

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-12-203. **amend** (1) (f) 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:

(f) Is not an unlawful user of or addicted to a controlled substance as defined in section 18-18-102 (5), EXCEPT THAT A SHERIFF SHALL NOT USE A PERMIT APPLICANT'S LAWFUL USE OF MARIJUANA PURSUANT TO SECTION 14 OR 16 OF ARTICLE XVIII OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION AS A BASIS FOR DENYING THE APPLICANT A PERMIT. Whether an applicant is an unlawful user of or addicted to a controlled substance shall be determined as provided in federal law and regulations, EXCEPT THAT WHEN IT COMES TO MARIJUANA USE A SHERIFF SHALL ONLY FOLLOW STATE LAW AND REGULATIONS.

Effective date: July 1, 2025

Designated Representatives: