

2A:151-41 I
L. 1968, c307

February 7, 1969

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY OF R.S. 2A:151-41
(Carrying concealed weapons)

- L. 1924, Chapter 137 - A255
January 22 - Introduced by Hirshfield.
February 12 - Amended on 3rd reading.
February 12 - Passed in Assembly.
March 7 - Passed in Senate.
March 12 - Approved, Chapter 137.
Statement: copy of original bill with statement attached.
Amended; copy of Assembly Minutes with amendments attached.

copy of original bill with statement attached

- L. 1925, Chapter 64 - S59
January 29 - Introduced by Case.
February 3 - Passed in Senate.
March 2 - Passed in Assembly.
March 12 - Approved, Chapter 64.
Not amended during passage.
State reads as follows:

All that this act does is to make Chapter 137 of the laws of 1924 conform to the amendments that were incorporated into the act by the Legislature, prior to the passage thereof, but, through mistake, were not published as a part thereof.

*L. 1925 - Chapter 207 - S6
Amended (Bill + amendments enclosed)
No statement*

- L. 1926, Chapter 270 - A403
February 16 - Introduced by Mr. Wise.
March 8 - Passed in Assembly.
March 25 - Amended.
March 25 - Passed in Senate.
March 25 - Passed with Senate Amendment in Assembly.
March 29 - Approved, Chapter 270.
Statement: copy of original bill with amendment attached.
Amended: copy of Senate journal with amendments attached.

- L. 1934, Chapter 74 - A394
April 9 - Introduced by Fort.
April 9 - Passed in Assembly.
April 10 - Passed in Senate.
April 12 - Approved, Chapter 74.
Not amended during passage.
Statement reads as follows:

The purpose of this act is to authorize the Commissioner of Alcoholic Beverage Control and

his assistants to carry firearms, inasmuch as they are officers with the powers of arrest and it is desired that the statute which permits police officers to be armed be made uniform with the extension of like powers to the Commissioner.

1937 Revision - All three drafts give wording exactly the same as old Title 2:176-41. But new title changed wording:

Except as hereinafter provided, [a] any person who [shall carry] carries in any automobile, carriage, motorcycle or other vehicle, or concealed on or about his clothes or person, or otherwise concealed in his possession:

(Two following sections unchanged).

L. 1960, Chapter 26 - A183

January 18 - Introduced by Mrs. Hughes.
March 28 - Passed in Assembly.
April 25 - Passed in Senate.
May 12 - Approved, Chapter 26.
Not amended during passage.
No statement.

L. 1966, Chapter 60 - A165

See legislative history of 2A:151-1.

L. 1968, Chapter 307 - S848 2A:151-41

June 13 - Introduced by Giuliano & 5 others.
June 20 - Passed in Senate.
June 24 - Passed in Assembly.
September 26 - Approved, Chapter 307.
Not amended during passage.
No statement.

See State v. RONALD JOHNSON, — N. J. SUPER. —,

JH/PC

A-415-72, (Oct. 26, 1973)

10/26/73

L.1966, Chapter 60 § 7 A165

Jan. 24 - Introduced by Brady, McLeon and Policastro.
 May 16 - Passed in Assembly, amended.
 May 31 - Passed in Senate.
 June 3 - Approved.

Statement to A165 enclosed.

Governor's statement on signing enclosed.
 Original and amended versions of A165, § 7 enclosed.

974.90 A public hearing on A165 was held by the Assembly
 W362 Committee on State Government on March 2, 1966.
 1966

J344.05 Citizens Committee for Firearms Legislation (NJ)
 C581 Report on study for revisions of 2A:151
 weapons and explosives (12/10/65) (revised
 2/8/66).

See extensive collection of newspaper clippings in NJ vertical
 File -- NJ Firearms --1966. A few of these clippings have been
 photocopied and are enclosed.

Amended by:

L.1973, C.174, § 1 S653

Feb. 14, 1972 - Introduced by Rinaldo, Epstein, Dodd, Brown,
 Bate, Italiano.
 March 20, 1972 - Passed in Senate.
 March 26, 1973 - Passed in Assembly.
 June 8, 1973 - Approved, Chapter 174, 1973.

No sponsor's statement of purpose.

Not amended during passage.

Senate Law, Public Safety and Defense Committee issued statement
 to S653 (copy enclosed).

deleted "...narcotic or nonnarcotic drug or who is registered
 as a narcotic drug offender under P.L. 1952, C.230..."

and added "...controlled dangerous substances as defined in
 article 2 of P.L. 1970, C.226 (C.24:21 - et seq.)

No hearings or reports discovered.

See NJ Vertical File for newspaper clippings.
 NJ Firearms--1967 to 1973.

ASSEMBLY, NO. 255

(P. L. 1898, 2 Comp. Stat. p. 1743.)

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JANUARY 22, 1924.

By Mr. HERSHFIELD.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

A FURTHER SUPPLEMENT to an act entitled "An act for the punishment of crimes"
(Revision of 1898), approved June fourteenth, one thousand eight hundred and
ninety-eight.

1 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1 1. Any person who shall carry any revolver, pistol or other firearm, or other
2 instrument of any kind known as a blackjack, slungshot, billy, sandclub, sandbag,
3 bludgeon, metal knuckles, dagger, dirk, dangerous knife, stiletto, bomb or other high
4 explosive, other than fixed ammunition in or about his clothes or person, or in any
5 automobile, carriage, motor cycle, or other vehicle, shall be guilty of a high misde-
6 meanor; *provided, however,* that nothing in this act contained shall be construed in
7 any way to apply to the sheriff, or the undersheriffs of any county, nor to the regu-
8 larly employed members of any uniformed police department in any municipality of
9 this State, nor to the prosecutor, or assistant prosecutor of any county, regular fish
10 and game wardens, and prosecutor's detectives; *and provided, further,* nothing in
11 this act contained shall be construed to apply to any person holding a permit to carry
12 any revolver, pistol or other firearm, when such permit has been obtained pursuant
13 to the provisions of this act.

