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**SENATE BILL NO. 1254**

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 18.2-308 of the Code of Virginia, relating to concealed handgun permits.*

Patron Prior to Engrossment—Senator Marsh

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That § 18.2-308 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 18.2-308. Personal protection; carrying concealed weapons; when lawful to carry.

A. If any person carries about his person, hidden from common observation, (i) any pistol, revolver, or other weapon designed or intended to propel a missile of any kind by action of an explosion of any combustible material; (ii) any dirk, bowie knife, switchblade knife, ballistic knife, machete, razor, slingshot, spring stick, metal knucks, or blackjack; (iii) any flailing instrument consisting of two or more rigid parts connected in such a manner as to allow them to swing freely, which may be known as a nun chahka, nun chuck, nunchaku, shuriken, or fighting chain; (iv) any disc, of whatever configuration, having at least two points or pointed blades which is designed to be thrown or propelled and which may be known as a throwing star or oriental dart; or (v) any weapon of like kind as those enumerated in this subsection, he shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. A second violation of this section or a conviction under this section subsequent to any conviction under any substantially similar ordinance of any county, city, or town shall be punishable as a Class 6 felony, and a third or subsequent such violation shall be punishable as a Class 5 felony. For the purpose of this section, a weapon shall be deemed to be hidden from common observation when it is observable but is of such deceptive appearance as to disguise the weapon's true nature.

B. This section shall not apply to any person while in his own place of abode or the curtilage thereof.

Except as provided in subsection J1, this section shall not apply to:

1. Any person while in his own place of business;

2. Any law-enforcement officer, wherever such law-enforcement officer may travel in the Commonwealth;

3. Any regularly enrolled member of a target shooting organization who is at, or going to or from, an established shooting range, provided that the weapons are unloaded and securely wrapped while being transported;

4. Any regularly enrolled member of a weapons collecting organization who is at, or going to or from, a bona fide weapons exhibition, provided that the weapons are unloaded and securely wrapped while being transported;

5. Any person carrying such weapons between his place of abode and a place of purchase or repair, provided the weapons are unloaded and securely wrapped while being transported;

6. Any person actually engaged in lawful hunting, as authorized by the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries, under inclement weather conditions necessitating temporary protection of his firearm from those conditions, provided that possession of a handgun while engaged in lawful hunting shall not be construed as hunting with a handgun if the person hunting is carrying a valid concealed handgun permit;

7. Any State Police officer retired from the Department of State Police, any officer retired from the Division of Capitol Police, any local law-enforcement officer, auxiliary police officer or animal control officer retired from a police department or sheriff's office within the Commonwealth, any special agent retired from the State Corporation Commission or the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, any conservation police officer retired from the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, and any Virginia Marine Police officer retired from the Law Enforcement Division of the Virginia Marine Resources Commission, other than an officer or agent terminated for cause, (i) with a service-related disability; (ii) following at least 15 years of service with any such law-enforcement agency, board or any combination thereof; (iii) who has reached 55 years of age; or (iv) who is on long-term leave from such law-enforcement agency or board due to a service-related injury, provided such officer carries with him written proof of consultation with and favorable review of the need to carry a concealed handgun issued by the chief law-enforcement officer of the last such agency from which the officer retired or the agency that employs the officer or, in the case of special agents, issued by the State Corporation Commission or the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. A copy of the proof of consultation and favorable review shall be forwarded by the chief or the Board to the Department of State Police for entry into the Virginia

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60 Criminal Information Network. The chief law-enforcement officer shall not without cause withhold such  
61 written proof if the retired law-enforcement officer otherwise meets the requirements of this section. An  
62 officer set forth in clause (iv) of this subdivision who receives written proof of consultation to carry a  
63 concealed handgun shall surrender such proof of consultation upon return to work or upon termination  
64 of employment with the law-enforcement agency. Notice of the surrender shall be forwarded to the  
65 Department of State Police for entry into the Virginia Criminal Information Network. However, if such  
66 officer retires on disability because of the service-related injury, and would be eligible under clause (i)  
67 of this subdivision for written proof of consultation to carry a concealed handgun, he may retain the  
68 previously issued written proof of consultation.

