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AN ACT TO PROVIDE WHEN A PERSON MAY USE DEFENSIVE FORCE AND TO  
AMEND VARIOUS LAWS REGARDING THE RIGHT TO OWN, POSSESS, OR  
CARRY A FIREARM IN NORTH CAROLINA.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Article 14 of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by  
adding the following new sections to read:

**"§ 14-51.2. Home, workplace, and motor vehicle protection; presumption of fear of death  
or serious bodily harm.**

(a) The following definitions apply in this section:

(1) Home. – A building or conveyance of any kind, to include its curtilage,  
whether the building or conveyance is temporary or permanent, mobile or  
immobile, which has a roof over it, including a tent, and is designed as a  
temporary or permanent residence.

(2) Law enforcement officer. – Any person employed or appointed as a  
full-time, part-time, or auxiliary law enforcement officer, correctional  
officer, probation officer, post-release supervision officer, or parole officer.

(3) Motor vehicle. – As defined in G.S. 20-4.01(23).

(4) Workplace. – A building or conveyance of any kind, whether the building or  
conveyance is temporary or permanent, mobile or immobile, which has a  
roof over it, including a tent, which is being used for commercial purposes.

(b) The lawful occupant of a home, motor vehicle, or workplace is presumed to have  
held a reasonable fear of imminent death or serious bodily harm to himself or herself or another  
when using defensive force that is intended or likely to cause death or serious bodily harm to  
another if both of the following apply:

(1) The person against whom the defensive force was used was in the process of  
unlawfully and forcefully entering, or had unlawfully and forcibly entered, a  
home, motor vehicle, or workplace, or if that person had removed or was  
attempting to remove another against that person's will from the home,  
motor vehicle, or workplace.

(2) The person who uses defensive force knew or had reason to believe that an  
unlawful and forcible entry or unlawful and forcible act was occurring or  
had occurred.



1       (c) The presumption set forth in subsection (b) of this section shall be rebuttable and  
2 does not apply in any of the following circumstances:

3           (1) The person against whom the defensive force is used has the right to be in or  
4 is a lawful resident of the home, motor vehicle, or workplace, such as an  
5 owner or lessee, and there is not an injunction for protection from domestic  
6 violence or a written pretrial supervision order of no contact against that  
7 person.

8           (2) The person sought to be removed from the home, motor vehicle, or  
9 workplace is a child or grandchild or is otherwise in the lawful custody or  
10 under the lawful guardianship of the person against whom the defensive  
11 force is used.

12           (3) The person who uses defensive force is engaged in, attempting to escape  
13 from, or using the home, motor vehicle, or workplace to further any criminal  
14 offense that involves the use or threat of physical force or violence against  
15 any individual.

16           (4) The person against whom the defensive force is used is a law enforcement  
17 officer or bail bondsman who enters or attempts to enter a home, motor  
18 vehicle, or workplace in the lawful performance of his or her official duties,  
19 and the officer or bail bondsman identified himself or herself in accordance  
20 with any applicable law or the person using force knew or reasonably should  
21 have known that the person entering or attempting to enter was a law  
22 enforcement officer or bail bondsman in the lawful performance of his or her  
23 official duties.

24           (5) The person against whom the defensive force is used (i) has discontinued all  
25 efforts to unlawfully and forcefully enter the home, motor vehicle, or  
26 workplace and (ii) has exited the home, motor vehicle, or workplace.

27       (d) A person who unlawfully and by force enters or attempts to enter a person's home,  
28 motor vehicle, or workplace is presumed to be doing so with the intent to commit an unlawful  
29 act involving force or violence.

30       (e) A person who uses force as permitted by this section is justified in using such force  
31 and is immune from civil or criminal liability for the use of such force, unless the person  
32 against whom force was used is a law enforcement officer or bail bondsman who was lawfully  
33 acting in the performance of his or her official duties and the officer or bail bondsman  
34 identified himself or herself in accordance with any applicable law or the person using force  
35 knew or reasonably should have known that the person was a law enforcement officer or bail  
36 bondsman in the lawful performance of his or her official duties.

37       (f) A lawful occupant within his or her home, motor vehicle, or workplace does not  
38 have a duty to retreat from an intruder in the circumstances described in this section.

39       (g) This section is not intended to repeal or limit any other defense that may exist under  
40 the common law.

41 **"§ 14-51.3. Use of force in defense of person; relief from criminal or civil liability.**

42       (a) A person is justified in using force, except deadly force, against another when and to  
43 the extent that the person reasonably believes that the conduct is necessary to defend himself or  
44 herself or another against the other's imminent use of unlawful force. However, a person is  
45 justified in the use of deadly force and does not have a duty to retreat in any place he or she has  
46 the lawful right to be if either of the following applies:

47           (1) He or she reasonably believes that such force is necessary to prevent  
48 imminent death or great bodily harm to himself or herself or another.

49           (2) Under the circumstances permitted pursuant to G.S. 14-51.2.

50       (b) A person who uses force as permitted by this section is justified in using such force  
51 and is immune from civil or criminal liability for the use of such force, unless the person

1 against whom force was used is a law enforcement officer or bail bondsman who was lawfully  
2 acting in the performance of his or her official duties and the officer or bail bondsman  
3 identified himself or herself in accordance with any applicable law or the person using force  
4 knew or reasonably should have known that the person was a law enforcement officer or bail  
5 bondsman in the lawful performance of his or her official duties.