1 2. Any person desirous of obtaining a permit to carry a revolver, pistol or other
2 firearm, pursuant to the provisions of this act, shall in the first instance, make appli-
3 cation therefor to the chief of police of the municipality in which the applicant re-
4 sides. In the event that the applicant is a resident of a municipality having no chief

5 of police then application for a permit shall be made to the sheriff of the county
6 wherein the applicant resides. If such application is approved by the chief of police
7 or the sheriff, as the case may be, the applicant shall then present such application,
8 so approved as aforesaid, to the Justice of the Supreme Court holding the circuit for
9 the county in which the applicant is resident, who, after investigation, and being
10 satisfied of the sufficiency of the application, and of the need of such person carrying
11 concealed upon his person, a revolver, pistol or other firearm, shall issue a permit
12 therefor. A permit so issued pursuant to the provisions of this act is sufficient au-
13 thority for the holder thereof to carry concealed upon his person a revolver, pistol or
14 other firearm in all parts of the State of New Jersey. All permits issued pursuant
15 to the provisions of this act shall expire on the thirty-first day of December subse-
16 quent to the date of issue, and may thereafter be renewed for a period of five years.

1 3. Every person engaged in the business of selling, leasing or otherwise trans-
2 ferring a pistol, revolver or other firearm of a size capable of being concealed upon
3 the person, whether such seller, lessor or transferrer is a retail dealer, pawnbroker or
4 otherwise, shall keep a register in which shall be entered the time of sale, date of sale,
4 the name of the salesman making the sale, the place where sold, the make, model,
5 manufacturer's number, caliber or other marks of identification on such pistol, re-
6 volver or other firearm.

7 The form of such register shall be prepared by the Secretary of State, and by him
8 transmitted to the clerk of every municipality. The clerk of such municipality shall
9 thereupon prepare said register in accordance with said form so transmitted, and
10 furnish the same to each person, firm or corporation within his said municipality en-
11 gaged in the business of selling, leasing or otherwise transferring pistols, revolvers or
12 other firearms. The purchaser of any pistol, revolver or other firearm capable of
13 being concealed upon the person shall sign, and the dealer shall require him to sign
14 his name and affix his address to said register, in duplicate, and the salesman shall
15 affix his name, in duplicate, as a witness to the signature of the purchaser. Any
16 person signing a fictitious name or address, or giving any false information in con-
17 nection with the making of any such purchase shall be guilty of a high misdemeanor.

18 The duplicate sheet of such register shall on the evening of the day of sale,
19 lease or transfer be personally delivered to the chief of police of such municipality, or

20 to the captain of the precinct of any such city, within which the dealer resides, who
21 shall give to such dealer a receipt therefor; *provided, however,* that where a sale, lease
22 or transfer is made in any municipality having no chief of police, it shall then be the
23 duty of the dealer, within twenty-four hours to personally deliver to the county clerk
24 of the county within which the sale, lease or transfer was made a duplicate copy of
25 such register. Any person violating any of the provisions hereof shall be guilty of a
26 high misdemeanor.

27 The register provided for in this act shall be substantially in the following form:
28 Sold, leased or transferred by Salesman City, town or
29 township Description of arm (state whether revolver or pistol)
30 Maker Number Caliber Name of pur-
31 chaser Age Years Permanent residence (state
32 name of city, town or township, street and number of dwelling) Height
33 feet inches Occupation Color...
34 Skin Eyes Hair If traveling or in lo-
35 cality temporarily, give local address Signature of purchaser
36 (Signing a fictitious name or address is a misdemeanor.) (To be signed in du-
37 plicate).

38 Witness Salesman.

39 (To be signed in duplicate.)

1 4. No person engaged in the business of selling, leasing or otherwise transfer-
2 ring any pistol, revolver or other firearm of a size capable of being concealed upon
3 the person shall exhibit for purposes of sale, lease or hire any pistol, revolver or other
4 firearm after the hour of three P. M.; *and provided, further,* that no pistol, re-
5 volver or other firearm shall be delivered to any purchaser until twenty-four hours
6 shall have elapsed from the time of application therefor.

1 5. The president of any National bank, building and loan association, trust
2 company or other banking institution located in any municipality of this State may
3 make application to the chief of police of such municipality for permits, in blank, to
4 be used by the messengers, clerks or other employees or agents of such institutions
5 for use while engaged in the performance of their respective duties. Upon such issue,
6 as aforesaid, he shall transmit to the chief of police from whom such permits were

7 obtained a record of the persons to whom the same were issued; *provided, however,*
8 that such permits, so as aforesaid issued under this section, shall not exceed twenty
9 in number to any one bank.

1 6. Any person who shall alter, change, disfigure or deface the serial number
2 of any pistol or revolver shall be guilty of a high misdemeanor, and any person who
3 shall possess any pistol or revolver having the serial number thereof altered, changed,
4 disfigured or defaced shall be guilty of a high misdemeanor.

1 7. Nothing in this act contained shall be construed in any way to interfere with
2 the right of any member of the State Police, or any motor vehicle inspector to have
3 concealed upon his person any pistol, revolver or other firearm.

1 8. This act shall take effect July first, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-
2 four.

STATEMENT.

This bill, which has the approval of the firearms industry of the United States as well as the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association of New Jersey, permits the possession of revolvers and other weapons in homes and business places without permit.

Its purpose is to prevent the carrying of concealed weapons on the highways and other public places by persons not legally entitled so to do as provided by the terms of the bill or to such others as may procure permits, which are made easy to obtain by properly accredited persons.

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 255

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

1 Page 1, paragraph 1, line 2, strike out the word "any" and insert the word "the"
2 in lieu thereof. Add the letter "s" to the word "kind".