69 For purposes of applying the reciprocity provisions of subsection P, any person granted the privilege  
70 to carry a concealed handgun pursuant to this subdivision, while carrying the proof of consultation and  
71 favorable review required, shall be deemed to have been issued a concealed handgun permit.

72 For purposes of complying with the federal Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004, a retired  
73 law-enforcement officer who receives proof of consultation and review pursuant to this subdivision shall  
74 have the opportunity to annually participate, at the retired law-enforcement officer's expense, in the same  
75 training and testing to carry firearms as is required of active law-enforcement officers in the  
76 Commonwealth. If such retired law-enforcement officer meets the training and qualification standards,  
77 the chief law-enforcement officer shall issue the retired officer certification, valid one year from the date  
78 of issuance, indicating that the retired officer has met the standards of the agency to carry a firearm;

79 8. Any State Police officer who is a member of the organized reserve forces of any of the armed  
80 services of the United States, national guard, or naval militia, while such officer is called to active  
81 military duty, provided such officer carries with him written proof of consultation with and favorable  
82 review of the need to carry a concealed handgun issued by the Superintendent of State Police. The proof  
83 of consultation and favorable review shall be valid as long as the officer is on active military duty and  
84 shall expire when the officer returns to active law-enforcement duty. The issuance of the proof of  
85 consultation and favorable review shall be entered into the Virginia Criminal Information Network. The  
86 Superintendent of State Police shall not without cause withhold such written proof if the officer is in  
87 good standing and is qualified to carry a weapon while on active law-enforcement duty.

88 For purposes of applying the reciprocity provisions of subsection P, any person granted the privilege  
89 to carry a concealed handgun pursuant to this subdivision, while carrying the proof of consultation and  
90 favorable review required, shall be deemed to have been issued a concealed handgun permit; and

91 9. Any attorney for the Commonwealth or assistant attorney for the Commonwealth, wherever such  
92 attorney may travel in the Commonwealth.

93 C. This section shall also not apply to any of the following individuals while in the discharge of  
94 their official duties, or while in transit to or from such duties:

- 95 1. Carriers of the United States mail;
- 96 2. Officers or guards of any state correctional institution;
- 97 3. [Repealed.]

98 4. Conservators of the peace, except that an attorney for the Commonwealth or assistant attorney for  
99 the Commonwealth may carry a concealed handgun pursuant to subdivision B 9. However, the following  
100 conservators of the peace shall not be permitted to carry a concealed handgun without obtaining a  
101 permit as provided in subsection D hereof: (a) notaries public; (b) registrars; (c) drivers, operators or  
102 other persons in charge of any motor vehicle carrier of passengers for hire; or (d) commissioners in  
103 chancery;

104 5. Noncustodial employees of the Department of Corrections designated to carry weapons by the  
105 Director of the Department of Corrections pursuant to § 53.1-29; and

106 6. Harbormaster of the City of Hopewell.

107 D. Any person 21 years of age or older may apply in writing to the clerk of the circuit court of the  
108 county or city in which he resides, or if he is a member of the United States Armed Forces, the county  
109 or city in which he is domiciled, for a five-year permit to carry a concealed handgun. There shall be no  
110 requirement regarding the length of time an applicant has been a resident or domiciliary of the county or  
111 city. The application shall be made under oath before a notary or other person qualified to take oaths  
112 and shall be made only on a form prescribed by the Department of State Police, in consultation with the  
113 Supreme Court, requiring only that information necessary to determine eligibility for the permit. The  
114 clerk shall enter on the application the date on which the application and all other information required  
115 to be submitted by the applicant is received. The court shall consult with either the sheriff or police  
116 department of the county or city and receive a report from the Central Criminal Records Exchange. As a  
117 condition for issuance of a concealed handgun permit, the applicant shall submit to fingerprinting if  
118 required by local ordinance in the county or city where the applicant resides and provide personal  
119 descriptive information to be forwarded with the fingerprints through the Central Criminal Records  
120 Exchange to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the purpose of obtaining criminal history record  
121 information regarding the applicant, and obtaining fingerprint identification information from federal

