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Introduced by:
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AN ACT CONCERNING A CONVICTION IN ANOTHER JURISDICTION AS A DISQUALIFIER FOR A CARRY PERMIT OR FIREARMS ELIGIBILITY OR AMMUNITION CERTIFICATE AND CONCERNING A MERCHANT CATEGORY CODE FOR FIREARMS OR AMMUNITION RETAILERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 29-28 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
3 *1, 2025*):

4 (b) Upon the application of any person having a bona fide permanent
5 residence within the jurisdiction of any such authority, such chief of
6 police or, where there is no chief of police, such chief executive officer,
7 as defined in section 7-193, or, if designated by such chief executive
8 officer, a resident state trooper or state police officer, as applicable, may
9 issue a temporary state permit to such person to carry a pistol or
10 revolver within the state, provided such authority shall find that such
11 applicant intends to make no use of any pistol or revolver which such
12 applicant may be permitted to carry under such permit other than a
13 lawful use and that such person is a suitable person to receive such

14 permit. Such applicant shall submit to a state and national criminal
15 history records check in accordance with section 29-17a. If the applicant
16 has a bona fide permanent residence within the jurisdiction of any
17 federally recognized Native American tribe within the borders of the
18 state, and such tribe has a law enforcement unit, as defined in section 7-
19 294a, the chief of police of such law enforcement unit may issue a
20 temporary state permit to such person pursuant to the provisions of this
21 subsection, and any chief of police of any other law enforcement unit
22 having jurisdiction over an area containing such person's bona fide
23 permanent residence shall not issue such temporary state permit if such
24 tribal law enforcement unit accepts applications for temporary state
25 permits. Such applicant shall submit to a state and national criminal
26 history records check in accordance with section 29-17a. No state or
27 temporary state permit to carry a pistol or revolver shall be issued under
28 this subsection if the applicant: (1) (A) For any application filed prior to
29 July 1, 2024, has failed to successfully complete a course approved by
30 the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection in the
31 safety and use of pistols and revolvers including, but not limited to, a
32 safety or training course in the use of pistols and revolvers available to
33 the public offered by a law enforcement agency, a private or public
34 educational institution or a firearms training school, utilizing instructors
35 certified by the National Rifle Association or the Department of Energy
36 and Environmental Protection and a safety or training course in the use
37 of pistols or revolvers conducted by an instructor certified by the state
38 or the National Rifle Association, and (B) for any application filed on or
39 after July 1, 2024, has failed to successfully complete, not earlier than
40 two years prior to the submission of such application, a course approved
41 by the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection in
42 the safety and use of firearms, which courses may include those certified
43 by the National Rifle Association or other organizations, conducted by
44 an instructor certified by the National Rifle Association or by the state,
45 provided any such course includes instruction in state law requirements
46 pertaining to safe storage in the home and in vehicles, lawful use of
47 firearms and lawful carrying of firearms in public. Any person wishing