3 Page 1, paragraph 1, line 4, insert a "comma" after the word "ammunition"
4 and insert the word "concealed" after the "comma" and before the word "in".

5 Page 1, paragraph 1, line 5, strike out the word "high".

6 Page 1, paragraph 1, line 9, strike out the word "the" and insert the word "any"
7 in lieu thereof. Strike out the "comma" after the word "prosecutor". Insert the
8 word "jailer" before the word "regular".

9 Page 1, paragraph 1, line 10, insert the word "constable" before the words
10 "railway police".

11 Page 1, paragraph 1, line 11, after the word "detectives;" and before the word
12 "and" insert the following: "nor to any member of the State Police nor to any
13 motor vehicle inspector; nor to duly authorized military organizations when under
14 orders nor to the members thereof when going to or from places of meeting of their
15 respective organizations, carrying the weapons prescribed for such drill, exercise or
16 parade;".

17 Page 1, paragraph 1, line 12, strike out the word "holding" and insert the word
18 "having" in lieu thereof. After the word "a" and before the word "permit" insert
19 the word "written".

20 Page 1, paragraph 1, line 15, strike out the "period" after the word "operation"
21 and insert a "semicolon" in lieu thereof and add thereafter the following: "*pro-*
22 *vided, however,* that nothing contained herein shall prevent any person from keeping
23 or carrying about his or her place of business, dwelling, house or premises, any such
24 revolver, pistol, firearm or other weapon, or from carrying the same from any place
25 of purchase to his or her dwelling, house or place of business, or from his or her
26 dwelling, house or place of business to any place where repairing is done, to have the

7 obtained a record of the persons to whom the same were issued; *provided, however,*
8 that such permits, so as aforesaid issued under this section, shall not exceed twenty
9 in number to any one bank.

1 6. Any person who shall alter, change, disfigure or deface the serial number
2 of any pistol or revolver shall be guilty of a high misdemeanor, and any person who
3 shall possess any pistol or revolver having the serial number thereof altered, changed,
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2 the right of any member of the State Police, or any motor vehicle inspector to have
3 concealed upon his person any pistol, revolver or other firearm.

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Its purpose is to prevent the carrying of concealed weapons on the highways and other public places by persons not legally entitled so to do as provided by the terms of the bill or to such others as may procure permits, which are made easy to obtain by properly accredited persons.

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 265

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

1 Page 1, paragraph 1, line 2, strike out the word "any" and insert the word "the"
2 in lieu thereof. Add the letter "s" to the word "kind".

3 Page 1, paragraph 1, line 4, insert a "comma" after the word "ammunition"
4 and insert the word "concealed" after the "comma" and before the word "in".

5 Page 1, paragraph 1, line 5, strike out the word "high".

6 Page 1, paragraph 1, line 9, strike out the word "the" and insert the word "any"
7 in lieu thereof. Strike out the "comma" after the word "prosecutor". Insert the
8 word "jailer" before the word "regular".

9 Page 1, paragraph 1, line 10, insert the word "constable" before the words
10 "railway police".

11 Page 1, paragraph 1, line 11, after the word "detectives;" and before the word
12 "and" insert the following: "nor to any member of the State Police nor to any
13 motor vehicle inspector; nor to duly authorized military organizations when under
14 orders nor to the members thereof when going to or from places of meeting of their
15 respective organizations, carrying the weapons prescribed for such drill, exercise or
16 parade;"

17 Page 1, paragraph 1, line 12, strike out the word "holding" and insert the word
18 "having" in lieu thereof. After the word "a" and before the word "permit" insert
19 the word "written".

20 Page 1, paragraph 1, line 15, strike out the "period" after the word "operation"
21 and insert a "semicolon" in lieu thereof and add thereafter the following: "*pro-*
22 *vided, however,* that nothing contained herein shall prevent any person from keeping
23 or carrying about his or her place of business, dwelling, house or premises, any such
24 revolver, pistol, firearm or other weapon, or from carrying the same from any place
25 of purchase to his or her dwelling, house or place of business, or from his or her
26 dwelling, house or place of business to any place where repairing is done, to have the

27 same repaired and returned, or to carry a gun, rifle or knife in the woods or fields or
28 upon the waters of the State for the purpose of hunting or target practice.”

29 Page 2, paragraph 2, line 3, after the word “therefor” insert the word “either”.
30 Strike out the word “of” between the word “chief” and the word “police”. After
31 the word “police” and before the word “of” insert the word “official”.

32 Page 2, paragraph 2, line 4, strike out from and including the “period” after the
33 word “resides” down to and including the word “made” in line 5 and insert in lieu
34 thereof the word “or”.

35 Page 2, paragraph 2, line 6, strike out the word “of” before the word “police”
36 and insert the word “official” after the word “police”.

37 Page 2, paragraph 2, line 7, insert the word “by” between the word “or” and
38 the word “the”.

39 Page 2, paragraph 2, line 8, after the word “to” and before the word “the” insert
40 the following: “A Common Pleas judge of the county or to”. On the same line after
41 the word “court” and before the word “holding” insert the words “or to the judge”.

42 Page 2, paragraph 3, line 1, after the word “the” and before the word “busi-
43 ness” insert the word “retail”.

44 Page 2, paragraph 3, between line 4 and line 4½ insert the following matter:
45 “the name, age, color, nationality, occupation and residence of the purchaser”.

46 Page 2, paragraph 3, line 6, add a new sentence as follows: “Such register
47 shall be open at all reasonable hours for the inspection of any police or other peace
48 officer”.

49 Page 3, paragraph 3, line 18, strike out the words “on the evening” and in lieu
50 thereof insert the words “before twelve o'clock midnight”.