6 **"§ 14-51.4. Justification for defensive force not available.**

7 The justification described in G.S. 14-51.2 and G.S. 14-51.3 is not available to a person  
8 who used defensive force and who:

9 (1) Was attempting to commit, committing, or escaping after the commission of  
10 a felony.

11 (2) Initially provokes the use of force against himself or herself. However, the  
12 person who initially provokes the use of force against himself or herself will  
13 be justified in using defensive force if either of the following occur:

14 a. The force used by the person who was provoked is so serious that the  
15 person using defensive force reasonably believes that he or she was  
16 in imminent danger of death or serious bodily harm, the person using  
17 defensive force had no reasonable means to retreat, and the use of  
18 force which is likely to cause death or serious bodily harm to the  
19 person who was provoked was the only way to escape the danger.

20 b. The person who used defensive force withdraws, in good faith, from  
21 physical contact with the person who was provoked, and indicates  
22 clearly that he or she desires to withdraw and terminate the use of  
23 force, but the person who was provoked continues or resumes the use  
24 of force."

25 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 14-51.1 is repealed.

26 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 14-269 reads as rewritten:

27 **"§ 14-269. Carrying concealed weapons.**

28 (a) It shall be unlawful for any person willfully and intentionally to carry concealed  
29 about his person any bowie knife, dirk, dagger, slung shot, loaded cane, metallic knuckles,  
30 razor, shurikin, stun gun, or other deadly weapon of like kind, except when the person is on the  
31 person's own premises.

32 (a1) It shall be unlawful for any person willfully and intentionally to carry concealed  
33 about his person any pistol or gun except in the following circumstances:

34 (1) The person is on the person's own premises.

35 (2) The deadly weapon is a handgun, ~~and~~ the person has a concealed handgun  
36 permit issued in accordance with Article 54B of this Chapter or considered  
37 valid under ~~G.S. 14-415.24~~ G.S. 14-415.24, and the person is carrying the  
38 concealed handgun in accordance with the scope of the concealed handgun  
39 permit as set out in G.S. 14-415.11(c).

40 (3) The deadly weapon is a handgun and the person is a military permittee as  
41 defined under G.S. 14-415.10(2a) who provides to the law enforcement  
42 officer proof of deployment as required under G.S. 14-415.11(a).

43 (b) This prohibition shall not apply to the following persons:

44 (1) Officers and enlisted personnel of the armed forces of the United States  
45 when in discharge of their official duties as such and acting under orders  
46 requiring them to carry arms and weapons;

47 (2) Civil and law enforcement officers of the United States;

48 (3) Officers and soldiers of the militia and the National Guard when called into  
49 actual service;

- 1 (4) Officers of the State, or of any county, city, town, or company police agency  
 2 charged with the execution of the laws of the State, when acting in the  
 3 discharge of their official duties;
- 4 (4a) Any person who is a district attorney, an assistant district attorney, or an  
 5 investigator employed by the office of a district attorney and who has a  
 6 concealed handgun permit issued in accordance with Article 54B of this  
 7 Chapter or considered valid under G.S. 14-415.24; provided that the person  
 8 shall not carry a concealed weapon at any time while in a courtroom or while  
 9 consuming alcohol or an unlawful controlled substance or while alcohol or  
 10 an unlawful controlled substance remains in the person's body. The district  
 11 attorney, assistant district attorney, or investigator shall secure the weapon in  
 12 a locked compartment when the weapon is not on the person of the district  
 13 attorney, assistant district attorney, or investigator;
- 14 (4b) Any person who meets all of the following conditions:
- 15 a. Is a qualified retired law enforcement officer as defined in  
 16 G.S. 14-415.10.
- 17 b. Is the holder of a concealed handgun permit in accordance with  
 18 Article 54B of this Chapter.
- 19 c. Is certified by the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and  
 20 Training Standards Commission pursuant to G.S. 14-415.26.
- 21 (4c) Detention personnel or correctional officers employed by the State or a unit  
 22 of local government who park a vehicle in a space that is authorized for their  
 23 use in the course of their duties may transport a firearm to the parking space  
 24 and store that firearm in the vehicle parked in the parking space, provided  
 25 that: (i) the firearm is in a closed compartment or container within the locked  
 26 vehicle, or (ii) the firearm is in a locked container securely affixed to the  
 27 vehicle.
- 28 (5) Sworn law-enforcement officers, when off-duty, provided that an officer  
 29 does not carry a concealed weapon while consuming alcohol or an unlawful  
 30 controlled substance or while alcohol or an unlawful controlled substance  
 31 remains in the officer's body.

32 ...."

33 **SECTION 4.** G.S. 14-269.2(b) reads as rewritten:

34 "(b) It shall be a Class I felony for any person knowingly to possess or carry, whether  
 35 openly or concealed, any gun, rifle, pistol, or other firearm of any kind on educational property  
 36 or to a curricular or extracurricular activity sponsored by a school. Unless the conduct is  
 37 covered under some other provision of law providing greater punishment, any person who  
 38 willfully discharges a firearm of any kind on educational property is guilty of a Class F felony.  
 39 However, this subsection does not apply to a BB gun, stun gun, air rifle, or air pistol."

