exceptions, possession of assault weapons is generally banned.

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