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AN ACT relating to concealed firearms; revising provisions concerning permits to carry concealed semiautomatic firearms; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law provides that a qualified applicant for a permit to carry a concealed firearm may obtain a permit for revolvers, for one or more specific semiautomatic firearms, or for revolvers and one or more specific semiautomatic firearms. (NRS 202.3657) If the application for a permit involves semiautomatic firearms, the applicant must state the make, model and caliber of each semiautomatic firearm for which the applicant is seeking to obtain a permit. (NRS 202.366) Additionally, to receive and renew a permit involving semiautomatic firearms, an applicant or permittee must demonstrate competence with each semiautomatic firearm to which the application pertains. (NRS 202.3657, 202.3677)

Existing law also provides that information in an application for a permit to carry a concealed firearm and all information relating to the investigation of an applicant for such a permit is confidential. (NRS 202.3662) However, the Nevada Supreme Court recently held in *Reno Newspapers, Inc. v. Haley*, 126 Nev. Adv. Op. 23, 234 P.3d 922 (2010), that the identity of a holder of a permit to carry a concealed firearm and any postpermit records of investigation, suspension or revocation are not confidential and are therefore public records.

Section 1 of this bill allows a qualified applicant for a permit to carry a concealed firearm to obtain one permit for all semiautomatic firearms that the applicant seeks to carry instead of being required to obtain a permit for each specific semiautomatic firearm. **Sections 1 and 4** of this bill provide that an applicant or permittee may demonstrate competence with semiautomatic firearms in general rather than competence with each specific semiautomatic firearm. **Section 3** of this bill provides that the identity and any information acquired during the investigation of a holder of a permit to carry a concealed firearm are confidential, as are any records regarding the suspension, restoration or revocation of such a permit.

EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. NRS 202.3657 is hereby amended to read as follows:

202.3657 1. Any person who is a resident of this State may apply to the sheriff of the county in which he or she resides for a permit on a form prescribed by regulation of the Department. Any person who is not a resident of this State may apply to the sheriff of



any county in this State for a permit on a form prescribed by regulation of the Department. Application forms for permits must be furnished by the sheriff of each county upon request.

2. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the sheriff shall issue a permit for revolvers, ~~{one or more specific}~~ **for** semiautomatic firearms, or for revolvers and ~~{one or more specific}~~ semiautomatic firearms, as applicable, to any person who is qualified to possess the firearm or firearms to which the application pertains under state and federal law, who submits an application in accordance with the provisions of this section and who:

(a) Is 21 years of age or older;

(b) Is not prohibited from possessing a firearm pursuant to NRS 202.360; and

(c) Demonstrates competence with revolvers, ~~{each specific}~~ semiautomatic ~~{firearm to which the application pertains,}~~ **firearms,** or revolvers and ~~{each such}~~ semiautomatic ~~{firearm,}~~ **firearms,** as applicable, by presenting a certificate or other documentation to the sheriff which shows that the applicant:

(1) Successfully completed a course in firearm safety approved by a sheriff in this State; or

(2) Successfully completed a course in firearm safety offered by a federal, state or local law enforcement agency, community college, university or national organization that certifies instructors in firearm safety.

↳ Such a course must include instruction in the use of revolvers, ~~{each}~~ semiautomatic ~~{firearm to which the application pertains,}~~ **firearms,** or revolvers and ~~{each such}~~ semiautomatic ~~{firearm}~~ **firearms** and in the laws of this State relating to the use of a firearm. A sheriff may not approve a course in firearm safety pursuant to subparagraph (1) unless the sheriff determines that the course meets any standards that are established by the Nevada Sheriffs' and Chiefs' Association or, if the Nevada Sheriffs' and Chiefs' Association ceases to exist, its legal successor.

3. The sheriff shall deny an application or revoke a permit if the sheriff determines that the applicant or permittee:

(a) Has an outstanding warrant for his or her arrest.

(b) Has been judicially declared incompetent or insane.

(c) Has been voluntarily or involuntarily admitted to a mental health facility during the immediately preceding 5 years.

(d) Has habitually used intoxicating liquor or a controlled substance to the extent that his or her normal faculties are impaired. For the purposes of this paragraph, it is presumed that a person has



so used intoxicating liquor or a controlled substance if, during the immediately preceding 5 years, the person has been:

(1) Convicted of violating the provisions of NRS 484C.110;
or

(2) Committed for treatment pursuant to NRS 458.290 to 458.350, inclusive.

(e) Has been convicted of a crime involving the use or threatened use of force or violence punishable as a misdemeanor under the laws of this or any other state, or a territory or possession of the United States at any time during the immediately preceding 3 years.

(f) Has been convicted of a felony in this State or under the laws of any state, territory or possession of the United States.

(g) Has been convicted of a crime involving domestic violence or stalking, or is currently subject to a restraining order, injunction or other order for protection against domestic violence.

(h) Is currently on parole or probation from a conviction obtained in this State or in any other state or territory or possession of the United States.

(i) Has, within the immediately preceding 5 years, been subject to any requirements imposed by a court of this State or of any other state or territory or possession of the United States, as a condition to the court's:

(1) Withholding of the entry of judgment for a conviction of a felony; or

(2) Suspension of sentence for the conviction of a felony.

(j) Has made a false statement on any application for a permit or for the renewal of a permit.

