GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA **SESSION 2023**

H 1 **HOUSE BILL 283**

Short Title:	Purchase Permit Req'd/Long Gun.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Representatives von Haefen, Logan, Majeed, and Rudow (Primary Sponsors).	
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Referred to:	Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	

March 7, 2023

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED 2

AN ACT TO REQUIRE A PERMIT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A LONG GUN.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 14-402 reads as rewritten:

"§ 14-402. Sale of certain weapons without permit forbidden.

It is unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation in this State to sell, give away, or transfer, or to purchase or receive, at any place within this State from any other place within or without the State any pistol pistol or long gun unless: (i) a license or permit is first obtained under this Article by the purchaser or receiver from the sheriff of the county in which the purchaser or receiver resides; or (ii) a valid North Carolina concealed handgun permit is held under Article 54B of this Chapter by the purchaser or receiver who must be a resident of the State at the time of the purchase.

It is unlawful for any person or persons to receive from any postmaster, postal clerk, employee in the parcel post department, rural mail carrier, express agent or employee, railroad agent or employee within the State of North Carolina any pistol pistol or long gun without having in his or their possession and without exhibiting at the time of the delivery of the same and to the person delivering the same the permit from the sheriff as provided in G.S. 14-403. Any person violating the provisions of this section is guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor.

- This section does not apply to an antique firearm or an historic edged weapon.
- (c) The following definitions apply in this Article:
 - Antique firearm. Defined in G.S. 14-409.11. (1)

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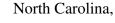
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- (4) Historic edged weapon. – Defined in G.S. 14-409.12.
- Long gun. A shotgun or rifle that is not considered an antique firearm, as (4a) that term is defined under this section."

SECTION 2. G.S. 14-403 reads as rewritten:

"§ 14-403. Permit issued by sheriff; form of permit; expiration of permit.

The sheriffs of any and all counties of this State shall issue to any person, firm, or corporation in any county a permit to purchase or receive any weapon mentioned in this Article from any person, firm, or corporation offering to sell or dispose of the weapon. The permit shall expire five years from the date of issuance. The permit shall be a standard form created by the State Bureau of Investigation in consultation with the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association, shall be of a uniform size and material, and shall be designed with security features intended to minimize the ability to counterfeit or replicate the permit and shall be set forth as follows:





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	Count	y.	
		Sheriff of said County, do hereby certify that I have	ve conducted a criminal
ba	ckground chec	k of the applicant, whose place of residence is	s in
(0:	r) in	Township, County, North Carolina,	and have received no
		dicate that it would be a violation of State or federal	* *
		r, receive, or possess a handgun. <u>handgun or a long</u>	
fu		me as to his, her (or) their good moral character. Theref	
		chase one pistol pistol or one long gun from any pers	son, firm or corporation
au		pose of the same.	
		xpires five years from its date of issuance.	
	This day o	f,	
			Sheriff.
		permit created by this section shall be used statewide b	•
		when issued by a sheriff, shall also contain an embossed	seal unique to the office
of	the issuing she		
		FION 3. G.S. $14-404(c)(1)$ reads as rewritten:	
	"(1)	One who is under an indictment or information for o	
		any state, or in any court of the United States, of a felo	• `
		pertaining to antitrust violations, unfair trade practice	
		However, a person who has been convicted of a felor	•
		or in a court of the United States and (i) who is later	•
		firearms rights have been restored pursuant to G.S.	
		permit, if the purchase or receipt of a pistol pistol or lo	
		Article does not violate a condition of the pardon of	r restoration of firearms
		rights."	

rights." **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2023, and applies to the sale, giving away, transfer, purchase, or receiving of a long gun on or after that date.

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