



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 780

LCO No. 1210

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
SEN. LOONEY, 11th Dist.

AN ACT CONCERNING SUITABILITY FOR A PISTOL OR REVOLVER PERMIT.

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

1 That the general statutes be amended to (1) define the terms
2 "suitable person" and "suitability" in sections 29-28 and 29-29 of the
3 general statutes with respect to pistol and revolver permits; and (2)
4 amend section 29-29 of the general statutes to (A) give local authorities
5 twelve weeks to render a decision on an application for a pistol or
6 revolver, (B) allow local authorities to require applicants for a pistol or
7 revolver permit to consent to the release of any documents or evidence
8 the authority reasonably believes will assist in the determination of the
9 applicant's suitability for a permit, and (C) establish that in
10 determining suitability, the issuing authority may consider factors
11 including, but not limited to, psychiatric disabilities, acts deemed to be
12 attempted suicide or other harm to self, participation or alleged
13 participation in the commission of any crime involving violence or the
14 use of any firearm, arrests or convictions or other involvement in the
15 use or distribution of any controlled substance, criminal convictions
16 and criminal arrests, association with persons not eligible to obtain a
17 pistol or revolver permit, military service record, incidents of

18 workplace violence, protective or restraining orders or foreign orders
19 of protection issued against the applicant, allegations of or conviction
20 for cruelty to animals, and any other factors the issuing authority
21 reasonably believes contributes to the applicant's suitability to possess
22 a firearm.

Statement of Purpose:

To establish statutory standards for determining suitability for a pistol or revolver permit, and allow local authorities additional time to consider permit applications.