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LCO No. **5011**

Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by: (PS)

AN ACT CONCERNING TEMPORARY STATE PERMITS TO CARRY A PISTOL OR REVOLVER ISSUED BY TRIBAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS.

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

Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 29-28 of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*, 2023):

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 or designated resident state trooper or state police officer, as applicable, 8 may issue a temporary state permit to such person to carry a pistol or 9 revolver within the state, provided such authority shall find that such 10 applicant intends to make no use of any pistol or revolver which such 11 applicant may be permitted to carry under such permit other than a 12 lawful use and that such person is a suitable person to receive such 13 permit. If the applicant has a bona fide permanent residence within the 14 jurisdiction of any federally recognized Native American tribe within 15 the borders of the state, and such tribe has a law enforcement unit, as

16 defined in section 7-294a, that accepts applications for temporary state 17 permits, the chief of police of such law enforcement unit may issue a 18 temporary state permit to such person pursuant to the provisions of this 19 subsection, and [any] no chief of police of any other law enforcement 20 unit, [having jurisdiction over an area containing such person's bona 21 fide permanent residence shall not] and no other chief executive officer 22 or designated resident state trooper or state police officer, having 23 jurisdiction over such area shall issue such temporary state permit [if 24 such tribal law enforcement unit accepts applications for temporary 25 state permits] to such person. No state or temporary state permit to carry 26 a pistol or revolver shall be issued under this subsection if the applicant 27 (1) has failed to successfully complete a course approved by the 28 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection in the 29 safety and use of pistols and revolvers including, but not limited to, a 30 safety or training course in the use of pistols and revolvers available to 31 the public offered by a law enforcement agency, a private or public 32 educational institution or a firearms training school, utilizing instructors 33 certified by the National Rifle Association or the Department of Energy 34 and Environmental Protection and a safety or training course in the use 35 of pistols or revolvers conducted by an instructor certified by the state 36 or the National Rifle Association, (2) has been convicted of (A) a felony, 37 or (B) a misdemeanor violation of section 21a-279 on or after October 1, 38 2015, or (C) a misdemeanor violation of section 53a-58, 53a-61, 53a-61a, 39 53a-62, 53a-63, 53a-96, 53a-175, 53a-176, 53a-178 or 53a-181d during the 40 preceding twenty years, (3) has been convicted as delinquent for the 41 commission of a serious juvenile offense, as defined in section 46b-120, 42 (4) has been discharged from custody within the preceding twenty years 43 after having been found not guilty of a crime by reason of mental disease 44 or defect pursuant to section 53a-13, (5) (A) has been confined in a 45 hospital for persons with psychiatric disabilities, as defined in section 46 17a-495, within the preceding sixty months by order of a probate court, 47 or (B) has been voluntarily admitted on or after October 1, 2013, to a 48 hospital for persons with psychiatric disabilities, as defined in section 49 17a-495, within the preceding six months for care and treatment of a 50 psychiatric disability and not solely for being an alcohol-dependent

51 person or a drug-dependent person, as those terms are defined in 52 section 17a-680, (6) is subject to a restraining or protective order issued 53 by a court in a case involving the use, attempted use or threatened use 54 of physical force against another person, including an ex parte order 55 issued pursuant to section 46b-15 or 46b-16a, (7) is subject to a firearms 56 seizure order issued prior to June 1, 2022, pursuant to section 29-38c 57 after notice and hearing, or a risk protection order or risk protection investigation order issued on or after June 1, 2022, pursuant to section 58 59 29-38c, (8) is prohibited from shipping, transporting, possessing or 60 receiving a firearm pursuant to 18 USC 922(g)(4), (9) is an alien illegally 61 or unlawfully in the United States, or (10) is less than twenty-one years 62 of age. Nothing in this section shall require any person who holds a 63 valid permit to carry a pistol or revolver on October 1, 1994, to 64 participate in any additional training in the safety and use of pistols and 65 revolvers. No person may apply for a temporary state permit to carry a 66 pistol or revolver more than once within any twelve-month period, and 67 no temporary state permit to carry a pistol or revolver shall be issued to 68 any person who has applied for such permit more than once within the 69 preceding twelve months. Any person who applies for a temporary state 70 permit to carry a pistol or revolver shall indicate in writing on the 71 application, under penalty of false statement in such manner as the 72 issuing authority prescribes, that such person has not applied for a 73 temporary state permit to carry a pistol or revolver within the past 74 twelve months. Upon issuance of a temporary state permit to carry a 75 pistol or revolver to the applicant, the local authority shall forward the original application to the commissioner. Not later than sixty days after 76 77 receiving a temporary state permit, an applicant shall appear at a 78 location designated by the commissioner to receive the state permit. The 79 commissioner may then issue, to any holder of any temporary state 80 permit, a state permit to carry a pistol or revolver within the state. Upon 81 issuance of the state permit, the commissioner shall make available to 82 the permit holder a copy of the law regarding the permit holder's 83 responsibility to report the loss or theft of a firearm and the penalties 84 associated with the failure to comply with such law. Upon issuance of 85 the state permit, the commissioner shall forward a record of such permit 86 to the local authority issuing the temporary state permit. The 87 commissioner shall retain records of all applications, whether approved 88 or denied. The copy of the state permit delivered to the permittee shall 89 be laminated and shall contain a full-face photograph of such permittee. 90 A person holding a state permit issued pursuant to this subsection shall 91 notify the issuing authority within two business days of any change of 92 such person's address. The notification shall include the old address and 93 the new address of such person.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following
sections:Section 1July 1, 202329-28(b)

Statement of Purpose:

To clarify a provision related to the ability of tribal police departments to issue temporary state permits to carry a pistol or revolver.

[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.]