records pursuant to criminal investigations by state and local law-enforcement agencies. However, no local ordinance shall require an applicant to submit to fingerprinting if the applicant has an existing concealed handgun permit issued pursuant to this section and is applying for a new five-year permit pursuant to subsection I. Where feasible and practical, the local law-enforcement agency may transfer information electronically to the State Police instead of inked fingerprint cards. Upon completion of the criminal history records check, the State Police shall return the fingerprint cards to the submitting local agency or, in the case of scanned fingerprints, destroy the electronic record. The local agency shall then promptly notify the person that he has 21 days from the date of the notice to request return of the fingerprint cards, if any. All fingerprint cards not claimed by the applicant within 21 days of notification by the local agency shall be destroyed. All optically scanned fingerprints shall be destroyed upon completion of the criminal history records check without requiring that the applicant be notified. Fingerprints taken for the purposes described in this section shall not be copied, held or used for any other purposes. The court shall issue the permit and notify the State Police of the issuance of the permit within 45 days of receipt of the completed application unless it is determined that the applicant is disqualified. Any order denying issuance of the permit shall state the basis for the denial of the permit and the applicant's right to and the requirements for perfecting an appeal of such order pursuant to subsection L. An application is deemed complete when all information required to be furnished by the applicant is delivered to and received by the clerk of court before or concomitant with the conduct of a state or national criminal history records check. If the court has not issued the permit or determined that the applicant is disqualified within 45 days of the date of receipt noted on the application, the clerk shall certify on the application that the 45-day period has expired, and send a copy of the certified application to the applicant. The certified application shall serve as a de facto permit, which shall expire 90 days after issuance, and shall be recognized as a valid concealed handgun permit when presented with a valid government-issued photo identification pursuant to subsection H, until the court issues a five-year permit or finds the applicant to be disqualified. If the applicant is found to be disqualified after the de facto permit is issued, the applicant shall surrender the de facto permit to the court and the disqualification shall be deemed a denial of the permit and a revocation of the de facto permit. If the applicant is later found by the court to be disqualified after a five-year permit has been issued, the permit shall be revoked. The clerk of court may withhold from public disclosure the social security number contained in a permit application in response to a request to inspect or copy any such permit application, except that such social security number shall not be withheld from any law-enforcement officer acting in the performance of his official duties.

E. The following persons shall be deemed disqualified from obtaining a permit:

1. An individual who is ineligible to possess a firearm pursuant to § 18.2-308.1:1, 18.2-308.1:2 or 18.2-308.1:3 or the substantially similar law of any other state or of the United States.

2. An individual who was ineligible to possess a firearm pursuant to § 18.2-308.1:1 and who was discharged from the custody of the Commissioner pursuant to § 19.2-182.7 less than five years before the date of his application for a concealed handgun permit.

3. An individual who was ineligible to possess a firearm pursuant to § 18.2-308.1:2 and whose competency or capacity was restored pursuant to § 37.2-1012 less than five years before the date of his application for a concealed handgun permit.

4. An individual who was ineligible to possess a firearm under § 18.2-308.1:3 and who was released from commitment less than five years before the date of this application for a concealed handgun permit.

5. An individual who is subject to a restraining order, or to a protective order and prohibited by § 18.2-308.1:4 from purchasing or transporting a firearm.

6. An individual who is prohibited by § 18.2-308.2 from possessing or transporting a firearm, except that a permit may be obtained in accordance with subsection C of that section.

7. An individual who has been convicted of two or more misdemeanors within the five-year period immediately preceding the application, if one of the misdemeanors was a Class 1 misdemeanor, but the judge shall have the discretion to deny a permit for two or more misdemeanors that are not Class 1. Traffic infractions and misdemeanors set forth in Title 46.2 shall not be considered for purposes of this disqualification.

8. An individual who is addicted to, or is an unlawful user or distributor of, marijuana or any controlled substance.

9. An individual who has been convicted of a violation of § 18.2-266 or a substantially similar local ordinance, or of public drunkenness, *or of a substantially similar offense under the laws of any other state, the District of Columbia, the United States or its territories* within the three-year period immediately preceding the application, or who is a habitual drunkard as determined pursuant to § 4.1-333.

10. An alien other than an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States.

183 11. An individual who has been discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States under  
184 dishonorable conditions.

185 12. An individual who is a fugitive from justice.