51 Page 3, line 19, strike out the word “personally”.

52 Page 3, line 19, after the word “the” and before the word “chief” insert the
53 words “office of the”.

54 Page 3, line 20, after the word “the” and before the word “captain” insert the
55 words “office of the”.

56 Page 3, line 20, strike out the word “who”.

57 Page 3, line 21, strike out the words “shall give” and in lieu thereof insert the
58 words “and a receipt shall be given”.

59 Page 3, line 21, after the word "dealer" and before the word "therefor" strike
60 out the words "a receipt".

61 Page 3, line 23, strike out the words "within twenty-four hours to personally
62 deliver" and in lieu thereof insert the words "from the day of sale to mail".

63 Page 3, line 26, strike out the word "high".

64 Page 3, paragraph 4, line 1, after the word "the" and before the word "busi-
65 ness" insert the word "retail".

66 Page 3, paragraph 4, line 4, strike out the word "three" and insert the word
67 "five" in lieu thereof.

68 Page 4, paragraph 6, line 2, strike out the word "high".

69 Page 4, paragraph 6, line 2, after the word "misdemeanor" strike out the comma
70 and insert a period in lieu thereof.

71 Page 4, paragraph 6, line 2, strike out the matter from and including the word
72 "and" to the end of the paragraph, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Any
73 person engaged in the retail business of selling, leasing or otherwise transferring
74 pistols, revolvers or other firearms, who shall sell or lease any pistol or revolver hav-
75 ing the serial number thereof altered, changed, disfigured or defaced, shall be guilty
76 of a misdemeanor".

77 Page 4, strike out all of paragraph 7.

78 Page 4, change the paragraph number "8" to read "7".

2A:151-41 II
L-1960, c. 26

August 29, 1961

N. J. - Legislative Histories

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY OF R. S. 2A:151-41
Carrying Concealed Weapons

Laws 1924, Chapter 137 - Introduced As A-255, Jan. 22, 1924 by Mr. Hershfield.
This bill had statement.

This bill, which has the approval of the firearms industry of the United States as well as the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association of New Jersey, permits the possession of revolvers and other weapons in homes and business places without permit.

Its purpose is to prevent the carrying of concealed weapons on the highways and other public places by persons not legally entitled so to do as provided by the terms of the bill or to such persons as may procure permits, which are made easy to obtain by properly accredited persons.

It was amended during passage.

Laws 1925, Chapter 64 - Introduced As S-59, January 19, 1925 by Mr. Case.
This bill had statement.

All that this act does is to make Chapter 137 of the laws of 1924 conform to the amendments that were incorporated into the act by the Legislature, prior to the passage thereof, but, through mistake, were not published as a part thereof.

Not amended before passage.

Laws 1925, Chapter 207 - Introduced as S-6, January 13, 1925 by Mr. Mackay.
No statement on bill. Was amended during passage.

Laws 1926, Chapter 270 - Introduced as A-403, February 16, 1926 by Mr. Wise.
This bill had statement.

1. The purpose of this amendment is to make it lawful to carry a rifle or shot gun in an automobile or other vehicle. As the law reads at present it is a misdemeanor to carry a rifle or shot gun in an automobile or other vehicle. Other sections of the statute make provision for obtaining a permit to carry a concealed weapon, but there is no way provided for the lawful carrying of a rifle or shot gun in a conveyance of any kind. The amended section now permits the carrying of gun, rifle or knife in the woods or fields or upon the waters of the State for hunting or rifle practice, but it is a misdemeanor to

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transport gun or rifle in any conveyance other than in the woods or fields or on the waters of the State. To permit hunters and riflemen to carry their arms lawfully to the places where they intend to use them, the amendment provides that the act shall not apply to persons having a hunter's license or to persons who are members of government civilian rifle clubs. Civilian rifle clubs are under Federal supervision, conduct rifle practice in accordance with rules and regulations of the War Department and receive arms and ammunition from the War Department. They are doing a work that the government does everything possible to encourage, and our State law ought to cooperate to the extent of permitting the carrying of the necessary arms.

2. Another purpose of this amendment is to extend the privilege of carrying firearms to detectives and plain clothes men of municipal police departments.

3. The final amendment is merely a change to make proper grammatical connection with the antecedent clause.

Was amended during passage.

Laws 1934, Chapter 74.

1937 Revision - All three drafts give wording exactly the same as old Title 2:176-41. But new title changed wording:

Except as hereinafter provided, any person who shall carry carries in any automobile, carriage, motorcycle or other vehicle, or concealed on or about his clothes or person, or otherwise concealed in his possession:

(Two following sections unchanged)

Laws 1960, Chapter 26 - Introduced January 18, 1960 by Mrs. Hughes.

No statement. Not amended during passage. as a blackjack, slung shot, billy,

RS/jmg

ASSEMBLY, No. 183

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JANUARY 18, 1960

By Assemblywoman HUGHES

Referred to Committee on Public Safety, Defense and Veterans Affairs

AN ACT concerning the carrying of concealed weapons and amending section
2A:151-41 of the New Jersey Statutes.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New*
2 *Jersey:*

1 1. Section 2A:151-41 of the New Jersey Statutes is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 2A:151-41. Except as hereinafter provided, any person who carries in
4 any automobile, carriage, motor cycle or other vehicle, or concealed on or
5 about his clothes or person, or otherwise concealed in his possession:

6 a. A pistol, revolver or other firearm without first having obtained a
7 permit to carry the same in accordance with the provisions of this chapter; or

8 b. Any instrument of the kinds known as a blackjack, slung shot, billy,
9 sandclub, sandbag, bludgeon, metal knuckles, *cestus or similar leather band*
10 *studded with metal for fitting on the knuckles, loose wool impregnated with*
11 *metal filings, or razor blades imbedded in wood slivers, dagger, dirk, danger-*
12 *ous knife, stiletto, bomb or any high explosive, other than fixed am-*
13 *munition—*

14 Is guilty of a misdemeanor.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY OF R.S.2A:151-44
(Denial of application; hearings, appeals)

L.1924 C.137. See legislative history of R.S.2A:151-41
(enclosed)

Amended by:

L.1925 C.64. See legislative history of R.S.2A:151-41
(enclosed)

L.1932 - C.61 - S67
February 1 - Introduced by Stewart.
March 21 - Passed Senate.
April 4 - Passed in Assembly.
April 11, - Approved, Chapter 61.
Not amended.
Statement (copy enclosed).

