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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING PERMITS TO CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN, AND, IN**
102 **CONNECTION THEREWITH, ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR**
103 **CONCEALED HANDGUN TRAINING CLASSES.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

Under existing law, an applicant for a permit to carry a concealed handgun (permit) must demonstrate competence with a handgun, which the applicant may do by completing a handgun training class (initial class) offered by a verified instructor. Beginning July 1, 2025, the bill requires concealed handgun training classes to be held in person and include

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instruction regarding:

- Knowledge and safe handling of firearms and ammunition;
- Safe storage of firearms and child safety;
- Safe firearms shooting fundamentals;
- Federal and state laws pertaining to the lawful purchase, ownership, transportation, use, and possession of firearms;
- State law pertaining to the use of deadly force for self-defense; and
- Techniques for avoiding a criminal attack and how to manage a violent confrontation, including conflict resolution and judgmental use of lethal force.

A student must achieve a passing score on a written concealed handgun competency exam and in a live-fire exercise to complete an initial class. An initial class must provide at least 8 hours of instruction, including the live-fire exercise and written exam.

The bill requires completion of an initial class or a concealed handgun refresher class (refresher class) for renewal of a permit, unless an exemption applies. A student in a refresher class must demonstrate safety and competence with a handgun. The refresher class must be held in person, be taught by a verified instructor, include instruction on changes to laws related to firearms, and require a passing score on a live-fire exercise and written exam. A refresher class must provide at least 2 hours of instruction, including the live-fire exercise and written exam.

The bill requires the Colorado bureau of investigation to verify class instructors.

The bill allows a person to demonstrate competence with a handgun by holding a current certification as a peace officer. The bill prohibits a person from being issued a permit if the person was convicted of certain misdemeanor offenses within 5 years before submitting a permit application.

The bill makes it a deceptive trade practice for a person to claim to be a verified instructor for a concealed handgun training class unless the person is verified as a firearms instructor by the Colorado bureau of investigation.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-12-202, **amend**
3 (8); **repeal** (2) and (5); and **add** (3.5), (6.5), and (9) as follows:

4 **18-12-202. Definitions.** As used in this part 2, unless the context
5 otherwise requires:

1 (2) "Certified instructor" means an instructor for a firearms safety
2 course who is certified as a firearms instructor by:

3 (a) A county, municipal, state, or federal law enforcement agency;

4 ~~(b) The peace officers standards and training board created in
5 section 24-31-302. C.R.S.;~~

6 ~~(c) A federal military agency; or~~

7 ~~(d) A national nonprofit organization that certifies firearms
8 instructors, operates national firearms competitions, and provides
9 training, including courses in personal protection, in small arms safety,
10 use, and marksmanship.~~

11 (3.5) "CONCEALED HANDGUN TRAINING CLASS" MEANS A
12 CONCEALED HANDGUN TRAINING CLASS AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION
13 18-12-202.5 AND DOES NOT INCLUDE A REFRESHER CLASS.

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

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

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

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

22 ~~(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection (5),
23 "handgun training class" does not include any firearms safety course that
24 allows a person to complete the entire course:~~

25 ~~(I) Via the internet or an electronic device; or~~

26 ~~(II) In any location other than the physical location where the
27 certified instructor offers the course.~~

1 (6.5) "REFRESHER CLASS" MEANS A CONCEALED HANDGUN
2 REFRESHER CLASS AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 18-12-202.5 (4).

3 (8) "Training certificate" means a certificate ~~affidavit, or other~~
4 ~~document~~ issued by ~~the instructor, school, club, or organization that~~ A
5 VERIFIED INSTRUCTOR WHO CONDUCTS A CONCEALED handgun training class
6 OR A REFRESHER CLASS that evidences an applicant's successful
7 completion of the class requirements.

8 (9) "VERIFIED INSTRUCTOR" MEANS AN INSTRUCTOR FOR A
9 FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE VERIFIED AS A FIREARMS INSTRUCTOR BY A
10 SHERIFF PURSUANT TO SECTION 18-12-202.7.