40 **SECTION 5.** G.S. 14-269.4 reads as rewritten:

41 "**§ 14-269.4. Weapons on certain State property and in courthouses.**

42 It shall be unlawful for any person to possess, or carry, whether openly or concealed, any  
 43 deadly weapon, not used solely for instructional or officially sanctioned ceremonial purposes in  
 44 the State Capitol Building, the Executive Mansion, the Western Residence of the Governor, or  
 45 on the grounds of any of these buildings, and in any building housing any court of the General  
 46 Court of Justice. If a court is housed in a building containing nonpublic uses in addition to the  
 47 court, then this prohibition shall apply only to that portion of the building used for court  
 48 purposes while the building is being used for court purposes.

49 This section shall not apply ~~to~~ to any of the following:

- 50 (1) Repealed by S.L. 1997-238, s. 3, effective June 27, 1997,  
 51 (1a) A person exempted by the provisions of ~~G.S. 14-269(b)~~, G.S. 14-269(b).

- 1 (2) through (4) Repealed by S.L. 1997-238, s. 3, effective June 27, 1997,  
 2 (4a) Any person in a building housing a court of the General Court of Justice in  
 3 possession of a weapon for evidentiary purposes, to deliver it to a  
 4 law-enforcement agency, or for purposes of ~~registration,~~ registration.  
 5 (4b) Any district court judge or superior court judge who carries or possesses a  
 6 concealed handgun in a building housing a court of the General Court of  
 7 Justice if the judge is in the building to discharge his or her official duties  
 8 and the judge has a concealed handgun permit issued in accordance with  
 9 Article 54B of this Chapter or considered valid under  
 10 ~~G.S. 14-415.24,~~ G.S. 14-415.24.  
 11 (4c) Firearms in a courthouse, carried by detention officers employed by and  
 12 authorized by the sheriff to carry ~~firearms,~~ firearms.  
 13 (4d) Any magistrate who carries or possesses a concealed handgun in any portion  
 14 of a building housing a court of the General Court of Justice other than a  
 15 courtroom itself unless the magistrate is presiding in that courtroom, if the  
 16 magistrate (i) is in the building to discharge the magistrate's official duties,  
 17 (ii) has a concealed handgun permit issued in accordance with Article 54B of  
 18 this Chapter or considered valid under G.S. 14-415.24, (iii) has successfully  
 19 completed a one-time weapons retention training substantially similar to that  
 20 provided to certified law enforcement officers in North Carolina, and (iv)  
 21 secures the weapon in a locked compartment when the weapon is not on the  
 22 magistrate's ~~person,~~ person.  
 23 (5) State-owned rest areas, rest stops along the highways, and State-owned  
 24 hunting and fishing reservations.  
 25 (6) A person with a permit issued in accordance with Article 54B of this  
 26 Chapter or considered valid under G.S. 14-415.24 who has a firearm in a  
 27 closed compartment or container within the person's locked vehicle or in a  
 28 locked container securely affixed to the person's vehicle. A person may  
 29 unlock the vehicle to enter or exit the vehicle provided the firearm remains  
 30 in the closed compartment at all times and the vehicle is locked immediately  
 31 following the entrance or exit.

32 Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a Class 1  
 33 misdemeanor."

34 **SECTION 6.** G.S. 14-269.7(a) reads as rewritten:

35 "(a) Any minor who willfully and intentionally possesses or carries a handgun is guilty  
 36 of a ~~Class 2~~ Class 1 misdemeanor."

37 **SECTION 7.** G.S. 14-269.8(a) reads as rewritten:

38 "(a) In accordance with G.S. 50B-3.1, it is unlawful for any person to ~~own,~~ possess,  
 39 purchase, or receive or attempt to ~~own,~~ possess, purchase, or receive a firearm, as defined in  
 40 G.S. 14-409.39(2), machine gun, ammunition, or permits to purchase or carry concealed  
 41 firearms if ordered by the court for so long as that protective order or any successive protective  
 42 order entered against that person pursuant to Chapter 50B of the General Statutes is in effect."

43 **SECTION 8.** G.S. 14-288.8(b) reads as rewritten:

44 "(b) This section does not apply ~~to~~ to any of the following:

- 45 (1) Persons exempted from the provisions of G.S. 14-269 with respect to any  
 46 activities lawfully engaged in while carrying out their duties.  
 47 (2) Importers, manufacturers, dealers, and collectors of firearms, ammunition, or  
 48 destructive devices validly licensed under the laws of the United States or  
 49 the State of North Carolina, while lawfully engaged in activities authorized  
 50 under their licenses.

- 1 (3) Persons under contract with the United States, the State of North Carolina, and  
2 any agency of either government, with respect to any activities lawfully  
3 engaged in under their contracts.
- 4 (4) Inventors, designers, ordnance consultants and researchers, chemists,  
5 physicists, and other persons lawfully engaged in pursuits designed to  
6 enlarge knowledge or to facilitate the creation, development, or manufacture  
7 of weapons of mass death and destruction intended for use in a manner  
8 consistent with the laws of the United States and the State of North Carolina.
- 9 (5) Persons who lawfully possess or own a weapon as defined in subsection (c)  
10 of this section in compliance with 26 U.S.C. Chapter 53, §§ 5801-5871.  
11 Nothing in this subdivision shall limit the discretion of the sheriff in  
12 executing the paperwork required by the United States Bureau of Alcohol,  
13 Tobacco and Firearms for such person to obtain the weapon."

