

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to public safety; modifying requirements for certifying firearm instructors  
1.3 in the pistol permit law; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 624.714,  
1.4 subdivision 2a.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 624.714, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 2a. **Training in safe use of a pistol.** (a) An applicant must present evidence that  
1.8 the applicant received training in the safe use of a pistol within one year of the date of an  
1.9 original or renewal application. Training may be demonstrated by:

1.10 (1) employment as a peace officer in the state of Minnesota within the past year; or

1.11 (2) completion of a firearms safety or training course providing basic training in the safe  
1.12 use of a pistol and conducted by a certified instructor.

1.13 (b) Basic training must include:

1.14 (1) instruction in the fundamentals of pistol use;

1.15 (2) successful completion of an actual shooting qualification exercise; and

1.16 (3) instruction in the fundamental legal aspects of pistol possession, carry, and use,  
1.17 including self-defense and the restrictions on the use of deadly force.

1.18 (c) The certified instructor must issue a certificate to a person who has completed a  
1.19 firearms safety or training course described in paragraph (b). The certificate must be signed  
1.20 by the instructor and attest that the person attended and completed the course.

2.1 (d) A person qualifies as a certified instructor if the person is certified as a firearms  
2.2 instructor within the past five years by the National Rifle Association or by an organization  
2.3 or government entity that has been approved by the Department of Public Safety in  
2.4 accordance with the department's standards or who has been approved within the past year  
2.5 by a sheriff as possessing sufficient qualifications as a firearms instructor.

2.6 (e) A sheriff must accept the training described in this subdivision as meeting the  
2.7 requirement in subdivision 2, paragraph (b), for training in the safe use of a pistol. A sheriff  
2.8 may also accept other satisfactory evidence of training in the safe use of a pistol.