186 13. An individual who the court finds, by a preponderance of the evidence, based on specific acts by  
187 the applicant, is likely to use a weapon unlawfully or negligently to endanger others. The sheriff, chief  
188 of police, or attorney for the Commonwealth may submit to the court a sworn written statement  
189 indicating that, in the opinion of such sheriff, chief of police, or attorney for the Commonwealth, based  
190 upon a disqualifying conviction or upon the specific acts set forth in the statement, the applicant is  
191 likely to use a weapon unlawfully or negligently to endanger others. The statement of the sheriff, chief  
192 of police, or the attorney for the Commonwealth shall be based upon personal knowledge of such  
193 individual or of a deputy sheriff, police officer, or assistant attorney for the Commonwealth of the  
194 specific acts, or upon a written statement made under oath before a notary public of a competent person  
195 having personal knowledge of the specific acts.

196 14. An individual who has been convicted of any assault, assault and battery, sexual battery,  
197 discharging of a firearm in violation of § 18.2-280 or 18.2-286.1 or brandishing of a firearm in violation  
198 of § 18.2-282 within the three-year period immediately preceding the application.

199 15. An individual who has been convicted of stalking.

200 16. An individual whose previous convictions or adjudications of delinquency were based on an  
201 offense which would have been at the time of conviction a felony if committed by an adult under the  
202 laws of any state, the District of Columbia, the United States or its territories. For purposes of this  
203 disqualifier, only convictions occurring within 16 years following the later of the date of (i) the  
204 conviction or adjudication or (ii) release from any incarceration imposed upon such conviction or  
205 adjudication shall be deemed to be "previous convictions."

206 17. An individual who has a felony charge pending or a charge pending for an offense listed in  
207 subdivision 14 or 15.

208 18. An individual who has received mental health treatment or substance abuse treatment in a  
209 residential setting within five years prior to the date of his application for a concealed handgun permit.

210 19. An individual not otherwise ineligible pursuant to this section, who, within the three-year period  
211 immediately preceding the application for the permit, was found guilty of any criminal offense set forth  
212 in Article 1 (§ 18.2-247 et seq.) of Chapter 7 of this title or of a criminal offense of illegal possession  
213 or distribution of marijuana or any controlled substance, under the laws of any state, the District of  
214 Columbia, or the United States or its territories.

215 20. An individual, not otherwise ineligible pursuant to this section, with respect to whom, within the  
216 three-year period immediately preceding the application, upon a charge of any criminal offense set forth  
217 in Article 1 (§ 18.2-247 et seq.) of Chapter 7 of this title or upon a charge of illegal possession or  
218 distribution of marijuana or any controlled substance under the laws of any state, the District of  
219 Columbia, or the United States or its territories, the trial court found that the facts of the case were  
220 sufficient for a finding of guilt and disposed of the case pursuant to § 18.2-251 or the substantially  
221 similar law of any other state, the District of Columbia, or the United States or its territories.

222 F. The making of a materially false statement in an application under this section shall constitute  
223 perjury, punishable as provided in § 18.2-434.

224 G. The court shall require proof that the applicant has demonstrated competence with a handgun and  
225 the applicant may demonstrate such competence by [ ~~in-person participation in~~ ] one of the following,  
226 but no applicant shall be required to submit to any additional demonstration of competence, nor shall  
227 any proof of demonstrated competence expire:

228 1. Completing any hunter education or hunter safety course approved by the Department of Game  
229 and Inland Fisheries or a similar agency of another state;

230 2. Completing any National Rifle Association firearms safety or training course;

231 3. Completing any firearms safety or training course or class available to the general public offered  
232 by a law-enforcement agency, junior college, college, or private or public institution or organization or  
233 firearms training school utilizing instructors certified by the National Rifle Association or the  
234 Department of Criminal Justice Services;

235 4. Completing any law-enforcement firearms safety or training course or class offered for security  
236 guards, investigators, special deputies, or any division or subdivision of law enforcement or security  
237 enforcement;

238 5. Presenting evidence of equivalent experience with a firearm through participation in organized  
239 shooting competition or current military service or proof of an honorable discharge from any branch of  
240 the armed services;

241 6. Obtaining or previously having held a license to carry a firearm in the Commonwealth or a  
242 locality thereof, unless such license has been revoked for cause;

243 7. Completing any firearms training or safety course or class conducted by a state-certified or  
244 National Rifle Association-certified firearms instructor;

245 8. Completing any governmental police agency firearms training course and qualifying to carry a  
246 firearm in the course of normal police duties; or

247 9. Completing any other firearms training which the court deems adequate.