14 **SECTION 9.** G.S. 14-409(b) reads as rewritten:

15 "(b) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to manufacture, sell, give  
16 away, dispose of, use or possess machine guns, submachine guns, or other like weapons as  
17 defined by subsection (a) of this section: Provided, however, that this subsection shall not apply  
18 to the following:

19 Banks, merchants, and recognized business establishments for use in their respective places  
20 of business, who shall first apply to and receive from the sheriff of the county in which said  
21 business is located, a permit to possess the said weapons for the purpose of defending the said  
22 business; officers and soldiers of the United States Army, when in discharge of their official  
23 duties, officers and soldiers of the militia when called into actual service, officers of the State,  
24 or of any county, city or town, charged with the execution of the laws of the State, when acting  
25 in the discharge of their official duties; the manufacture, use or possession of such weapons for  
26 scientific or experimental purposes when such manufacture, use or possession is lawful under  
27 federal laws and the weapon is registered with a federal agency, and when a permit to  
28 manufacture, use or possess the weapon is issued by the sheriff of the county in which the  
29 weapon is ~~located~~-located; a person who lawfully possesses or owns a weapon as defined by  
30 subsection (a) of this section in compliance with 26 U.S.C. Chapter 53, §§ 5801-5871. Nothing  
31 in this subdivision shall limit the discretion of the sheriff in executing the paperwork required  
32 by the United States Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms for such person to obtain the  
33 weapon. Provided, further, that any bona fide resident of this State who now owns a machine  
34 gun used in former wars, as a relic or souvenir, may retain and keep same as his or her property  
35 without violating the provisions of this section upon his reporting said ownership to the sheriff  
36 of the county in which said person lives."

37 **SECTION 10.** G.S. 14-404(d) reads as rewritten:

38 "(d) Nothing in this Article shall apply to officers authorized by law to carry firearms if  
39 the officers identify themselves to the vendor or donor as being officers authorized by law to  
40 carry firearms and ~~state that the purpose for the purchase of the firearms is directly related to~~  
41 ~~the law officers' official duties.~~provide any of the following:

- 42 (1) A letter signed by the officer's supervisor or superior officer stating that the  
43 officer is authorized by law to carry a firearm.
- 44 (2) A current photographic identification card issued by the officer's employer.
- 45 (3) A current photographic identification card issued by a State agency that  
46 identifies the individual as a law enforcement officer certified by the State of  
47 North Carolina.
- 48 (4) A current identification card issued by the officer's employer and another  
49 form of current photographic identification."

50 **SECTION 11.** Article 53A of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by  
51 adding a new section to read:

1 **"§ 14-408.1. Solicit unlawful purchase of firearm; unlawful to provide materially false**  
2 **information regarding legality of firearm or ammunition transfer.**

3 (a) The following definitions apply in this section:

4 (1) Ammunition. – Any cartridge, shell, or projectile designed for use in a  
5 firearm.

6 (2) Firearm. – A handgun, shotgun, or rifle which expels a projectile by action  
7 of an explosion.

8 (3) Handgun. – A pistol, revolver, or other gun that has a short stock and is  
9 designed to be held and fired by the use of a single hand.

10 (4) Licensed dealer. – A person who is licensed pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 923 to  
11 engage in the business of dealing in firearms.

12 (5) Materially false information. – Information that portrays an illegal  
13 transaction as legal or a legal transaction as illegal.

14 (6) Private seller. – A person who sells or offers for sale any firearm, as defined  
15 in G.S. 14-409.39, or ammunition.

16 (b) Any person who knowingly solicits, persuades, encourages, or entices a licensed  
17 dealer or private seller of firearms or ammunition to transfer a firearm or ammunition under  
18 circumstances that the person knows would violate the laws of this State or the United States is  
19 guilty of a Class F felony.

20 (c) Any person who provides to a licensed dealer or private seller of firearms or  
21 ammunition information that the person knows to be materially false information with the  
22 intent to deceive the dealer or seller about the legality of a transfer of a firearm or ammunition  
23 is guilty of a Class F felony.

24 (d) Any person who willfully procures another to engage in conduct prohibited by this  
25 section shall be held accountable as a principal.

26 (e) This section does not apply to a law enforcement officer acting in his or her official  
27 capacity or to a person acting at the direction of the law enforcement officer."

28 **SECTION 12.** G.S. 14-409.10 reads as written:

29 **"§ 14-409.10. Purchase of rifles and shotguns out of State.**

30 ~~It shall be lawful for citizens of this State to purchase rifles and shotguns and ammunition~~  
31 ~~therefor in states contiguous to this State.~~ Unless otherwise prohibited by law, a citizen of this  
32 State may purchase a firearm in another state if the citizen undergoes a background check that  
33 satisfies the law of the state of purchase and that includes an inquiry of the National Instant  
34 Background Check System."

35 **SECTION 13.** G.S. 14-415.1 reads as rewritten:

36 **"§ 14-415.1. Possession of firearms, etc., by felon prohibited.**

37 (a) It shall be unlawful for any person who has been convicted of a felony to purchase,  
38 own, possess, or have in his custody, care, or control any firearm or any weapon of mass death  
39 and destruction as defined in G.S. 14-288.8(c). For the purposes of this section, a firearm is (i)  
40 any weapon, including a starter gun, which will or is designed to or may readily be converted to  
41 expel a projectile by the action of an explosive, or its frame or receiver, or (ii) any firearm  
42 muffler or firearm silencer. This section does not apply to an antique firearm, as defined in  
43 G.S. 14-409.11.

