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HOUSE BILL 691
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Short Title: New Resident/Temporary Concealed Carry Permit.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 19, 2023

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF A TEMPORARY CONCEALED
3 HANDGUN PERMIT TO NEW RESIDENTS OF NORTH CAROLINA WHO MEET
4 CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 SECTION 1. G.S. 14-415.15 reads as rewritten:

7 "§ 14-415.15. Issuance or denial of ~~permit~~permit; temporary permit.

8 (a) Process for Issuance or Denial. – Except as permitted under subsection (b) or (c) of
9 this section, within 45 days after receipt of the items listed in G.S. 14-415.13 from an applicant,
10 and receipt of the required records concerning the mental health or capacity of the applicant, the
11 sheriff shall either issue or deny the permit. The sheriff may conduct any investigation necessary
12 to determine the qualification or competency of the person applying for the permit, including
13 record checks. The sheriff shall make the request for any records concerning the mental health
14 or capacity of the applicant within 10 days of receipt of the items listed in G.S. 14-415.13. No
15 person, company, mental health provider, or governmental entity may charge additional fees to
16 the applicant for background checks conducted under this subsection. A permit shall not be
17 denied unless the applicant is determined to be ineligible pursuant to G.S. 14-415.12.

18 (b) Temporary Emergency Permit. – Upon presentment to the sheriff of the items
19 required under G.S. 14-415.13 (a)(1), (2), and (3), the sheriff may issue a temporary permit for a
20 period not to exceed 45 days to a person who the sheriff reasonably believes is in an emergency
21 situation that may constitute a risk of safety to the person, the person's family or property. The
22 applicant may submit proof of a protective order issued under G.S. 50B-3 for the protection of
23 the applicant as evidence of an emergency situation. The temporary permit may not be renewed
24 and may be revoked by the sheriff without a hearing.

25 (b1) Temporary New Resident Permit. – Notwithstanding the requirement in
26 G.S. 14-415.12(a)(1) that an applicant must reside in this State for 30 days, a person possessing
27 a current, unexpired out-of-state concealed handgun permit shall be issued a temporary new
28 resident permit if (i) the person's out-of-state permit will expire within 120 days of establishing
29 residency in this State and (ii) the person has presented to the sheriff the items required under
30 G.S. 14-415.13(a)(1), (2), (3), and (5).

31 The temporary permit shall be valid until one of the following conditions occur, whichever
32 is first:

- 33 (1) After submission of the information required by G.S. 14-415.13(a)(4), the
34 sheriff either grants or denies the application for a North Carolina concealed
35 handgun permit.



1 (2) The information required by G.S. 14-415.13(a)(4) has not been submitted and
2 120 days have passed since the issuance of the temporary permit.
3 The temporary permit may not be renewed and may be revoked by the sheriff without a
4 hearing.
5 (c) Criteria for Denial and Appeal. – A person's application for a permit shall be denied
6 only if the applicant fails to qualify under the criteria listed in this Article. If the sheriff denies
7 the application for a permit, the sheriff shall, within 45 days, notify the applicant in writing,
8 stating the grounds for denial. An applicant may appeal the denial, revocation, or nonrenewal of
9 a permit by petitioning a district court judge of the district in which the application was filed.
10 The determination by the court, on appeal, shall be upon the facts, the law, and the reasonableness
11 of the sheriff's refusal. The determination by the court shall be final."
12 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2023.