248 A photocopy of a certificate of completion of any of the courses or classes; an affidavit from the  
249 instructor, school, club, organization, or group that conducted or taught such course or class attesting to  
250 the completion of the course or class by the applicant; or a copy of any document which shows  
251 completion of the course or class or evidences participation in firearms competition shall constitute  
252 evidence of qualification under this subsection.

253 H. The permit to carry a concealed handgun shall specify only the following information: name,  
254 address, date of birth, gender, height, weight, color of hair, color of eyes, and signature of the permittee;  
255 the signature of the judge issuing the permit, or of the clerk of court who has been authorized to sign  
256 such permits by the issuing judge; the date of issuance; and the expiration date. The permit to carry a  
257 concealed handgun shall be no larger than two inches wide by three and one-fourth inches long and  
258 shall be of a uniform style prescribed by the Department of State Police. The person issued the permit  
259 shall have such permit on his person at all times during which he is carrying a concealed handgun and  
260 shall display the permit and a photo-identification issued by a government agency of the Commonwealth  
261 or by the United States Department of Defense or United States State Department (passport) upon  
262 demand by a law-enforcement officer.

263 H1. If a permit holder is a member of the Virginia National Guard, Armed Forces of the United  
264 States, or the Armed Forces reserves of the United States, and his five-year permit expires during an  
265 active-duty military deployment outside of the permittee's county or city of residence, such permit shall  
266 remain valid for 90 days after the end date of the deployment. In order to establish proof of continued  
267 validity of the permit, such a permittee shall carry with him and display, upon request of a  
268 law-enforcement officer, a copy of the permittee's deployment orders or other documentation from the  
269 permittee's commanding officer that order the permittee to travel outside of his county or city of  
270 residence and that indicate the start and end date of such deployment.

271 I. Persons who previously have held a concealed handgun permit shall be issued, upon application as  
272 provided in subsection D, a new five-year permit unless there is good cause shown for refusing to  
273 reissue a permit. If the new five-year permit is issued while an existing permit remains valid, the new  
274 five-year permit shall become effective upon the expiration date of the existing permit, provided that the  
275 application is received by the court at least 90 days but no more than 180 days prior to the expiration of  
276 the existing permit. If the circuit court denies the permit, the specific reasons for the denial shall be  
277 stated in the order of the court denying the permit. Upon denial of the application, the clerk shall  
278 provide the person with notice, in writing, of his right to an ore tenus hearing. Upon request of the  
279 applicant made within 21 days, the court shall place the matter on the docket for an ore tenus hearing.  
280 The applicant may be represented by counsel, but counsel shall not be appointed, and the rules of  
281 evidence shall apply. The final order of the court shall include the court's findings of fact and  
282 conclusions of law.

283 J. Any person convicted of an offense that would disqualify that person from obtaining a permit  
284 under subsection E or who violates subsection F shall forfeit his permit for a concealed handgun and  
285 surrender it to the court. Upon receipt by the Central Criminal Records Exchange of a record of the  
286 arrest, conviction or occurrence of any other event that would disqualify a person from obtaining a  
287 concealed handgun permit under subsection E, the Central Criminal Records Exchange shall notify the  
288 court having issued the permit of such disqualifying arrest, conviction or other event. Upon receipt of  
289 such notice of a conviction, the court shall revoke the permit of a person disqualified pursuant to this  
290 subsection, and shall promptly notify the State Police and the person whose permit was revoked of the  
291 revocation.

292 J1. Any person permitted to carry a concealed handgun, who is under the influence of alcohol or  
293 illegal drugs while carrying such handgun in a public place, shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.  
294 Conviction of any of the following offenses shall be prima facie evidence, subject to rebuttal, that the  
295 person is "under the influence" for purposes of this section: manslaughter in violation of § 18.2-36.1,  
296 maiming in violation of § 18.2-51.4, driving while intoxicated in violation of § 18.2-266, public  
297 intoxication in violation of § 18.2-388, or driving while intoxicated in violation of § 46.2-341.24. Upon  
298 such conviction that court shall revoke the person's permit for a concealed handgun and promptly notify  
299 the issuing circuit court. A person convicted of a violation of this subsection shall be ineligible to apply  
300 for a concealed handgun permit for a period of five years.