44 Every person violating the provisions of this section shall be punished as a Class G felon.

45 (b) Prior convictions which cause disenfranchisement under this section shall only include:

46 (1) Felony convictions in North Carolina that occur before, on, or after  
47 December 1, 1995; and

48 (2) Repealed by Session Laws 1995, c. 487, s. 3, effective December 1, 1995.

49 (3) Violations of criminal laws of other states or of the United States that occur  
50 before, on, or after December 1, 1995, and that are substantially similar to

1 the crimes covered in subdivision (1) which are punishable where committed  
2 by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year.

3 When a person is charged under this section, records of prior convictions of any offense,  
4 whether in the courts of this State, or in the courts of any other state or of the United States,  
5 shall be admissible in evidence for the purpose of proving a violation of this section. The term  
6 "conviction" is defined as a final judgment in any case in which felony punishment, or  
7 imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, as the case may be, is ~~permissible, authorized,~~  
8 without regard to the plea entered or to the sentence imposed. A judgment of a conviction of  
9 the defendant or a plea of guilty by the defendant to such an offense certified to a superior court  
10 of this State from the custodian of records of any state or federal court shall be prima facie  
11 evidence of the facts so certified.

12 (c) The indictment charging the defendant under the terms of this section shall be  
13 separate from any indictment charging him with other offenses related to or giving rise to a  
14 charge under this section. An indictment which charges the person with violation of this section  
15 must set forth the date that the prior offense was committed, the type of offense and the penalty  
16 therefor, and the date that the defendant was convicted or plead guilty to such offense, the  
17 identity of the court in which the conviction or plea of guilty took place and the verdict and  
18 judgment rendered therein.

19 (d) This section does not apply to a person ~~whose firearms rights have been restored~~  
20 ~~under G.S. 14-415.4, unless the person is convicted of a subsequent felony after the petition to~~  
21 ~~restore the person's firearms rights is granted who, pursuant to the law of the jurisdiction in~~  
22 which the conviction occurred, has been pardoned or has had his or her firearms rights restored  
23 if such restoration of rights could also be granted under North Carolina law.

24 (e) This section does not apply and there is no disentitlement under this section if the  
25 felony conviction is a violation under the laws of North Carolina, another state, or the United  
26 States that pertains to antitrust violations, unfair trade practices, or restraints of trade."

27 **SECTION 14.** G.S. 14-415.11 reads as rewritten:

28 "**§ 14-415.11. Permit to carry concealed handgun; scope of permit.**

29 (a) Any person who has a concealed handgun permit may carry a concealed handgun  
30 unless otherwise specifically prohibited by law. The person shall carry the permit together with  
31 valid identification whenever the person is carrying a concealed handgun, shall disclose to any  
32 law enforcement officer that the person holds a valid permit and is carrying a concealed  
33 handgun when approached or addressed by the officer, and shall display both the permit and the  
34 proper identification upon the request of a law enforcement officer. In addition to these  
35 requirements, a military permittee whose permit has expired during deployment may carry a  
36 concealed handgun during the 90 days following the end of deployment and before the permit  
37 is renewed provided the permittee also displays proof of deployment to any law enforcement  
38 officer.

39 (b) The sheriff shall issue a permit to carry a concealed handgun to a person who  
40 qualifies for a permit under G.S. 14-415.12. The permit shall be valid throughout the State for a  
41 period of five years from the date of issuance.

42 (c) ~~A~~Except as provided in G.S. 14-415.27, a permit does not authorize a person to  
43 carry a concealed handgun in any of the following:

44 (1) ~~areas~~Areas prohibited by G.S. 269.2, 14-269.3, 14-269.4, and  
45 14-277.2, G.S. 14-269.2, 14-269.3, and 14-277.2.

46 (2) Areas prohibited by G.S. 14-269.4, except as allowed under  
47 G.S. 14-269.4(6).

48 (3) ~~in~~In an area prohibited by rule adopted under G.S. 120-32.1, G.S. 120-32.1.

49 (4) ~~in~~In any area prohibited by 18 U.S.C. § 922 or any other federal law, law.

50 (5) ~~in~~In a law enforcement or correctional facility, facility.

51 (6) ~~in~~In a building housing only State or federal offices, offices.



1           (7) ~~in~~In an office of the State or federal government that is not located in a  
2 building exclusively occupied by the State or federal  
3 ~~government,~~government.

4           (8) ~~a financial institution, or on any other premises, except state owned rest~~  
5 ~~areas or state owned rest stops along the highways,~~On any private premises  
6 where notice that carrying a concealed handgun is prohibited by the posting  
7 of a conspicuous notice or statement by the person in legal possession or  
8 control of the premises.

9           (c1) Any person who has a concealed handgun permit may carry a concealed handgun on  
10 the grounds or waters of a park within the State Parks System as defined in G.S. 113-44.9.

11           (c2) It shall be unlawful for a person, with or without a permit, to carry a concealed  
12 handgun while consuming alcohol or at any time while the person has remaining in ~~his~~the  
13 person's body any alcohol or in ~~his~~the person's blood a controlled substance previously  
14 consumed, but a person does not violate this condition if a controlled substance in ~~his~~the  
15 person's blood was lawfully obtained and taken in therapeutically appropriate ~~amounts,~~amounts  
16 or if the person is on the person's own property.

17           (c3) As provided in G.S. 14-269.4(5), it shall be lawful for a person to carry any firearm  
18 openly, or to carry a concealed handgun with a concealed carry permit, at any State-owned rest  
19 area, at any State-owned rest stop along the highways, and at any State-owned hunting and  
20 fishing reservation.