48 to provide such course, may apply in the form and manner prescribed
49 by the commissioner. The commissioner shall approve or deny any
50 application for provision of such a course not later than July 1, 2024, in
51 the case of an application submitted before October 1, 2023; (2) has been
52 convicted of (A) a felony, or (B) (i) a misdemeanor violation of section
53 21a-279 on or after October 1, 2015, [or (C)] (ii) a misdemeanor violation
54 of section 53a-58, 53a-61, 53a-61a, 53a-62, 53a-63, 53a-96, 53a-175, 53a-
55 176, 53a-178 or 53a-181d during the preceding twenty years, [or] (iii) a
56 misdemeanor violation of any law of this state that has been designated
57 as a family violence crime pursuant to section 46b-38h, or (iv) a
58 misdemeanor violation in any other state, a federal, tribal or military
59 court or any foreign jurisdiction for which the essential elements of the
60 crime are substantially the same as any of the crimes specified in this
61 subparagraph; (3) has been convicted as delinquent for the commission
62 of a serious juvenile offense, as defined in section 46b-120, or for the
63 commission of a juvenile offense in any other state, a federal, tribal or
64 military court or any foreign jurisdiction for which the essential
65 elements of the crime are substantially the same as for a serious juvenile
66 offense; (4) has been discharged from custody within the preceding
67 twenty years after having been found not guilty of a crime by reason of
68 mental disease or defect pursuant to section 53a-13; (5) (A) has been
69 confined in a hospital for persons with psychiatric disabilities, as
70 defined in section 17a-495, within the preceding sixty months by order
71 of a probate court, or (B) has been voluntarily admitted on or after
72 October 1, 2013, or has been committed under an emergency certificate
73 pursuant to section 17a-502 on or after October 1, 2023, to a hospital for
74 persons with psychiatric disabilities, as defined in section 17a-495,
75 within the preceding six months for care and treatment of a psychiatric
76 disability and not solely for being an alcohol-dependent person or a
77 drug-dependent person, as those terms are defined in section 17a-680;
78 (6) is subject to a restraining or protective order issued by a court in a
79 case involving the use, attempted use or threatened use of physical force
80 against another person, including an ex parte order issued pursuant to
81 section 46b-15 or 46b-16a; (7) is subject to a firearms seizure order issued

82 prior to June 1, 2022, pursuant to section 29-38c after notice and hearing,
83 or a risk protection order or risk protection investigation order issued
84 on or after June 1, 2022, pursuant to section 29-38c; (8) is prohibited from
85 shipping, transporting, possessing or receiving a firearm pursuant to 18
86 USC 922(g)(2), (g)(4) or (g)(9); (9) is an alien illegally or unlawfully in
87 the United States; or (10) is less than twenty-one years of age. Nothing
88 in this section shall require any person who holds a valid permit to carry
89 a pistol or revolver on July 1, 2024, to participate in any additional
90 training in the safety and use of pistols and revolvers. No person may
91 apply for a temporary state permit to carry a pistol or revolver more
92 than once within any twelve-month period, and no temporary state
93 permit to carry a pistol or revolver shall be issued to any person who
94 has applied for such permit more than once within the preceding twelve
95 months. Any person who applies for a temporary state permit to carry
96 a pistol or revolver shall indicate in writing on the application, under
97 penalty of false statement in such manner as the issuing authority
98 prescribes, that such person has not applied for a temporary state permit
99 to carry a pistol or revolver within the past twelve months. Upon
100 issuance of a temporary state permit to carry a pistol or revolver to the
101 applicant, the local authority, or the chief of police of a law enforcement
102 unit of any federally recognized Native American tribe within the
103 borders of the state as referenced in this subsection, shall forward the
104 original application to the commissioner. Not later than sixty days after
105 receiving a temporary state permit, an applicant shall appear at a
106 location designated by the commissioner to receive the state permit. The
107 commissioner may then issue, to any holder of any temporary state
108 permit, a state permit to carry a pistol or revolver within the state. Upon
109 issuance of the state permit, the commissioner shall make available to
110 the permit holder a copy of the law regarding the permit holder's
111 responsibility to report the loss or theft of a firearm and the penalties
112 associated with the failure to comply with such law. Upon issuance of
113 the state permit, the commissioner shall forward a record of such permit
114 to the local authority, or the chief of police of a law enforcement unit of
115 any federally recognized Native American tribe within the borders of

116 the state as referenced in this subsection, issuing the temporary state
117 permit. The commissioner shall retain records of all applications,
118 whether approved or denied. The copy of the state permit delivered to
119 the permittee shall be laminated and shall contain a full-face photograph
120 of such permittee. A person holding a state permit issued pursuant to
121 this subsection shall notify the issuing authority within two business
122 days of any change of such person's address. The notification shall
123 include the old address and the new address of such person.

124 Sec. 2. Section 29-36f of the general statutes is repealed and the
125 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

126 (a) Any person who is twenty-one years of age or older may apply to
127 the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection for an
128 eligibility certificate for a pistol or revolver.