11 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 18-12-202.5 as
12 follows:

13 **18-12-202.5. Concealed handgun training class - refresher**
14 **class - rules.** (1) A CONCEALED HANDGUN TRAINING CLASS IS ANY OF THE
15 FOLLOWING:

16 (a) A LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE; OR

17 (b) A FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE TAUGHT BY A VERIFIED
18 INSTRUCTOR AND OFFERED BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY; AN
19 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION; OR A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE
20 INSTITUTION, ORGANIZATION, OR FIREARMS TRAINING SCHOOL, THAT IS
21 OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND IS TAUGHT BY A VERIFIED INSTRUCTOR.

22 (2) A CONCEALED HANDGUN TRAINING CLASS MUST BE HELD IN
23 PERSON WITH THE INSTRUCTOR OF THE CLASS AT THE SAME LOCATION AS
24 THE STUDENTS, AND NO PART OF THE CLASS MAY BE CONDUCTED VIA THE
25 INTERNET. A CONCEALED HANDGUN TRAINING CLASS MUST PROVIDE A
26 MINIMUM OF EIGHT HOURS OF INSTRUCTION, INCLUDING THE LIVE-FIRE
27 SHOOTING EXERCISE DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (3)(g) OF THIS SECTION

1 AND THE WRITTEN CONCEALED HANDGUN COMPETENCY EXAM DESCRIBED
2 IN SUBSECTION (3)(h) OF THIS SECTION. THE EIGHT HOURS OF INSTRUCTION
3 IN A COURSE DO NOT NEED TO BE CONSECUTIVE.

4 (3) A CONCEALED HANDGUN TRAINING CLASS MUST INCLUDE THE
5 FOLLOWING ELEMENTS:

6 (a) INSTRUCTION REGARDING KNOWLEDGE AND SAFE HANDLING OF
7 FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION;

8 (b) INSTRUCTION REGARDING SAFE STORAGE OF FIREARMS AND
9 CHILD SAFETY;

10 (c) INSTRUCTION REGARDING SAFE FIREARMS SHOOTING
11 FUNDAMENTALS;

12 (d) INSTRUCTION REGARDING FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS
13 PERTAINING TO THE LAWFUL PURCHASE, OWNERSHIP, TRANSPORTATION,
14 USE, AND POSSESSION OF FIREARMS, INCLUDING INSTRUCTION ON EXTREME
15 RISK PROTECTION ORDERS DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 14.5 OF TITLE 13,
16 REQUIREMENTS FOR REPORTING LOST OR STOLEN FIREARMS DESCRIBED IN
17 SECTION 18-12-113, SECURE FIREARMS STORAGE REQUIREMENTS
18 DESCRIBED IN SECTION 18-12-114, AND ANY OTHER STATE LAW ENACTED
19 WITHIN FIVE YEARS BEFORE THE CLASS THAT PERTAINS TO THE PURCHASE,
20 OWNERSHIP, TRANSPORTATION, USE, AND POSSESSION OF FIREARMS;

21 (e) INSTRUCTION REGARDING STATE LAW PERTAINING TO THE USE
22 OF DEADLY FORCE FOR SELF-DEFENSE;

23 (e.5) INSTRUCTION REGARDING BEST PRACTICES TO ENSURE
24 CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT HOLDERS SAFELY INTERACT WITH LAW
25 ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL WHO ARE RESPONDING TO AN EMERGENCY;

26 (f) INSTRUCTION REGARDING TECHNIQUES FOR AVOIDING A
27 CRIMINAL ATTACK AND HOW TO MANAGE A VIOLENT CONFRONTATION,

1 INCLUDING CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND JUDGMENTAL USE OF LETHAL
2 FORCE;

3 (g) A REQUIREMENT THAT A STUDENT ACHIEVE A MINIMUM
4 SEVENTY PERCENT ACCURACY SCORE, AS DETERMINED BY THE
5 INSTRUCTOR, IN A LIVE-FIRE SHOOTING EXERCISE CONDUCTED ON A
6 RANGE, WHICH REQUIRES DISCHARGING AT LEAST FIFTY ROUNDS OF
7 AMMUNITION AND WHICH DOES NOT NEED TO BE CONDUCTED IN A SINGLE
8 DAY; AND

9 (h) A REQUIREMENT THAT A STUDENT ACHIEVE A PASSING SCORE
10 OF AT LEAST EIGHTY PERCENT ON A WRITTEN CONCEALED HANDGUN
11 COMPETENCY EXAM THAT TESTS A STUDENT'S KNOWLEDGE OF THE
12 SUBJECTS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTIONS (3)(a) TO (3)(f) OF THIS SECTION.
13 THE EXAM MUST BE ADMINISTERED AS AN OPEN BOOK EXAM.

