



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 710

LCO No. 4081



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:
(PS)

AN ACT CONCERNING PERMITS FOR GUN SHOWS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 29-37g of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):

3 (a) For the purposes of this section, (1) "gun show" means any event
4 (A) at which fifty or more firearms are offered or exhibited for sale,
5 transfer or exchange to the public and (B) at which two or more
6 persons are exhibiting one or more firearms for sale, transfer or
7 exchange to the public; [and] (2) "gun show promoter" means any
8 person who organizes, plans, promotes or operates a gun show; and
9 (3) "local authority" means the chief of police or, where there is no chief
10 of police, the warden of the borough or the first selectman of the town.

11 (b) Not later than [thirty] sixty days before commencement of a gun
12 show, the gun show promoter shall [notify the chief of police or, where
13 there is no chief of police, the warden of the borough or the first
14 selectman of the town in which the gun show is to take place of the]
15 apply to the local authority of the city, town or borough in which the
16 gun show is to take place for a gun show permit. Such application shall

17 be in the form and manner prescribed by the local authority and shall
 18 include the proposed date, time, duration and location of the gun
 19 show and any information the local authority deems necessary to
 20 determine the applicant's suitability to be a gun show promoter. The
 21 local authority may issue a gun show permit to any applicant he or she
 22 determines is suitable to be a gun show promoter. If the local authority
 23 determines that the applicant is not suitable to be a gun show
 24 promoter, he or she shall notify the applicant of such decision in
 25 writing not later than thirty days after receiving the application. No
 26 person shall operate a gun show without first obtaining a gun show
 27 permit from the local authority of the city, town or borough in which
 28 the gun show is to take place. Any gun show permit issued pursuant
 29 to this subsection shall be valid only for the gun show for which it is
 30 issued.

31 (c) No person, firm or corporation shall sell, deliver or otherwise
 32 transfer a firearm at a gun show until such person, firm or corporation
 33 has complied with the provisions of section 29-36l.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | October 1, 2013 | 29-37g |

Statement of Purpose:

To require the local authority of the town in which a gun show is to take place to issue a permit for such gun show.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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