L.1933 - C.329 - Committee Substitute S397 - A524.
June 5 - Introduced by Fort.
June 12 - Passed in Assembly.
June 21 - Joint committee substitute with S397,
passed in Senate.
June 21 - Passed in Assembly.
June 26 - Approved, Chapter 329.
Copies of both of these bills (A524 and S397) and
the Committee Substitute are enclosed.

1937. Revision - The wording of this section did
not change in any of the three drafts.
A copy is enclosed of this section from the
first draft. There were no revisors notes.

L.1939 - C.321 - A351
February 27 - Introduced by Huntington.
May 15 - Passed in Assembly.
August 3 - Passed in Senate.
August 8 - Approved, Chapter 321.
Not amended during passage.
Statement (copy enclosed).

1951. Revision of Title 2 to 2A.
No revisors notes; no suggested changes
copy of draft which passed as introduced
is enclosed.

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L.1966 - C.60 -See legislative history of R.S.2A:151-1
(enclosed).

Hearings and reports:

J344.05
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New Jersey Citizens Committee for
Firearms Legislation.

Report on study for revisions of
2A:151. Weapons and explosives.
Belle Meade, New Jersey 1966.

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Enclosure

SENATE, No. 67

(P. L. 1924, p. 306)

(P. L. 1925, p. 186)

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 1, 1932

By Mr. STEWART

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT to amend an act entitled "A further supplement to an act entitled 'An act for the punishment of crimes' (Revision of 1898), approved June fourteenth, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight," which supplementary act was approved March eleventh, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, approved March twelfth, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1 1. Section two of the act of which this act is amendatory be and the same is
2 hereby amended so that the same shall read as follows:

3 2. Any person desirous of obtaining a permit to carry a revolver, pistol or other
4 firearm, pursuant to the provisions of this act, shall in the first instance make ap-
5 plication therefor either to the chief police official of the municipality in which the
6 applicant resides or to the sheriff of the county wherein the applicant resides. If such
7 application is approved by the chief police official or by the sheriff, as the case may be,
8 the applicant shall then present such application, so approved as aforesaid, [to a Common
9 Pleas judge of the county or to the justice of the Supreme Court or to the judge
10 holding the circuit for the county] to the justice of the Supreme Court presiding in
11 the county, or to a Common Pleas judge of the county in which the applicant is
12 resident, who, after investigation, and being satisfied of the sufficiency of the applica-
13 tion, and of the need of such person carrying concealed upon his person, a revolver,
14 pistol or other firearm, shall issue a permit therefore, which permit so issued shall be

15 subject to revocation at any time thereafter by the justice of the Supreme Court
16 presiding as aforesaid, or by the judge of the Court of Common Pleas. A permit so
17 issued pursuant to the provisions of this act is sufficient authority for the holder
18 thereof to carry concealed upon his person a revolver, pistol or other firearm in all
19 parts of the State of New Jersey. [All permits issued pursuant to the provisions
20 of this act shall expire on the thirty-first day of December subsequent to the date
21 of issue, and may thereafter be renewed for a period of five years.] All permits
22 issued pursuant to the provisions of this act shall expire on the thirty-first day of
23 December subsequent to the date of issue, and may thereafter be annually renewed in
24 the same manner and subject to the same provisions by which the original permit
25 was obtained. An applicant for a permit, pursuant to the provisions of this act,
26 shall at the time of the granting of the same pay to the clerk of the county in
27 which he resides, and in which the application is made, a license fee of one dollar.
28 The prosecutor of the pleas of any county, the chief police official of any mu-
29 nicipality and/or any citizen may apply to the justice of the Supreme Court, or a
30 judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the county wherein such permit was issued,
31 at any time for a revocation of a permit heretofore issued, and the justice of the
32 Supreme Court, presiding as aforesaid, or a judge of the Court of Common Pleas,
33 are authorized and empowered, after hearing upon notice, to revoke any permit, so
34 as aforesaid issued. No person whose permit has been revoked, pursuant to the pro-
35 visions hereof, shall thereafter be issued any permit under the provisions of this act.
36 Any violation of this act shall be deemed a high misdemeanor and punished
37 accordingly.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

The purpose of this act is to strengthen the supplement to the Crimes Act pursuant to which revolver permits are issued, by reducing the period for which a permit is issued from five years to one year; fixing an annual license fee; providing for the revocation of permits so issued, and for the punishment of offenders against the act.

SENATE, No. 397

(Chap. 61, P. L. 1932)

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MAY 22, 1933

By Mr. DURAND

Referred to Committee on Miscellaneous Business

AN ACT to amend an act entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'A further supplement to an act entitled "An act for the punishment of crimes" (Revision of 1898), approved June fourteenth, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight,' which supplementary act was approved March eleventh, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four," approved March twelfth, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New*
2 *Jersey:*

1 1. Section two of the act of which this act is amendatory be and the
2 same is hereby amended so that the same shall read as follows:

3 2. Any person desirous of obtaining a permit to carry a revolver, pistol
4 or other firearm, pursuant to the provisions of this act, shall in the first in-
5 stance make application therefor either to the chief police official of the mu-
6 nicipality in which the applicant resides or to the sheriff of the county where-
7 in the applicant resides. If such application is approved by the chief police
8 official or by the sheriff, as the case may be, the applicant shall then pre-
9 sent such application, so approved as aforesaid, to the [justice of the Su-
10 preme Court presiding in the county, or to a common pleas judge of the
11 county in which the applicant is resident] superintendent of the New Jersey
12 State Police, who, after investigation which shall include obtaining the fin-
13 gerprints of the person making said application, and being satisfied of the