301 J2. An individual who has a felony charge pending or a charge pending for an offense listed in  
302 subdivision E 14 or E 15, holding a permit for a concealed handgun, may have the permit suspended by  
303 the court before which such charge is pending or by the court that issued the permit.

304 J3. No person shall carry a concealed handgun onto the premises of any restaurant or club as defined  
305 in § 4.1-100 for which a license to sell and serve alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption has

306 been granted by the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Board under Title 4.1 of the Code of Virginia;  
307 however, nothing herein shall prohibit any sworn law-enforcement officer from carrying a concealed  
308 handgun on the premises of such restaurant or club or any owner or event sponsor or his employees  
309 from carrying a concealed handgun while on duty at such restaurant or club if such person has a  
310 concealed handgun permit.

311 J4. The court shall revoke the permit of any individual for whom it would be unlawful to purchase,  
312 possess or transport a firearm under § 18.2-308.1:2 or 18.2-308.1:3, and shall promptly notify the State  
313 Police and the person whose permit was revoked of the revocation.

314 K. No fee shall be charged for the issuance of such permit to a person who has retired from service  
315 (i) as a magistrate in the Commonwealth; (ii) as a special agent with the Alcoholic Beverage Control  
316 Board or as a law-enforcement officer with the Department of State Police, the Department of Game and  
317 Inland Fisheries, or a sheriff or police department, bureau or force of any political subdivision of the  
318 Commonwealth, after completing 15 years of service or after reaching age 55; (iii) as a law-enforcement  
319 officer with the United States Federal Bureau of Investigation, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and  
320 Firearms, Secret Service Agency, Drug Enforcement Administration, United States Citizenship and  
321 Immigration Services, Customs Service, Department of State Diplomatic Security Service, U.S. Marshals  
322 Service or Naval Criminal Investigative Service, after completing 15 years of service or after reaching  
323 age 55; (iv) as a law-enforcement officer with any police or sheriff's department within the United  
324 States, the District of Columbia or any of the territories of the United States, after completing 15 years  
325 of service; or (v) as a law-enforcement officer with any combination of the agencies listed in clauses (ii)  
326 through (iv), after completing 15 years of service. The clerk shall charge a fee of \$10 for the processing  
327 of an application or issuing of a permit, including his costs associated with the consultation with  
328 law-enforcement agencies. The local law-enforcement agency conducting the background investigation  
329 may charge a fee not to exceed \$35 to cover the cost of conducting an investigation pursuant to this  
330 section. The \$35 fee shall include any amount assessed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for  
331 providing criminal history record information, and the local law-enforcement agency shall forward the  
332 amount assessed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation to the State Police with the fingerprints taken  
333 from the applicant. The State Police may charge a fee not to exceed \$5 to cover their costs associated  
334 with processing the application. The total amount assessed for processing an application for a permit  
335 shall not exceed \$50, with such fees to be paid in one sum to the person who accepts the application.  
336 Payment may be made by any method accepted by that court for payment of other fees or penalties. No  
337 payment shall be required until the application is accepted by the court as a complete application. The  
338 order issuing such permit, or the copy of the permit application certified by the clerk as a de facto  
339 permit pursuant to subsection D, shall be provided to the State Police and the law-enforcement agencies  
340 of the county or city. The State Police shall enter the permittee's name and description in the Virginia  
341 Criminal Information Network so that the permit's existence and current status will be made known to  
342 law-enforcement personnel accessing the Network for investigative purposes.

343 K1. The clerk of a circuit court that issued a valid concealed handgun permit shall, upon presentation  
344 of the valid permit and proof of a new address of residence by the permit holder, issue a replacement  
345 permit specifying the permit holder's new address. The clerk of court shall forward the permit holder's  
346 new address of residence to the State Police. The State Police may charge a fee not to exceed \$5, and  
347 the clerk of court issuing the replacement permit may charge a fee not to exceed \$5. The total amount  
348 assessed for processing a replacement permit pursuant to this subsection shall not exceed \$10, with such  
349 fees to be paid in one sum to the person who accepts the information for the replacement permit.