129 (b) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection
130 shall issue an eligibility certificate unless said commissioner finds that
131 the applicant: (1) (A) For any application filed prior to July 1, 2024, has
132 failed to successfully complete a course approved by the Commissioner
133 of Emergency Services and Public Protection in the safety and use of
134 pistols and revolvers including, but not limited to, a safety or training
135 course in the use of pistols and revolvers available to the public offered
136 by a law enforcement agency, a private or public educational institution
137 or a firearms training school, utilizing instructors certified by the
138 National Rifle Association or the Department of Energy and
139 Environmental Protection and a safety or training course in the use of
140 pistols or revolvers conducted by an instructor certified by the state or
141 the National Rifle Association, or (B) for any application filed on or after
142 July 1, 2024, has failed to successfully complete, not earlier than two
143 years prior to the submission of such application, a course approved by
144 the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection in the
145 safety and use of firearms, which courses may include those certified by
146 the National Rifle Association or other organizations, conducted by an
147 instructor certified by the National Rifle Association or by the state,

148 provided any such course includes instruction in state law requirements
149 pertaining to safe storage in the home and in vehicles, lawful use of
150 firearms and lawful carrying of firearms in public; (2) has been
151 convicted of (A) a felony, or (B) (i) a misdemeanor violation of section
152 21a-279 on or after October 1, 2015, [(C)] (ii) a misdemeanor violation of
153 section 53a-58, 53a-61, 53a-61a, 53a-62, 53a-63, 53a-96, 53a-175, 53a-176,
154 53a-178 or 53a-181d during the preceding twenty years, [or (D)] (iii) a
155 misdemeanor violation of any law of this state that has been designated
156 as a family violence crime pursuant to section 46b-38h, or (iv) a
157 misdemeanor violation in any other state, a federal, tribal or military
158 court or any foreign jurisdiction for which the essential elements of the
159 crime are substantially the same as any of the crimes specified in this
160 subparagraph; (3) has been convicted as delinquent for the commission
161 of a serious juvenile offense, as defined in section 46b-120, or for the
162 commission of a juvenile offense in any other state, a federal, tribal or
163 military court or any foreign jurisdiction for which the essential
164 elements of the crime are substantially the same as for a serious juvenile
165 offense; (4) has been discharged from custody within the preceding
166 twenty years after having been found not guilty of a crime by reason of
167 mental disease or defect pursuant to section 53a-13; (5) (A) has been
168 confined in a hospital for persons with psychiatric disabilities, as
169 defined in section 17a-495, within the preceding sixty months by order
170 of a probate court; or (B) has been voluntarily admitted on or after
171 October 1, 2013, or has been committed under an emergency certificate
172 pursuant to section 17a-502 on or after October 1, 2023, to a hospital for
173 persons with psychiatric disabilities, as defined in section 17a-495,
174 within the preceding six months for care and treatment of a psychiatric
175 disability and not solely for being an alcohol-dependent person or a
176 drug-dependent person as those terms are defined in section 17a-680;
177 (6) is subject to a restraining or protective order issued by a court in a
178 case involving the use, attempted use or threatened use of physical force
179 against another person, including an ex parte order issued pursuant to
180 section 46b-15 or section 46b-16a; (7) is subject to a firearms seizure
181 order issued prior to June 1, 2022, pursuant to section 29-38c after notice

182 and hearing, or a risk protection order or risk protection investigation
183 order issued on or after June 1, 2022, pursuant to section 29-38c; (8) is
184 prohibited from shipping, transporting, possessing or receiving a
185 firearm pursuant to 18 USC 922(g)(2), (g)(4) or (g)(9); or (9) is an alien
186 illegally or unlawfully in the United States.

187 Sec. 3. Section 29-37p of the general statutes is repealed and the
188 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

189 (a) Any person who is eighteen years of age or older may apply to the
190 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection for a long
191 gun eligibility certificate.