14 sufficiency of the application, and of the need of such person carrying con-
15 cealed upon his person, a revolver, pistol or other firearm, shall issue a permit
16 therefor, which permit so issued shall be subject to revocation at any time
17 thereafter by the justice of the Supreme Court presiding [as aforesaid] in
18 the county in which the applicant is resident, or by the judge of the court
19 of common pleas of the county in which the applicant is resident, or by the
20 superintendent of the New Jersey State Police. A permit so issued pursu-
21 ant to the provisions of this act is sufficient authority for the holder thereof
22 to carry concealed upon his person a revolver, pistol or other firearm in all
23 parts of the State of New Jersey. All permits issued pursuant to the provi-
24 sions of this act shall expire on the thirty-first day of December subsequent
25 to the date of issue, and may thereafter be annually renewed [in the same
26 manner and subject to the same provisions by which the original permit was
27 obtained] by direct application to the superintendent of the New Jersey State
28 Police. An applicant for a permit, pursuant to the provisions of this act,
29 shall at the time of granting of the same pay to the [clerk of the county in
30 which he resides,] New Jersey State Police for the State of New Jersey
31 [and in which the application is made,] a license fee of one dollar. The
32 prosecutor of the pleas of any county, the chief police official of any munici-
33 pality and/or any citizen may apply to the justice of the Supreme Court, or
34 a judge of the court of common pleas of the county wherein such permit
35 [was issued] originated, or to the superintendent of the New Jersey State
36 Police, at any time for a revocation of a permit heretofore issued, and the jus-
37 tice of the Supreme Court, presiding as aforesaid, of a judge of the court
37½ of common pleas, or the superintendent of the New Jersey State Police, are
38 authorized and empowered, after hearing upon notice, to revoke any permit,
39 so as aforesaid issued. No person whose permit has been revoked pursuant
40 to the provisions hereof, shall thereafter be issued any permit under the pro-
41 visions of this act. Any violation of this act shall be deemed a high misde-
42 meanor and punished accordingly.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This amendment is proposed to prevent criminals and persons known to have no legitimate use for concealed firearms from obtaining a permit as authorized under the present act.

ASSEMBLY, No. 524

(P. L. 1932, Chap. 61, p. 92)

See
Senate 397

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JUNE 5, 1933

By Mr. FORT

Referred to Committee on Economy and Reorganization

AN ACT to amend an act entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'A further supplement to an act entitled "An act for the punishment of crimes" (Revision of 1898), approved June fourteenth, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight,' which supplementary act was approved March eleventh, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four," approved March twelfth, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, approved April eleventh, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-two.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New*
2 *Jersey:*

1 1. Section two of the act of which this act is amendatory be and the
2 same is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 2. Any person desirous of obtaining a permit to carry a revolver, pistol
4 or other firearm, pursuant to the provisions of this act, shall in the first
5 instance make application therefor either to the chief police official of the
6 municipality in which the applicant resides or to the sheriff of the county
7 wherein the applicant resides. If such application is approved by the chief
8 police official or by the sheriff, as the case may be, the applicant shall then
9 present such application, so approved as aforesaid, to the justice of the
10 Supreme Court presiding in the county, or to a common pleas judge of the
11 county in which the applicant is resident, who, after investigation, which
12 shall include the taking of the finger prints of the applicant and the com-

13 parison of the same with any and all records of finger prints in the munici-
14 pality and county in which the applicant is a resident, and also the records
15 of the supervisor of the State Bureau of Identification of this State and the
16 National Bureau in the Department of Justice in Washington, D. C., and
17 being satisfied of the sufficiency of the application, and of the need of such
18 person carrying concealed upon his person, a revolver, pistol or other fire-
19 arm, shall issue a permit therefor, which permit so issued shall be subject
20 to revocation at any time thereafter by the Justice of the Supreme Court
21 presiding as aforesaid, or by the judge of the court of common pleas. A
22 permit so issued pursuant to the provisions of this act is sufficient authority
23 for the holder thereof to carry concealed upon his person a revolver, pistol
24 or other firearm in all parts of the State of New Jersey. All permits issued
25 pursuant to the provisions of this act shall expire on the thirty-first day of
26 December subsequent to the date of issue, and may thereafter be annually
27 renewed in the same manner and subject to the same provisions by which the
28 original permit was obtained. An applicant for a permit, pursuant to the
29 provisions of this act, shall at the time of the granting of the same pay to
30 the clerk of the county in which he resides, and in which the application is
31 made, a license fee of one dollar. The prosecutor of the pleas of any county,
32 the chief police official of any municipality and/or any citizen may apply to
33 the justice of the Supreme Court, or a judge of the court of common pleas
34 of the county wherein such permit was issued, at any time for a revocation
35 of a permit heretofore issued, and the justice of the Supreme Court, presid-
36 ing as aforesaid, or a judge of the court of common pleas are authorized and
37 empowered, after hearing upon notice, to revoke any permit, so as aforesaid
38 issued. No person whose permit has been revoked pursuant to the pro-
39 visions hereof, shall thereafter be issued any permit under the provisions of
40 this act. Any violation of this act shall be deemed a high misdemeanor and
41 punished accordingly.

1 2. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act
2 be and the same are hereby repealed and this act shall take effect imme-
3 diately.

STATEMENT

The purpose of this act is to require further investigation of possible criminal records of applicants for permits to carry concealed weapons in this State.