21           (d) A person who is issued a permit shall notify the sheriff who issued the permit of any  
22 change in the person's permanent address within 30 days after the change of address. If a permit  
23 is lost or destroyed, the person to whom the permit was issued shall notify the sheriff who  
24 issued the permit of the loss or destruction of the permit. A person may obtain a duplicate  
25 permit by submitting to the sheriff a notarized statement that the permit was lost or destroyed  
26 and paying the required duplicate permit fee."

27           **SECTION 15.** G.S. 14-415.13(a)(5) reads as rewritten:

28           "(a) A person shall apply to the sheriff of the county in which the person resides to  
29 obtain a concealed handgun permit. The applicant shall submit to the sheriff all of the  
30 following:

31           ...

32           (5) A release, in a form to be prescribed by the Administrative Office of the  
33 Courts, that authorizes and requires disclosure to the sheriff of any records  
34 concerning the mental health or capacity of the ~~applicant,~~applicant to be  
35 used for the sole purpose of determining whether the applicant is  
36 disqualified for a permit under the provisions of G.S. 14-415.12. This  
37 provision does not prohibit submitting information related to involuntary  
38 commitment to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System  
39 (NICS)."

40           **SECTION 16.** G.S. 14-415.14(b) reads as rewritten:

41           "(b) The permit application shall also contain a warning substantially as follows:

42           "CAUTION: Federal law and State law on the possession of handguns and firearms may  
43 differ. If you are prohibited by federal law from possessing a handgun or a firearm, you may be  
44 prosecuted in federal court. A State permit is not a defense to a federal prosecution.""

45           **SECTION 17.** G.S. 14-415.15 reads as rewritten:

46           "**§ 14-415.15. Issuance or denial of permit.**

47           (a) Except as permitted under subsection (b) of this section, within ~~90~~45 days after  
48 receipt of the items listed in G.S. 14-415.13 from an applicant, and receipt of the required  
49 records concerning the mental health or capacity of the applicant, the sheriff shall either issue  
50 or deny the permit. The sheriff may conduct any investigation necessary to determine the  
51 qualification or competency of the person applying for the permit, including record checks.

1 (b) Upon presentment to the sheriff of the items required under G.S. 14-415.13 (a)(1),  
2 (2), and (3), the sheriff may issue a temporary permit for a period not to exceed ~~90~~45 days to a  
3 person who the sheriff reasonably believes is in an emergency situation that may constitute a  
4 risk of safety to the person, the person's family or property. The applicant may submit proof of  
5 a protective order issued under G.S. 50B-3 for the protection of the applicant as evidence of an  
6 emergency situation. The temporary permit may not be renewed and may be revoked by the  
7 sheriff without a hearing.

8 (c) A person's application for a permit shall be denied only if the applicant fails to  
9 qualify under the criteria listed in this Article. If the sheriff denies the application for a permit,  
10 the sheriff shall, within ~~90~~45 days, notify the applicant in writing, stating the grounds for  
11 denial. An applicant may appeal the denial, revocation, or nonrenewal of a permit by  
12 petitioning a district court judge of the district in which the application was filed. The  
13 determination by the court, on appeal, shall be upon the facts, the law, and the reasonableness  
14 of the sheriff's refusal. The determination by the court shall be final."

15 **SECTION 18.** G.S. 14-415.16 reads as rewritten:

16 **"§ 14-415.16. Renewal of permit.**

17 (a) At least 45 days prior to the expiration date of a permit, the sheriff of the county  
18 where the permit was issued shall send a written notice to the permittee explaining that the  
19 permit is about to expire and including information about the requirements for renewal of the  
20 permit. The notice shall be sent by first class mail to the last known address of the permittee.  
21 Failure to receive a renewal notice shall not relieve a permittee of requirements imposed in this  
22 section for renewal of the permit.

23 (b) The holder of a permit shall apply to renew the permit within the 90-day period  
24 prior to its expiration date by filing with the sheriff of the county in which the person resides a  
25 renewal form provided by the sheriff's office, ~~a notarized~~an affidavit stating that the permittee  
26 remains qualified under the criteria provided in this Article, a newly administered full set of the  
27 permittee's fingerprints, and a renewal fee.

28 (c) Upon receipt of the completed renewal ~~application, including the permittee's~~  
29 ~~fingerprints, application~~ and the appropriate payment of fees, the sheriff shall determine if the  
30 permittee remains qualified to hold a permit in accordance with the provisions of  
31 G.S. 14-415.12. The permittee's criminal history shall be updated, including with another  
32 inquiry of the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS), and the sheriff  
33 may waive the requirement of taking another firearms safety and training course. If the  
34 permittee applies for a renewal of the permit within the 90-day period prior to its expiration  
35 date and if the permittee remains qualified to have a permit under G.S. 14-415.12, the sheriff  
36 shall renew the permit. The permit of a permittee who complies with this section shall remain  
37 valid beyond the expiration date of the permit until the permittee either receives a renewal  
38 permit or is denied a renewal permit by the sheriff.

39 (d) No fingerprints shall be required for a renewal permit if the applicant's fingerprints  
40 were submitted to the State Bureau of Investigation after June 30, 2001, on the Automated  
41 Fingerprint Information System (AFIS) as prescribed by the State Bureau of Investigation.

