

CHAPTER 278

CRIMINAL LAW AND PROCEDURE

SENATE BILL 13-195

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AN ACT

CONCERNING REQUIRING CERTAIN APPLICANTS FOR CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMITS TO COMPLETE A HANDGUN TRAINING CLASS ON THE PHYSICAL GROUNDS WHERE THE CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR OF THE COURSE OFFERS THE COURSE.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-12-202, **amend** (5) as follows:

18-12-202. Definitions. As used in this part 2, unless the context otherwise requires:

(5) (a) "Handgun training class" means:

~~(a)~~ (I) A law enforcement training firearms safety course;

~~(b)~~ (II) A firearms safety course offered by a law enforcement agency, an institution of higher education, or a public or private institution or organization or firearms training school, that is open to the general public and is taught by a certified instructor; or

~~(c)~~ (III) A firearms safety course or class that is offered and taught by a certified instructor.

(b) NOTWITHSTANDING PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION (5), "HANDGUN TRAINING CLASS" DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE THAT ALLOWS A PERSON TO COMPLETE THE ENTIRE COURSE:

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

(I) VIA THE INTERNET OR AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE; OR

(II) IN ANY LOCATION OTHER THAN THE PHYSICAL LOCATION WHERE THE CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR OFFERS THE COURSE.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-12-203, **amend** (1) (h) (VI) as follows:

18-12-203. Criteria for obtaining a permit. (1) Beginning May 17, 2003, except as otherwise provided in this section, a sheriff shall issue a permit to carry a concealed handgun to an applicant who:

(h) Demonstrates competence with a handgun by submitting:

(VI) A training certificate from a handgun training class obtained within the ten years preceding submittal of the application. The applicant shall submit the original training certificate or a photocopy thereof that includes the original signature of the class instructor. TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY SECTION 18-12-202 (5), in obtaining a training certificate from a handgun training class, the applicant shall have discretion in selecting which handgun training class to complete.

SECTION 3. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

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