350 L. Any person denied a permit to carry a concealed handgun under the provisions of this section  
351 may present a petition for review to the Court of Appeals. The petition for review shall be filed within  
352 60 days of the expiration of the time for requesting an ore tenus hearing pursuant to subsection I, or if  
353 an ore tenus hearing is requested, within 60 days of the entry of the final order of the circuit court  
354 following the hearing. The petition shall be accompanied by a copy of the original papers filed in the  
355 circuit court, including a copy of the order of the circuit court denying the permit. Subject to the  
356 provisions of subsection B of § 17.1-410, the decision of the Court of Appeals or judge shall be final.  
357 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if the decision to deny the permit is reversed upon appeal,  
358 taxable costs incurred by the person shall be paid by the Commonwealth.

359 M. For purposes of this section:

360 "Handgun" means any pistol or revolver or other firearm, except a machine gun, originally designed,  
361 made and intended to fire a projectile by means of an explosion of a combustible material from one or  
362 more barrels when held in one hand.

363 "Lawfully admitted for permanent residence" means the status of having been lawfully accorded the  
364 privilege of residing permanently in the United States as an immigrant in accordance with the  
365 immigration laws, such status not having changed.

366 "Law-enforcement officer" means those individuals defined as a law-enforcement officer in § 9.1-101,  
367 campus police officers appointed pursuant to Chapter 17 (§ 23-232 et seq.) of Title 23, law-enforcement

agents of the Armed Forces of the United States, the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, and federal agents who are otherwise authorized to carry weapons by federal law. "Law-enforcement officer" shall also mean any sworn full-time law-enforcement officer employed by a law-enforcement agency of the United States or any state or political subdivision thereof, whose duties are substantially similar to those set forth in § 9.1-101.

"Personal knowledge" means knowledge of a fact that a person has himself gained through his own senses, or knowledge that was gained by a law-enforcement officer or prosecutor through the performance of his official duties.

N. As used in this article:

"Ballistic knife" means any knife with a detachable blade that is propelled by a spring-operated mechanism.

"Spring stick" means a spring-loaded metal stick activated by pushing a button which rapidly and forcefully telescopes the weapon to several times its original length.

O. The granting of a concealed handgun permit shall not thereby authorize the possession of any handgun or other weapon on property or in places where such possession is otherwise prohibited by law or is prohibited by the owner of private property.

P. A valid concealed handgun or concealed weapon permit or license issued by another state shall authorize the holder of such permit or license who is at least 21 years of age to carry a concealed handgun in the Commonwealth, provided (i) the issuing authority provides the means for instantaneous verification of the validity of all such permits or licenses issued within that state, accessible 24 hours a day, and (ii) except for the age of the permit or license holder and the type of weapon authorized to be carried, the requirements and qualifications of that state's law are adequate to prevent possession of a permit or license by persons who would be denied a permit in the Commonwealth under this section. The Superintendent of State Police shall (a) in consultation with the Office of the Attorney General determine whether states meet the requirements and qualifications of this section, (b) maintain a registry of such states on the Virginia Criminal Information Network (VCIN), and (c) make the registry available to law-enforcement officers for investigative purposes. The Superintendent of the State Police, in consultation with the Attorney General, may also enter into agreements for reciprocal recognition with any state qualifying for recognition under this subsection. *A person carrying a concealed handgun in the Commonwealth with a permit from a reciprocal state shall have such permit on his person at all times when he is carrying a concealed handgun. The person shall display the permit and a photo-identification issued by a government agency of his state of residence or by the United States Department of Defense or United States State Department (passport) upon demand by a law-enforcement officer.*

