



HOUSE BILL 36: Firearms Training/Probation & Parole Officers.

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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 36 would remove the requirement of taking a firearm safety and training course for qualified current probation or parole officers not under disciplinary action.*

CURRENT LAW: Carrying a concealed handgun outside of one's own premises without a Concealed Handgun Permit ("permit") is illegal in North Carolina. Federal, state, and local law enforcement officers are generally exempt when discharging official duties. Normally, an applicant for a permit must take a firearms safety and training course.

Qualified retired parole officers may obtain a permit without taking the approved firearms course. Current parole officers must take the course to get a permit.

A person is a "Qualified retired probation or parole certified officer" under 14-415.10 if they were qualified to carry a handgun immediately before retiring, were never subject to disciplinary action that would have prevented them from carrying a handgun, have retired from service, and were not otherwise prohibited from receiving a firearm by any other law.

BILL ANALYSIS: The bill would add some current probation or parole officers to the list of people that may obtain a permit without taking the mandatory training and safety course.

To qualify for an exemption of the course requirement, a probation or parole officer would have to be authorized to carry a firearm in the course of duty, not be subject to disciplinary action, and be in compliance with all other handgun policies for parole officers.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act would be effective when it becomes law and would apply to permit applications submitted on or after that date.

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