14 (4) (a) A CONCEALED HANDGUN REFRESHER CLASS REQUIRES A
15 STUDENT TO DEMONSTRATE SAFETY AND COMPETENCE WITH A HANDGUN.
16 A REFRESHER CLASS MUST BE TAUGHT BY A VERIFIED INSTRUCTOR AND
17 MUST INCLUDE INSTRUCTION ON CHANGES TO FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS
18 RELATED TO FIREARMS ENACTED WITHIN FIVE YEARS BEFORE THE
19 REFRESHER CLASS; A LIVE-FIRE SHOOTING EXERCISE CONDUCTED ON A
20 RANGE, WHICH REQUIRES DISCHARGING AT LEAST FIFTY ROUNDS OF
21 AMMUNITION; AND A WRITTEN CONCEALED HANDGUN COMPETENCY EXAM
22 THAT TESTS A STUDENT'S KNOWLEDGE OF THE SUBJECTS DESCRIBED IN
23 SUBSECTIONS (3)(a) TO (3)(f) OF THIS SECTION.

24 (b) A REFRESHER CLASS MUST BE HELD IN PERSON WITH THE
25 INSTRUCTOR OF THE CLASS AT THE SAME LOCATION AS THE STUDENTS,
26 AND NO PART OF THE CLASS MAY BE CONDUCTED VIA THE INTERNET. A
27 REFRESHER CLASS MUST INCLUDE AT LEAST TWO HOURS OF INSTRUCTION,

1 INCLUDING THE LIVE-FIRE EXERCISE AND THE WRITTEN EXAM. IN ORDER
2 TO COMPLETE A REFRESHER CLASS, A STUDENT MUST ACHIEVE A MINIMUM
3 SEVENTY PERCENT ACCURACY SCORE, AS DETERMINED BY THE
4 INSTRUCTOR, IN THE LIVE-FIRE SHOOTING EXERCISE AND A PASSING SCORE
5 OF AT LEAST EIGHTY PERCENT ON THE WRITTEN EXAM. THE EXAM MUST BE
6 ADMINISTERED AS AN OPEN BOOK EXAM.

7 (c) A TRAINING CERTIFICATE ISSUED FOR THE COMPLETION OF A
8 REFRESHER CLASS IS VALID FOR RENEWAL OF A PERMIT TO CARRY A
9 CONCEALED HANDGUN PURSUANT TO SECTION 18-12-211, BUT IS NOT
10 VALID FOR AN INITIAL APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO CARRY A CONCEALED
11 HANDGUN PURSUANT TO SECTION 18-12-203 (1)(h)(VI).

12 (5) A VERIFIED INSTRUCTOR SHALL PROVIDE A TRAINING
13 CERTIFICATE THAT INCLUDES THE PRINTED NAME AND ORIGINAL
14 SIGNATURE OF THE CLASS INSTRUCTOR TO ANY STUDENT WHO COMPLETES
15 A CONCEALED HANDGUN TRAINING CLASS OR A REFRESHER CLASS SO THAT
16 THE STUDENT MAY SUBMIT THE CERTIFICATE TO A SHERIFF AS PART OF AN
17 INITIAL APPLICATION FOR, OR AN APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF, A PERMIT
18 TO CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN. THE TRAINING CERTIFICATE MUST
19 CLEARLY INDICATE WHETHER THE STUDENT COMPLETED A CONCEALED
20 HANDGUN TRAINING CLASS OR A REFRESHER CLASS.

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22 (6) A CONCEALED HANDGUN TRAINING CLASS AND A REFRESHER
23 CLASS IS SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE FEDERAL "AMERICANS
24 WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990", 42 U.S.C. SEC. 12101 ET SEQ.