42 (e) If the permittee does not apply to renew the permit prior to its expiration date, but  
43 does apply to renew the permit within 60 days after the permit expires, the sheriff may waive  
44 the requirement of taking another firearms safety and training course. This subsection does not  
45 extend the expiration date of the permit."

46 **SECTION 19.** G.S. 14-415.17 reads as rewritten:

47 **"§ 14-415.17. Permit; sheriff to retain and make available to law enforcement agencies a**  
48 **list of permittees.**

49 The permit shall be in a certificate form, as prescribed by the Administrative Office of the  
50 Courts, that is approximately the size of a North Carolina drivers license. It shall bear the  
51 signature, name, address, date of birth, and ~~social security number of the permittee, and the~~

1 drivers license identification number used in applying for the permit. The sheriff shall maintain  
2 a ~~listing~~ listing, including the identifying information, of those persons who are issued a ~~permit~~  
3 ~~and any pertinent information regarding the issued permit.~~ permit. The permit information shall  
4 be available upon request to all State and local law enforcement agencies.

5 Within five days of the date a permit is issued, the sheriff shall send a copy of the permit to  
6 the State Bureau of Investigation. The State Bureau of Investigation shall make this information  
7 available to law enforcement officers and clerks of court on a statewide system."

8 **SECTION 20.** G.S. 14-415.18(a) reads as rewritten:

9 "(a) The sheriff of the county where the permit was issued or the sheriff of the county  
10 where the person resides may revoke a permit subsequent to a hearing for any of the following  
11 reasons:

- 12 (1) Fraud or intentional ~~or~~ and material misrepresentation in the obtaining of a  
13 permit.
- 14 (2) Misuse of a permit, including lending or giving a permit or a duplicate  
15 permit to another person, ~~duplicate~~ materially altering a permit, or using a  
16 permit with the intent to unlawfully cause harm to a person or property. It  
17 shall not be considered misuse of a permit to provide a duplicate of the  
18 permit to a vender for record-keeping purposes.
- 19 (3) The doing of an act or existence of a condition which would have been  
20 grounds for the denial of the permit by the sheriff.
- 21 (4) The violation of any of the terms of this Article.
- 22 (5) The applicant is adjudicated guilty of or receives a prayer for judgment  
23 continued for a crime which would have disqualified the applicant from  
24 initially receiving a permit.

25 A permittee may appeal the revocation, or nonrenewal of a permit by petitioning a district  
26 court judge of the district in which the applicant resides. The determination by the court, on  
27 appeal, shall be upon the facts, the law, and the reasonableness of the sheriff's refusal."

28 **SECTION 21.(a)** G.S. 14-415.21 reads as rewritten:

29 **"§ 14-415.21. Violations of this Article punishable as an ~~infraction and a Class 2~~**  
30 **~~misdemeanor, infraction.~~**

31 (a) A person who has been issued a valid permit who is found to be carrying a  
32 concealed handgun without the permit in the person's possession or who fails to disclose to any  
33 law enforcement officer that the person holds a valid permit and is carrying a concealed  
34 handgun, as required by G.S. 14-415.11, shall be guilty of an infraction ~~for the first offense~~ and  
35 shall be punished in accordance with G.S. 14-3.1. In lieu of paying a fine ~~for the first offense,~~  
36 the person may surrender the permit. ~~Subsequent offenses for failing to carry a valid permit or~~  
37 ~~for failing to make the necessary disclosures to a law enforcement officer as required by~~  
38 ~~G.S. 14-415.11 shall be punished in accordance with subsection (b) of this section.~~

39 (b) A person who violates the provisions of this Article other than as set forth in  
40 subsection (a) of this section is guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor."

41 **SECTION 21.(b)** G.S. 14-415.23 reads as rewritten:

42 **"§ 14-415.23. Statewide uniformity.**

43 It is the intent of the General Assembly to prescribe a uniform system for the regulation of  
44 legally carrying a concealed handgun. To insure uniformity, no political subdivisions, boards,  
45 or agencies of the State nor any county, city, municipality, municipal corporation, town,  
46 township, village, nor any department or agency thereof, may enact ordinances, rules, or  
47 regulations concerning legally carrying a concealed handgun. A unit of local government may  
48 adopt an ordinance to permit the posting of a prohibition against carrying a concealed handgun,  
49 in accordance with G.S. 14-415.11(c), on local government ~~buildings, their appurtenant~~  
50 ~~premises, and parks.~~ buildings and their appurtenant premises. A unit of local government may  
51 adopt an ordinance to prohibit, by posting, the carrying of a concealed handgun on municipal

1 and county recreational facilities that are specifically identified by the unit of local government.  
2 If a unit of local government adopts such an ordinance with regard to recreational facilities,  
3 then the concealed handgun permittee may, nevertheless, secure the handgun in a locked  
4 vehicle within the trunk, glove box, or other enclosed compartment or area within or on the  
5 motor vehicle. For purposes of this section, the term "recreational facilities" includes only the  
6 following: a playground, an athletic field, a swimming pool, and an athletic facility."