192 (b) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection
193 shall issue a long gun eligibility certificate unless said commissioner
194 finds that the applicant: (1) (A) For any application filed prior to July 1,
195 2024, has failed to successfully complete a course approved by the
196 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection in the
197 safety and use of firearms including, but not limited to, a safety or
198 training course in the use of firearms available to the public offered by
199 a law enforcement agency, a private or public educational institution or
200 a firearms training school, utilizing instructors certified by the National
201 Rifle Association or the Department of Energy and Environmental
202 Protection and a safety or training course in the use of firearms
203 conducted by an instructor certified by the state or the National Rifle
204 Association, or (B) for any application filed on or after July 1, 2024, has
205 failed to successfully complete, not earlier than two years prior to the
206 submission of such application, a course approved by the Commissioner
207 of Emergency Services and Public Protection in the safety and use of
208 firearms, which courses may include those certified by the National
209 Rifle Association or other organizations, conducted by an instructor
210 certified by the National Rifle Association or by the state, provided any
211 such course includes instruction in state law requirements pertaining to
212 safe storage in the home and in vehicles, lawful use of firearms and
213 lawful carrying of firearms in public; (2) has been convicted of (A) a

214 felony, or (B) (i) a misdemeanor violation of section 21a-279 on or after
215 October 1, 2015, [(C)] (ii) a misdemeanor violation of section 53a-58, 53a-
216 61, 53a-61a, 53a-62, 53a-63, 53a-96, 53a-175, 53a-176, 53a-178 or 53a-181d
217 during the preceding twenty years, [or (D)] (iii) a misdemeanor
218 violation of any law of this state that has been designated as a family
219 violence crime pursuant to section 46b-38h, or (iv) a misdemeanor
220 violation in any other state, a federal, tribal or military court or any
221 foreign jurisdiction for which the essential elements of the crime are
222 substantially the same as any of the crimes specified in this
223 subparagraph; (3) has been convicted as delinquent for the commission
224 of a serious juvenile offense, as defined in section 46b-120, or for the
225 commission of a juvenile offense in any other state, a federal, tribal or
226 military court or any foreign jurisdiction for which the essential
227 elements of the crime are substantially the same as for a serious juvenile
228 offense; (4) has been discharged from custody within the preceding
229 twenty years after having been found not guilty of a crime by reason of
230 mental disease or defect pursuant to section 53a-13; (5) has been
231 confined in a hospital for persons with psychiatric disabilities, as
232 defined in section 17a-495, within the preceding sixty months by order
233 of a probate court; (6) has been voluntarily admitted or, on or after
234 October 1, 2023, has been committed under an emergency certificate
235 pursuant to section 17a-502 to a hospital for persons with psychiatric
236 disabilities, as defined in section 17a-495, within the preceding six
237 months for care and treatment of a psychiatric disability and not solely
238 for being an alcohol-dependent person or a drug-dependent person as
239 those terms are defined in section 17a-680; (7) is subject to a restraining
240 or protective order issued by a court in a case involving the use,
241 attempted use or threatened use of physical force against another
242 person, including an ex parte order issued pursuant to section 46b-15 or
243 46b-16a; (8) is subject to a firearms seizure order issued prior to June 1,
244 2022, pursuant to section 29-38c after notice and hearing, or a risk
245 protection order or risk protection investigation order issued on or after
246 June 1, 2022, pursuant to section 29-38c; (9) is prohibited from shipping,
247 transporting, possessing or receiving a firearm pursuant to 18 USC

248 922(g)(2), (g)(4) or (g)(9); or (10) is an alien illegally or unlawfully in the
249 United States.

250 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section:

251 (1) "Firearm" has the same meaning as provided in section 53a-3 of
252 the general statutes;

253 (2) "Firearm accessory" means an attachment or device designed or
254 adapted to be inserted into, affixed onto or used in conjunction with a
255 firearm that is designed, intended or functions to alter or enhance the
256 firing capabilities of a firearm, the lethality of the firearm or a shooter's
257 ability to hold and use a firearm;

258 (3) "Firearms or ammunition retailer" means a person who (A) (i)
259 engages in the business of selling ammunition, or (ii) holds a permit
260 under section 29-28 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, to
261 sell firearms at retail, and (B) engages in a business in which at least fifty
262 per cent of the sales value during the previous calendar year was
263 derived from firearm, firearm accessory or ammunition sales;

264 (4) "Merchant acquirer" means a person who establishes a
265 relationship with a merchant for the purpose of processing credit, debit
266 or prepaid transactions;

267 (5) "Payment card network" means a person who provides services
268 that route transactions between participants on a network to conduct
269 debit, credit or prepaid transactions for the purpose of authorization,
270 clearance or settlement; and

271 (6) "Person" includes an individual, corporation, partnership,
272 association and any other legal or commercial entity.