25 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 18-12-202.7 as
26 follows:

27 **18-12-202.7. Concealed handgun training class - instructor**

1 **verification.** (1) EACH SHERIFF SHALL VERIFY AS A FIREARMS
2 INSTRUCTOR A PERSON WHOSE PRINCIPAL PLACE TO CONDUCT FIREARMS
3 TRAINING IS IN THE SHERIFF'S COUNTY AND WHO:

4 (a) SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS FOR VERIFICATION DESCRIBED
5 IN THIS SECTION; AND

6 (b) PAYS ANY FEE REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (5) OF THIS
7 SECTION.

8 (2) TO BECOME A VERIFIED INSTRUCTOR, AN APPLICANT MUST:

9 (a) HOLD A VALID PERMIT TO CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN
10 ISSUED PURSUANT THIS PART 2 THAT IS NOT A TEMPORARY EMERGENCY
11 PERMIT ISSUED PURSUANT TO SECTION 18-12-209; AND

12 (b) BE CERTIFIED AS A FIREARMS INSTRUCTOR BY ONE OF THE
13 FOLLOWING ENTITIES, THAT HAS INSTRUCTORS CERTIFIED BY A
14 NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION THAT CUSTOMARILY OFFERS
15 FIREARMS TRAINING:

16 (I) A FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY, OR MUNICIPAL LAW ENFORCEMENT
17 AGENCY;

18 (II) A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY;

19 (III) A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION THAT
20 CUSTOMARILY OFFERS FIREARMS TRAINING; OR

21 (IV) A FIREARMS TRAINING SCHOOL.

22 (3) (a) AN INSTRUCTOR VERIFICATION ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS
23 SECTION IS VALID FOR TEN YEARS AND MAY BE RENEWED AT ANY TIME
24 PRIOR TO EXPIRATION.

25 (b) A SHERIFF SHALL ISSUE EVIDENCE OF VERIFICATION TO A
26 VERIFIED INSTRUCTOR. THE EVIDENCE OF VERIFICATION MUST INCLUDE
27 THE DATE OF EXPIRATION OF THE VERIFICATION.

1 (c) EACH SHERIFF SHALL MAINTAIN A RECORD OF FIREARMS
2 INSTRUCTORS VERIFIED BY THE SHERIFF AND SHALL POST A LIST OF
3 VERIFIED INSTRUCTORS ON THE SHERIFF'S WEBSITE. THE LIST MUST
4 INCLUDE THE EXPIRATION DATE OF AN INSTRUCTOR'S VERIFICATION.

5 (4) (a) A SHERIFF SHALL REVOKE A VERIFICATION ISSUED
6 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IF THE VERIFIED INSTRUCTOR CEASES TO MEET
7 THE REQUIREMENTS FOR VERIFICATION.

8 (b) A SHERIFF MAY REVOKE OR SUSPEND A VERIFICATION ISSUED
9 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IF THE VERIFIED INSTRUCTOR PROVIDES
10 INSTRUCTION IN A CONCEALED HANDGUN TRAINING CLASS OR REFRESHER
11 CLASS THAT FAILS TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CLASS PURSUANT
12 TO THIS PART 2 AND THAT RESULTS IN THE ISSUANCE OF A TRAINING
13 CERTIFICATE. A PERSON WHO HAS HAD A VERIFICATION SUSPENDED
14 PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (4)(b) MAY APPLY FOR REINSTATEMENT
15 NO EARLIER THAN THIRTY DAYS FOLLOWING SUSPENSION.

16 (c) IF A SHERIFF DENIES A PERSON'S APPLICATION FOR
17 VERIFICATION AS A FIREARMS INSTRUCTOR OR SUSPENDS OR REVOKES A
18 PERSON'S FIREARMS INSTRUCTOR VERIFICATION, THE SHERIFF SHALL
19 NOTIFY THE PERSON IN WRITING. THE NOTICE MUST STATE THE GROUNDS
20 FOR DENIAL, SUSPENSION, OR REVOCATION AND INFORM THE PERSON OF
21 THE RIGHT TO SEEK JUDICIAL REVIEW PURSUANT TO SECTION 18-12-207.