7 **SECTION 22.(a)** G.S. 14-415.24 reads as rewritten:

8 **"§ 14-415.24. Reciprocity; out-of-state handgun permits.**

9 (a) A valid concealed handgun permit or license issued by another state is valid in  
10 North Carolina if that state grants the same right to residents of North Carolina who have valid  
11 concealed handgun permits issued pursuant to this Article in their possession while carrying  
12 concealed weapons in that state.~~North Carolina.~~

13 (b) ~~The Attorney General shall maintain a registry of states that meet the requirements~~  
14 ~~of this section on the North Carolina Criminal Information Network and make the registry~~  
15 ~~available to law enforcement officers for investigative purposes.~~

16 (c) Every 12 months after the effective date of this subsection, the Department of  
17 Justice shall make written inquiry of the concealed handgun permitting authorities in each other  
18 state as to: (i) whether a North Carolina resident may carry a concealed handgun in their state  
19 based upon having a valid North Carolina concealed handgun permit and (ii) whether a North  
20 Carolina resident may apply for a concealed handgun permit in that state based upon having a  
21 valid North Carolina concealed handgun permit. The Department of Justice shall attempt to  
22 secure from each state permission for North Carolina residents who hold a valid North Carolina  
23 concealed handgun permit to carry a concealed handgun in that state, either on the basis of the  
24 North Carolina permit or on the basis that the North Carolina permit is sufficient to permit the  
25 issuance of a similar license or permit by the other state."

26 **SECTION 22.(b)** Article 54B of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by  
27 adding a new section to read:

28 **"§ 14-415.27. Expanded permit scope for district attorneys, assistant district attorneys,**  
29 **and investigators employed by office of the district attorney.**

30 Notwithstanding G.S. 14-415.11(c), any person who is a district attorney, an assistant  
31 district attorney, or an investigator employed by the office of a district attorney and who has a  
32 concealed handgun permit issued pursuant to this Article or that is considered valid under  
33 G.S. 14-415.24 is not subject to the restrictions and prohibitions set out in G.S. 14-415.11(c)  
34 and may carry a concealed handgun in the areas listed in G.S. 14-415.11(c) unless otherwise  
35 prohibited by federal law."

36 **SECTION 23.** G.S. 50B-3.1(d) reads as rewritten:

37 "(d) Surrender. – Upon service of the order, the defendant shall immediately surrender to  
38 the sheriff possession of all firearms, machine guns, ammunition, permits to purchase firearms,  
39 and permits to carry concealed firearms that are in the care, custody, possession, ownership, or  
40 control of the defendant. In the event that weapons cannot be surrendered at the time the order  
41 is served, the defendant shall surrender the firearms, ammunitions, and permits to the sheriff  
42 within 24 hours of service at a time and place specified by the sheriff. The sheriff shall store the  
43 firearms or contract with a licensed firearms dealer to provide storage.

44 (1) If the court orders the defendant to surrender firearms, ammunition, and  
45 permits, the court shall inform the plaintiff and the defendant of the terms of  
46 the protective order and include these terms on the face of the order,  
47 including that the defendant is prohibited from ~~owning,~~ possessing,  
48 purchasing, or receiving or attempting to ~~own,~~ possess, purchase, or receive  
49 a firearm for so long as the protective order or any successive protective  
50 order is in effect. The terms of the order shall include instructions as to how  
51 the defendant may request retrieval of any firearms, ammunition, and

1 permits surrendered to the sheriff when the protective order is no longer in  
2 effect. The terms shall also include notice of the penalty for violation of  
3 G.S. 14-269.8.

- 4 (2) The sheriff may charge the defendant a reasonable fee for the storage of any  
5 firearms and ammunition taken pursuant to a protective order. The fees are  
6 payable to the sheriff. The sheriff shall transmit the proceeds of these fees to  
7 the county finance officer. The fees shall be used by the sheriff to pay the  
8 costs of administering this section and for other law enforcement purposes.  
9 The county shall expend the restricted funds for these purposes only. The  
10 sheriff shall not release firearms, ammunition, or permits without a court  
11 order granting the release. The defendant must remit all fees owed prior to  
12 the authorized return of any firearms, ammunition, or permits. The sheriff  
13 shall not incur any civil or criminal liability for alleged damage or  
14 deterioration due to storage or transportation of any firearms or ammunition  
15 held pursuant to this section."

16 **SECTION 24.** G.S. 50B-3.1(j) reads as rewritten:

17 "(j) Violations. – In accordance with G.S. 14-269.8, it is unlawful for any person to  
18 ~~own~~, possess, purchase, or receive or attempt to ~~own~~, possess, purchase, or receive a firearm, as  
19 defined in G.S. 14-409.39(2), machine gun, ammunition, or permits to purchase or carry  
20 concealed firearms if ordered by the court for so long as that protective order or any successive  
21 protective order entered against that person pursuant to this Chapter is in effect. Any defendant  
22 violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a Class H felony."

23 **SECTION 25.** G.S. 120-32.1 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

24 "(c1) No rule adopted under this section shall prohibit the transportation or storage of a  
25 firearm in a closed compartment or container within a person's locked vehicle or in a locked  
26 container securely affixed to a person's vehicle. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a  
27 legislator or legislative employee who parks a vehicle in a State-owned parking space that is  
28 leased or assigned to that legislator or legislative employee may transport a firearm to the  
29 parking space and store that firearm in the vehicle parked in the parking space, provided that:  
30 (i) the firearm is in a closed compartment or container within the legislator's or legislative  
31 employee's locked vehicle, or (ii) the firearm is in a locked container securely affixed to the  
32 legislator or legislative employee's vehicle."

33 **SECTION 26.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2011, and applies to  
34 offenses committed on or after that date. Prosecutions for offenses committed before the  
35 effective date of this act are not abated or affected by this act, and the statutes that would be  
36 applicable but for this act remain applicable to those prosecutions.