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SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

SENATE No. 397 & ASSEMBLY No. 524

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ADOPTED JUNE 21, 1933

AN ACT to amend an act entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'A further supplement to an act entitled "An act for the punishment of crimes" (Revision of 1898), approved June fourteenth, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight,' which supplementary act was approved March eleventh, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four," approved March twelfth, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, approved April eleventh, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-two.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New*
2 *Jersey:*

1 1. Section two of the act of which this act is amendatory be and the
2 same is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 2. Any person desirous of obtaining a permit to carry a revolver, pistol
4 or other firearm, pursuant to the provisions of this act, shall in the first in-
5 stance make application therefor either to the chief police official of the mu-
6 nicipality in which the applicant resides or to the sheriff of the county where-
7 in the applicant resides. If such application is approved by the chief police
8 official or by the sheriff, as the case may be, the applicant shall then pre-
9 sent such application, so approved as aforesaid, to the justice of the Supreme
10 Court presiding in the county, or to a common pleas judge of the county in
11 which the applicant is resident, who, after investigation, which shall include
12 the name and address of the manufacturer of such revolver, pistol or other
13 firearm, also any and all of the manufacturer's identification numbers, let-
14 ters and marks and a complete description of the kind and type of revolver,

15 pistol or other firearm which said applicant intends to carry pursuant to the
16 provision of this act; *provided, however*, that one permit shall be sufficient
17 for such revolvers, pistols or other firearms of the applicant, and also the tak-
18 ing of the finger prints of the applicant and the comparison of the same with
19 any and all records of finger prints in the municipality and county in which
20 the applicant is a resident, and also the records of the supervisor of the
21 State Bureau of Identification of this State and the National Bureau in the
22 Department of Justice in Washington, D. C., and being satisfied of the suf-
23 ficiency of the application, and of the need of such person carrying concealed
24 upon his person, a revolver, pistol or other firearm, shall issue a permit
25 therefor, which permit so issued shall be subject to revocation at any time
26 thereafter by the justice of the Supreme Court presiding as aforesaid, or by
27 the judge of the court of common pleas. A permit so issued pursuant to the
28 provisions of this act is sufficient authority for the holder thereof to carry
29 concealed upon his person a revolver, pistol or other firearm in all parts of
30 the State of New Jersey. All permits issued pursuant to the provisions of
31 this act shall expire on the thirty-first day of December subsequent to the date
32 of issue, and may thereafter be annually renewed in the same manner and
33 subject to the same provisions by which the original permit was obtained.
34 An applicant for a permit, pursuant to the provisions of this act, shall at
35 the time of the granting of the same pay to the clerk of the county in which
36 he resides, and in which the application is made, a license fee of one dollar.
37 The prosecutor of the pleas of any county, the chief police official of any mu-
38 nicipality and/or any citizen may apply to the justice of the Supreme Court,
39 or a judge of the court of common pleas of the county wherein such permit
40 was issued, at any time for a revocation of a permit heretofore issued, and
41 the justice of the Supreme Court, presiding as aforesaid, or a judge of the
42 court of common pleas are authorized and empowered, after hearing upon
43 notice, to revoke any permit, so as aforesaid issued. No person whose per-
44 mit has been revoked pursuant to the provisions hereof, shall thereafter be
45 issued any permit under the provisions of this act. Any violation of this act
46 shall be deemed a high misdemeanor and punished accordingly.

1 2. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act
2 be and the same are hereby repealed and this act shall take effect imme-
3 diately.

ing or carrying about his place of business, dwelling house, premises, or on land possessed by him, any such revolver, pistol, firearm or other weapon; or from carrying the same from any place of purchase to his dwelling house or place of business, or from his dwelling house or place of business to or from any place where repairing is done, to have the same repaired, nor to prevent any person from carrying a gun, rifle or knife in the woods or fields or upon the waters of the state for the purpose of hunting or target practice.

Sources. L. 1924, c. 137, §1, p. 305 [1924 Suppl. §52-43j], as am. by L. 1925, c. 64, §1, p. 185, L. 1925, c. 207, §1, p. 494, L. 1926, c. 270, §1, p. 453, L. 1927, c. 96, §1, p. 183, L. 1934, c. 74, §1, p. 197, suppl. to L. 1898, c. 235, p. 794. L. 1927, c. 321, §11, p. 747, as am. by L. 1928, c. 212, §1, p. 384, suppl. to L. 1898, c. 235, p. 794.

2:176-43. Carrying concealed weapons; persons excepted from provisions of section 2:176-41. The provisions of section 2:176-41 of this title shall not apply to:

- a. The United States marshal or his deputies;
- b. Members of the army, navy or marine corps of the United States or of the national guard when on duty;
- c. Any sheriff, undersheriff, prosecutor of the pleas, assistant prosecutor or prosecutor's detectives;
- d. The regularly employed members, including detectives, of the police department of any municipality, or any special policemen appointed by the governing body of any municipality;
- e. Any member of the state police, or any motor vehicle inspector or state detective;
- f. Any jailer, constable, railway police, canal or steamboat police, or any other peace officer, when in discharge of his duties;
- g. The fish and game commissioners; or the regular fish and game wardens;
- h. Any prison or jail wardens or their deputies, or any guard or keeper of any penal institution in this state;
- i. Any court attendant engaged in attending the circuit court, court of oyer and terminer, court of common pleas or general court of quarter sessions, or justices of the peace;
- j. Any member of a legally organized detective agency;
- k. Any guard in the employ of any railway express company, banking, or building and loan institution of this state;
- l. Any officer of the society for the prevention of cruelty to animals;
- m. Any duly authorized military organization when under orders, or any member thereof when going to or from places of meeting of their respective organizations, carrying the weapons prescribed for drill, exercise or parade;
- n. Persons having a hunter's license in going to or from places of hunting;
- o. Members of government civilian rifle clubs duly organized in accordance with the rules prescribed by the national board for the promotion of rifle practice, in going to or from their several places of target practice and carrying weapons necessary for such practice;

p. The commissioner, deputy commissioners, inspectors and investigators of the department of alcoholic beverage control; or

q. Public utility corporations in the transportation of explosives.