22 (5) A SHERIFF MAY ESTABLISH AND IMPOSE A FEE TO COVER THE
23 ACTUAL DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS OF PROCESSING APPLICATIONS AND
24 ISSUING AND RENEWING VERIFICATIONS PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

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26 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-12-203, **amend**
27 (1)(h)(I) and (1)(h)(VI); and **add** (1)(c.5) as follows:

1 **18-12-203. Criteria for obtaining a permit.** (1) Beginning May
2 17, 2003, except as set forth in this section, a sheriff shall issue a permit
3 to carry a concealed handgun to an applicant who:

4 (c.5) HAS NOT BEEN CONVICTED OF ANY OF THE OFFENSES
5 DESCRIBED IN SECTION 24-33.5-424 (3)(b.3) COMMITTED ON OR AFTER THE
6 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBSECTION (1)(c.5), IF THE OFFENSE IS
7 CLASSIFIED AS A MISDEMEANOR, AND THE APPLICANT HAS NOT BEEN
8 CONVICTED IN ANOTHER STATE OR JURISDICTION, INCLUDING A MILITARY
9 OR FEDERAL JURISDICTION, OF AN OFFENSE THAT, IF COMMITTED IN
10 COLORADO, WOULD CONSTITUTE ANY OF THE OFFENSES DESCRIBED IN
11 SECTION 24-33.5-424 (3)(b.3) CLASSIFIED AS A MISDEMEANOR OFFENSE,
12 WITHIN FIVE YEARS PRIOR TO FILING THE PERMIT APPLICATION;

13 (h) Demonstrates competence with a handgun by submitting:
14 (I) Evidence of experience with a firearm through participation in
15 organized shooting competitions, ~~or~~ current military service, OR CURRENT
16 CERTIFICATION AS A PEACE OFFICER PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 2.5 OF TITLE
17 16;

18 (VI) A training certificate from a CONCEALED handgun training
19 class obtained within the ~~ten years~~ ONE YEAR preceding submittal of the
20 application. The applicant shall submit the original training certificate ~~or~~
21 ~~a photocopy thereof~~ that includes the PRINTED NAME AND original
22 signature of the ~~class~~ VERIFIED instructor. To the extent permitted by
23 ~~section 18-12-202 (5)~~ SECTION 18-12-202.5, in obtaining a training
24 certificate from a CONCEALED handgun training class, the applicant ~~shall~~
25 ~~have~~ HAS discretion in selecting which CONCEALED handgun training
26 class to complete.

27 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-12-207, **amend**

1 (3); and **add** (4) as follows:

2 **18-12-207. Judicial review - permit denial - permit suspension**
3 **- permit revocation - denial, suspension, or revocation of instructor**

4 **verification.** (3) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
5 contrary, at a judicial review sought pursuant to SUBSECTION (1) OF this
6 section, the sheriff shall have the burden of proving by a preponderance
7 of the evidence that the applicant or permittee is ineligible to possess a
8 permit under the criteria listed in section 18-12-203 (1) or, if the denial,
9 suspension, or revocation was based on the sheriff's determination that the
10 person would be a danger as provided in section 18-12-203 (2), the sheriff
11 shall have the burden of proving the determination by clear and
12 convincing evidence. Following completion of the review, the court may
13 award attorney fees to the prevailing party.

14 (4) (a) IF A SHERIFF DENIES A PERSON'S APPLICATION FOR
15 VERIFICATION AS A FIREARMS INSTRUCTOR OR SUSPENDS OR REVOKES A
16 PERSON'S FIREARMS INSTRUCTOR VERIFICATION, THE PERSON MAY SEEK
17 JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THE SHERIFF'S DECISION. THE PROCEDURE AND
18 TIMELINES DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION APPLY TO
19 JUDICIAL REVIEW OF A SHERIFF'S DECISION PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION
20 (4).

21 (b) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW TO THE
22 CONTRARY, AT A JUDICIAL REVIEW SOUGHT PURSUANT TO THIS
23 SUBSECTION (4), THE SHERIFF HAS THE BURDEN OF PROVING BY A
24 PREPONDERANCE OF THE EVIDENCE THAT THE PERSON DOES NOT MEET THE
25 REQUIREMENTS TO BE VERIFIED AS A FIREARMS INSTRUCTOR OR SATISFIES
26 THE CRITERIA FOR SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF A FIREARMS
27 INSTRUCTOR VERIFICATION.