4. The sheriff may deny an application or revoke a permit if the sheriff receives a sworn affidavit stating articulable facts based upon personal knowledge from any natural person who is 18 years of age or older that the applicant or permittee has or may have committed an offense or engaged in any other activity specified in subsection 3 which would preclude the issuance of a permit to the applicant or require the revocation of a permit pursuant to this section.

5. If the sheriff receives notification submitted by a court or law enforcement agency of this or any other state, the United States or a territory or possession of the United States that a permittee or an applicant for a permit has been charged with a crime involving the use or threatened use of force or violence, the conviction for which would require the revocation of a permit or preclude the issuance of a permit to the applicant pursuant to this section, the sheriff shall suspend the person's permit or the processing of



the person's application until the final disposition of the charges against the person. If a permittee is acquitted of the charges, or if the charges are dropped, the sheriff shall restore his or her permit without imposing a fee.

6. An application submitted pursuant to this section must be completed and signed under oath by the applicant. The applicant's signature must be witnessed by an employee of the sheriff or notarized by a notary public. The application must include:

(a) The name, address, place and date of birth, social security number, occupation and employer of the applicant and any other names used by the applicant;

(b) A complete set of the applicant's fingerprints taken by the sheriff or his or her agent;

(c) A front-view colored photograph of the applicant taken by the sheriff or his or her agent;

(d) If the applicant is a resident of this State, the driver's license number or identification card number of the applicant issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles;

(e) If the applicant is not a resident of this State, the driver's license number or identification card number of the applicant issued by another state or jurisdiction;

(f) ~~[(The make, model and caliber of each semiautomatic firearm to which the application pertains, if any;)]~~ *Whether the application pertains to semiautomatic firearms;*

(g) Whether the application pertains to revolvers;

(h) A nonrefundable fee in the amount necessary to obtain the report required pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 202.366; and

(i) A nonrefundable fee set by the sheriff not to exceed \$60.

Sec. 2. NRS 202.366 is hereby amended to read as follows:

202.366 1. Upon receipt by a sheriff of an application for a permit, the sheriff shall conduct an investigation of the applicant to determine if the applicant is eligible for a permit. In conducting the investigation, the sheriff shall forward a complete set of the applicant's fingerprints to the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History for submission to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for its report concerning the criminal history of the applicant. The sheriff shall issue a permit to the applicant unless the applicant is not qualified to possess a handgun pursuant to state or federal law or is not otherwise qualified to obtain a permit pursuant to NRS 202.3653 to 202.369, inclusive, or the regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

2. To assist the sheriff in conducting the investigation, any local law enforcement agency, including the sheriff of any county,



may voluntarily submit to the sheriff a report or other information concerning the criminal history of an applicant.

3. Within 120 days after a complete application for a permit is submitted, the sheriff to whom the application is submitted shall grant or deny the application. If the application is denied, the sheriff shall send the applicant written notification setting forth the reasons for the denial. If the application is granted, the sheriff shall provide the applicant with a permit containing a colored photograph of the applicant and containing such other information as may be prescribed by the Department. The permit must be in substantially the following form:

NEVADA CONCEALED FIREARM PERMIT

County	Permit Number
Expires.....	Date of Birth.....
Height	Weight
Name	Address.....
City	Zip
	Photograph

Signature

Issued by.....

Date of Issue.....

~~{Make, model and caliber of each authorized semiautomatic firearm, if any}~~

Semiautomatic firearms authorized..... Yes No

Revolvers authorized..... Yes No

4. Unless suspended or revoked by the sheriff who issued the permit, a permit expires 5 years after the date on which it is issued.

Sec. 3. NRS 202.3662 is hereby amended to read as follows:

202.3662 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section and NRS 202.3665 and 239.0115:

(a) An application for a permit, and all information contained within that application; ~~{and}~~

(b) All information provided to a sheriff or obtained by a sheriff in the course of the investigation of an applicant ~~{}~~ *or permittee;*

(c) The identity of the permittee; and

(d) Any records regarding the suspension, restoration or revocation of a permit,

→ are confidential.



2. Any records regarding an applicant or permittee may be released to a law enforcement agency for the purpose of conducting an investigation or prosecution.

3. Statistical abstracts of data compiled by a sheriff regarding permits applied for or issued pursuant to NRS 202.3653 to 202.369, inclusive, including, but not limited to, the number of applications received and permits issued, may be released to any person.

Sec. 4. NRS 202.3677 is hereby amended to read as follows:

202.3677 1. If a permittee wishes to renew his or her permit, the permittee must complete and submit to the sheriff who issued the permit an application for renewal of the permit.

2. An application for the renewal of a permit must:

(a) Be completed and signed under oath by the applicant;

(b) Contain a statement that the applicant is eligible to receive a permit pursuant to NRS 202.3657; and

(c) Be accompanied by a nonrefundable fee of \$25.

↪ If a permittee fails to renew his or her permit on or before the date of expiration of the permit, the application for renewal must include an additional nonrefundable late fee of \$15.

3. No permit may be renewed pursuant to this section unless the permittee has demonstrated continued competence with revolvers, with ~~{each}~~ semiautomatic ~~{firearm to which the application pertains,}~~ **firearms**, or with revolvers and ~~{each such}~~ semiautomatic ~~{firearm,}~~ **firearms**, as applicable, by successfully completing a course prescribed by the sheriff renewing the permit.

