



Josh Stein, Governor
State of North Carolina

GOVERNOR JOSH STEIN OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE:

Senate Bill 50: AN ACT TO PROTECT A PERSON'S RIGHT TO CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN WITHOUT A PERMIT AND TO CONTINUE ALLOWING PERSONS TO ACQUIRE A CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT FOR THE PURPOSES OF RECIPROCITY OR FOR ANY OTHER REASON DESIRED AND TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT PAID FOR LINE OF DUTY DEATHS AND TO ESTABLISH A SCHOLARSHIP FOR CHILDREN OF PERMANENTLY DISABLED OR SLAIN NC LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR COMMITTING AN ASSAULT WITH A FIREARM AGAINST CERTAIN EMERGENCY, MEDICAL, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL AND TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF DISCHARGING A FIREARM BY A FELON DURING THE COMMISSION OR ATTEMPTED COMMISSION OF A FELONY AND TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF POSSESSING A FIREARM BY A FELON DURING THE COMMISSION OR ATTEMPTED COMMISSION OF A FELONY.

This bill makes North Carolinians less safe and undermines responsible gun ownership. The bill eliminates training requirements associated with concealed carry permits and reduces the age to carry a concealed weapon from 21 to 18 years old. Authorizing teenagers to carry a concealed weapon with no training whatsoever is dangerous. The bill would also make the job of a law enforcement officer more difficult and less safe. We can and should protect the right to bear arms without recklessly endangering law enforcement officers and our people.

Therefore, I veto the bill.


Josh Stein
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina Senate on this the 20th day of June 2025, at 3:33 pm for reconsideration by that body.

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