1 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-12-211, **amend**
2 (1)(a); and **add** (3) as follows:

3 **18-12-211. Renewal of permits.** (1) (a) Within one hundred
4 twenty days prior to expiration of a permit, the permittee may obtain a
5 renewal form from the sheriff of the county or city and county in which
6 the permittee resides or from the sheriff of the county or city and county
7 in which the permittee maintains a secondary residence or owns or leases
8 real property used by the permittee in a business and renew the permit by
9 DEMONSTRATING COMPETENCE WITH A HANDGUN, AS DESCRIBED IN
10 SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION, AND submitting to the sheriff a
11 completed renewal form; ~~a notarized~~ AN affidavit stating that the
12 permittee remains qualified pursuant to the criteria specified in section
13 18-12-203 (1)(a) to (1)(g); and the required renewal fee not to exceed
14 fifty dollars, as set by the sheriff pursuant to section 18-12-205 (5). The
15 renewal form must meet the requirements specified in section 18-12-205
16 (1) for an application.

17 (3) A PERMITTEE SEEKING RENEWAL PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION
18 MAY DEMONSTRATE COMPETENCE WITH A HANDGUN BY SUBMITTING:

19 (a) EVIDENCE OF DEMONSTRATING COMPETENCE WITH FIREARMS
20 THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN ORGANIZED SHOOTING COMPETITIONS,
21 CURRENT MILITARY SERVICE, OR CURRENT CERTIFICATION AS A PEACE
22 OFFICER PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 2.5 OF TITLE 16;

23 (b) EVIDENCE THAT, AT THE TIME THE APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED,
24 THE APPLICANT IS A VERIFIED INSTRUCTOR;

25 (c) PROOF OF HONORABLE DISCHARGE FROM A BRANCH OF THE
26 UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES THAT REFLECTS PISTOL QUALIFICATIONS
27 OBTAINED WITHIN THE TEN YEARS PRECEDING SUBMITTAL OF THE

1 RENEWAL FORM;

2 (d) A CERTIFICATE SHOWING RETIREMENT FROM A COLORADO LAW
3 ENFORCEMENT AGENCY THAT REFLECTS PISTOL QUALIFICATIONS
4 OBTAINED WITHIN THE TEN YEARS PRECEDING SUBMITTAL OF THE
5 RENEWAL FORM; OR

6 (e) A TRAINING CERTIFICATE THAT INCLUDES THE ORIGINAL
7 SIGNATURE OF THE CLASS INSTRUCTOR FROM A CONCEALED HANDGUN
8 TRAINING CLASS OR A REFRESHER CLASS, DESCRIBED IN SECTION
9 18-12-202.5, OBTAINED WITHIN SIX MONTHS PRIOR TO SUBMITTING A
10 RENEWAL FORM.

11 **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-12-215, **amend**
12 (2) as follows:

13 **18-12-215. Immunity.** (2) A law enforcement officer or agency,
14 medical personnel, and an organization that offers CONCEALED handgun
15 training classes OR REFRESHER CLASSES and its personnel who in good
16 faith provide information regarding an applicant ~~shall not be~~ ARE NOT
17 liable for any damages that may result from issuance or denial of a permit.

18 **SECTION 8.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 6-1-707, **add** (1)(f)
19 as follows:

20 **6-1-707. Use of title or degree - deceptive trade practice.** (1) A
21 person engages in a deceptive trade practice when, in the course of the
22 person's business, vocation, or occupation, the person:

23 (f) CLAIMS TO BE A VERIFIED INSTRUCTOR FOR A FIREARMS SAFETY
24 COURSE THAT SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A CONCEALED HANDGUN
25 TRAINING CLASS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 18-12-202.5, UNLESS THE PERSON
26 IS VERIFIED AS A FIREARMS INSTRUCTOR BY A SHERIFF PURSUANT TO
27 SECTION 18-12-202.7.

1 **SECTION 9. Act subject to petition - effective date.** Sections
2 1, 4, 6, and 7 of this act take effect July 1, 2025, and the remainder of this
3 act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
4 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
5 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
6 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
7 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
8 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
9 November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
10 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor; except that
11 sections 1, 4, 6, and 7 of this act take effect July 1, 2025.