P1. Nonresidents of the Commonwealth 21 years of age or older may apply in writing to the Virginia Department of State Police for a five-year permit to carry a concealed handgun. Every applicant for a nonresident concealed handgun permit shall submit two photographs of a type and kind specified by the Department of State Police for inclusion on the permit and shall submit fingerprints on a card provided by the Department of State Police for the purpose of obtaining the applicant's state or national criminal history record. As a condition for issuance of a concealed handgun permit, the applicant shall submit to fingerprinting by his local or state law-enforcement agency and provide personal descriptive information to be forwarded with the fingerprints through the Central Criminal Records Exchange to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the purpose of obtaining criminal history record information regarding the applicant and obtaining fingerprint identification information from federal records pursuant to criminal investigations by state and local law-enforcement agencies. The application shall be made under oath before a notary or other person qualified to take oaths on a form provided by the Department of State Police, requiring only that information necessary to determine eligibility for the permit. If the permittee is later found by the Department of State Police to be disqualified, the permit shall be revoked and the person shall return the permit after being so notified by the Department of State Police. The permit requirement and restriction provisions of subsections E and F shall apply, mutatis mutandis, to the provisions of this subsection.

The applicant shall demonstrate competence with a handgun by [ ~~in-person participation in~~ ] one of the following:

1. Completing a hunter education or hunter safety course approved by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries or a similar agency of another state;
2. Completing any National Rifle Association firearms safety or training course;
3. Completing any firearms safety or training course or class available to the general public offered by a law-enforcement agency, junior college, college, or private or public institution or organization or firearms training school utilizing instructors certified by the National Rifle Association or the Department of Criminal Justice Services or a similar agency of another state;
4. Completing any law-enforcement firearms safety or training course or class offered for security

guards, investigators, special deputies, or any division or subdivision of law enforcement or security enforcement;

5. Presenting evidence of equivalent experience with a firearm through participation in organized shooting competition approved by the Department of State Police or current military service or proof of an honorable discharge from any branch of the armed services;

6. Obtaining or previously having held a license to carry a firearm in the Commonwealth or a locality thereof, unless such license has been revoked for cause;

7. Completing any firearms training or safety course or class conducted by a state-certified or National Rifle Association-certified firearms instructor;

8. Completing any governmental police agency firearms training course and qualifying to carry a firearm in the course of normal police duties; or

9. Completing any other firearms training that the Virginia Department of State Police deems adequate.

A photocopy of a certificate of completion of any such course or class, an affidavit from the instructor, school, club, organization, or group that conducted or taught such course or class attesting to the completion of the course or class by the applicant, or a copy of any document which shows completion of the course or class or evidences participation in firearms competition shall satisfy the requirement for demonstration of competence with a handgun.

The Department of State Police may charge a fee not to exceed \$100 to cover the cost of the background check and issuance of the permit. Any fees collected shall be deposited in a special account to be used to offset the costs of administering the nonresident concealed handgun permit program. The Department of State Police shall enter the permittee's name and description in the Virginia Criminal Information Network so that the permit's existence and current status are known to law-enforcement personnel accessing the Network for investigative purposes.

The permit to carry a concealed handgun shall contain only the following information: name, address, date of birth, gender, height, weight, color of hair, color of eyes, and photograph of the permittee; the signature of the Superintendent of the Virginia Department of State Police or his designee; the date of issuance; and the expiration date. The person to whom the permit is issued shall have such permit on his person at all times when he is carrying a concealed handgun in the Commonwealth and shall display the permit ~~on~~ *and a photo identification issued by a government agency of his state of residence or by the United States Department of Defense or United States State Department (passport)* upon demand by a law-enforcement officer.

The Superintendent of the State Police shall promulgate regulations, pursuant to the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.), for the implementation of an application process for obtaining a nonresident concealed handgun permit.

Q. A valid concealed handgun permit issued by the State of Maryland shall be valid in the Commonwealth provided, (i) the holder of the permit is licensed in the State of Maryland to perform duties substantially similar to those performed by Virginia branch pilots licensed pursuant to Chapter 9 (§ 54.1-900 et seq.) of Title 54.1 and is performing such duties while in the Commonwealth, and (ii) the holder of the permit is 21 years of age or older.

R. For the purposes of participation in concealed handgun reciprocity agreements with other jurisdictions, the official government-issued law-enforcement identification card issued to an active-duty law-enforcement officer in the Commonwealth who is exempt from obtaining a concealed handgun permit under this section shall be deemed a concealed handgun permit.

S. For the purposes of understanding the law relating to the use of deadly and lethal force, the Department of State Police, in consultation with the Supreme Court on the development of the application for a concealed handgun permit under this section, shall include a reference to the Virginia Supreme Court website address or the Virginia Reports on the application.