273 (b) Not later than July 1, 2026, each payment card network shall make
274 available for each merchant acquirer who provides payment services to
275 firearms or ammunition retailers the merchant category code for
276 firearms or ammunition retailers established by the International

277 Organization for Standardization on September 9, 2022.

278 (c) On and after May 1, 2027, each merchant acquirer shall assign to
279 each firearms or ammunition retailer in this state the merchant category
280 code for firearms or ammunition retailers established by the
281 International Organization for Standardization on September 9, 2022.

282 (d) (1) The Banking Commissioner may request of any payment card
283 network documentation demonstrating compliance with subsection (b)
284 of this section. Such payment card network shall provide the
285 commissioner such documentation not later than thirty days after
286 receiving such request. If a payment card network does not provide
287 such requested documentation to the commissioner, or the
288 commissioner determines that a payment card network is acting in
289 violation of subsection (b) of this section, the commissioner shall issue a
290 complaint concerning such failure to provide such requested
291 documentation or such violation of subsection (b) of this section to the
292 Attorney General, pursuant to subsection (e) of this section.

293 (2) The Banking Commissioner may request of any merchant acquirer
294 documentation demonstrating compliance with subsection (c) of this
295 section. Such merchant acquirer shall provide the commissioner such
296 documentation not later than thirty days after receiving such request. If
297 a merchant acquirer does not provide such requested documentation to
298 the commissioner, or the commissioner determines that a merchant
299 acquirer is acting in violation of subsection (c) of this section, the
300 commissioner shall issue a complaint concerning such failure to provide
301 such requested documentation or such violation of subsection (c) of this
302 section to the Attorney General, pursuant to subsection (e) of this
303 section.

304 (e) The Attorney General, upon complaint of the Banking
305 Commissioner that any person has violated any provision of subsection
306 (b), (c) or (d) of this section, shall give written notice to such person
307 alleging such person has committed such violation. Such notice shall

308 identify the specific provision of this section subject to the alleged
309 violation. Not later than thirty days after such person receives such
310 notice, such person may refute such alleged violation or cure such
311 violation and provide the Attorney General, in a form and manner
312 prescribed by the Attorney General, documentation establishing proof
313 that such person has (1) not violated any provision of subsection (b), (c)
314 or (d) of this section, or (2) cured such violation and the manner in which
315 such violation was cured, including any changes made by such person
316 to prevent any similar violation in the future. If after such thirty-day
317 period the Attorney General deems that such person has failed to
318 satisfactorily refute or cure such violation, the Attorney General may
319 apply to the Superior Court, and the court may grant, upon hearing and
320 for good cause shown, without requiring proof that any person has been
321 injured or damaged by such violation, a temporary or permanent
322 injunction enjoining and restraining such person from continuing to
323 engage in activity that is violative of subsection (b) or (c) of this section.
324 The court may also impose a civil penalty of not more than ten thousand
325 dollars for each such violation and reasonable attorney's fees and costs
326 incurred in investigating such violation and enforcing the provisions of
327 this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	29-28(b)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	29-36f
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	29-37p
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To (1) provide that certain convictions in other jurisdictions are disqualifying in this state for a carry permit or firearms eligibility or ammunition certificate, if an offense for which a person is convicted of in another jurisdiction is substantially similar to a Connecticut disqualifying offense, and (2) require that the merchant category code for firearms or ammunition retailers be assigned to each firearms or ammunition retailer in this state.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]