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Research Note

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Senate Bill 17-006

Sponsors

Senator Cooke
Representative Nordberg

Short Title

***Concealed Carry For Military
Under 21***

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Status

This research note reflects the final version of the bill which was postponed indefinitely by the House State Affairs Committee on March 22, 2017.

Background

Existing Colorado law requires sheriffs to issue a permit to any applicant who meets all of the specified criteria. The applicant must:

- be a legal resident of Colorado;
- be at least 21 years old;
- be eligible under state and federal laws to possess a firearm;
- not have a conviction for perjury relating to information provided or deliberately omitted on a permit application;
- not chronically or habitually use alcoholic beverages to the extent that normal faculties are impaired;
- not be an unlawful user of or addicted to a controlled substance;
- not be subject to a protection order; and
- demonstrate competence with a handgun through certification as a firearms safety instructor, participation in organized shooting competitions, current military service, certain prior military or law enforcement service, or completion of a handgun safety course not held entirely online.

Sheriffs may deny, revoke, or refuse to issue or renew a permit if the sheriff has a reasonable belief that documented previous behavior by the applicant makes it likely the applicant will present a danger to himself or herself or others if he or she is issued a permit. A sheriff may suspend a

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permit if the permittee no longer meets the specified criteria or becomes a danger to himself or herself or to others.

An individual in Colorado may use a concealed carry permit issued by one of the 31 states that recognizes the validity of Colorado permits if that individual is currently a resident of the issuing state or has lived in Colorado for no more than 90 days.

Senate Action

Senate Judiciary Committee (February 13, 2017). At the hearing, the committee heard testimony in favor of the bill from representatives of Rocky Mountain Gun Owners, the 18th Judicial District Attorney, the Firearms Coalition of Colorado, the County Sheriffs of Colorado, and private citizens. The committee heard testimony in opposition to the bill from representatives of Colorado Faith Communities United Against Gun Violence, Colorado Ceasefire, the League of Women Voters, and private citizens. The committee referred the bill to the Senate Committee of the Whole.

Senate second reading (February 16, 2017). The Senate passed the bill on second reading with no amendments.

Senate third reading (February 17, 2017). The Senate passed the bill on third reading with no amendments.

House Action

House State Affairs Committee (March 22, 2017). At the hearing, the committee heard testimony in favor of the bill from representatives of Rocky Mountain Gun Owners and the Firearms Coalition of Colorado, as well as private citizens. The committee heard testimony in opposition to the bill from representatives of Hunters Against Gun Violence, Colorado Faith Communities United Against Gun Violence, Colorado Ceasefire, and the League of Women Voters, as well as private citizens.

Relevant Research

Legislative Council Staff, *Colorado Gun Laws*, Issue Brief, September, 2014:
http://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/14-12_coloradogunlawsib.pdf.