Sources. L. 1909, c. 17, §1, p. 34 [C. S. p. 1759, §43a], suppl. to L. 1898, c. 235, p. 794. L. 1912, c. 225, §1, p. 364, as am. by L. 1921, c. 108, §1, p. 206, L. 1922, c. 31, §1, p. 60 [1924 Suppl. §52-43b], suppl. to L. 1898, c. 235, p. 794. L. 1922, c. 138, §1, p. 238 [1924 Suppl. §52-43f], suppl. to L. 1898, c. 235, p. 794. L. 1924, c. 137, §1, p. 305 [1924 Suppl. §52-43j], as am. by L. 1925, c. 64, §1, p. 185, L. 1925, c. 207, §1, p. 494, L. 1926, c. 270, §1, p. 453, L. 1927, c. 96, §1, p. 183, L. 1934, c. 74, §1, p. 197, suppl. to L. 1898, c. 235, p. 794. L. 1927, c. 321, §11, p. 747, as am. by L. 1928, c. 212, §1, p. 384, suppl. to L. 1898, c. 235, p. 794.

2:176-44. Permit to carry firearms; application; investigation of fingerprints; fee. Any person desiring to obtain a permit to carry a revolver, pistol or other firearm, shall in the first instance make application therefor either to the chief police official of the municipality in which the applicant resides or to the sheriff of the county wherein the applicant resides.

If such application is approved by the chief police official or by the sheriff, as the case may be, the applicant shall then present the same to the justice of the supreme court presiding in the county, or to a common pleas judge of the county in which the applicant is a resident, who, after investigation, which shall include the name and address of the manufacturer of such revolver, pistol or other firearm, also any and all of the manufacturer's identification numbers, letters and marks and a complete description of the kind and type of revolver, pistol or other firearm which the applicant intends to carry; provided, however, that one permit shall be sufficient for such revolvers, pistols or other firearms of the applicant, and also the taking of the fingerprints of the applicant and the comparison of the same with any and all records of fingerprints in the municipality and county in which the applicant is a resident and also the records of the supervisor of the state bureau of identification of this state and the national bureau in the department of justice in Washington, D. C., and being satisfied of the sufficiency of the application and the need of such person to carry concealed upon his person a revolver, pistol or other firearm, shall issue a permit therefor.

Each applicant for such a permit shall at the time of granting of the same pay to the clerk of the county in which he resides and in which the application is made, a license fee of one dollar.

Source. L. 1924, c. 137, §2, p. 305 [1924 Suppl. §52-43i], as am. by L. 1925, c. 64, §2, p. 186, L. 1932, c. 61, §1, p. 92, L. 1933, c. 329, §1, p. 857, suppl. to L. 1898, c. 235, p. 794.

2:176-45. Permit to carry firearms; authority; expiration and renewal; revocation. A permit issued pursuant to section 2:176-44 of this title shall be sufficient authority for the holder thereof to carry concealed upon his person a revolver, pistol or other firearm in all parts of the state. All permits issued pursuant to said section 2:176-44 shall expire on the thirty-first day of

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ASSEMBLY, No. 351

(Revised Statutes, section 2:176-44.)

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 27, 1939

By Mr. HUNTINGTON

Referred to Committee on Miscellaneous Business

AN ACT concerning carrying of concealed weapons, and amending section
2:176-44 of the Revised Statutes of New Jersey.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New*
2 *Jersey:*

1 1. Section 2:176-44 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 2:176-44. Any person desiring to obtain a permit to carry a revolver,
3 pistol or other firearm shall in the first instance make application there-
4 for either to the chief police official of the municipality in which the applicant
5 resides or to the sheriff of the county wherein the applicant resides.

6 If such application is approved by the chief police official or by the
7 sheriff, as the case may be, the applicant shall then present the same to
8 the justice of the Supreme Court presiding in the county, or to a common
9 pleas judge of the county in which the applicant is a resident, who, after in-
10 vestigation, which shall include the name and address of the manufacturer
11 of such revolver, pistol or other firearm, also any and all of the manufac-
12 turer's identification numbers, letters and marks and a complete descrip-
13 tion of the kind and type of revolver, pistol or other firearm which the ap-
14 plicant intends to carry; *provided, however,* that one permit shall be
15 sufficient for such revolvers, pistols or other firearms of the applicant, and
16 also the taking of the fingerprints of the applicant and the comparison of

17 the same with any and all records of fingerprints in the municipality and
18 county in which the applicant is a resident and also the records of the super-
19 visor of the State Bureau of Identification of this State and the national
20 bureau in the Department of Justice in Washington, District of Columbia,
21 and being satisfied of the sufficiency of the application and the need of such
22 person to carry concealed upon his person a revolver, pistol or other fire-
23 arm, shall issue a permit therefor.

24 Each applicant for such a permit shall at the time of granting the same
25 pay to the clerk of the county in which he resides and in which the applica-
26 tion is made, a license fee of [~~one dollar~~] three dollars.

1 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed
2 and this act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

The purpose of this bill is to approximate as nearly as possible the cost of
investigational service required in order to adequately inform the judges re-
garding the character and reputation of applicants and the purposes for which
they desire to carry weapons.

Article 1. CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPONS.

2A:176-41. Carrying concealed weapons; penalty; license to carry pistol or revolver. Except as hereinafter provided, a person who shall carry in any automobile, carriage, motor cycle or other vehicle, or concealed on or about his clothes or person, or otherwise concealed in his possession:

a. A pistol, revolver or other firearm without having first obtained a permit to carry the same in accordance with the provisions of this chapter; or

b. Any instrument of the kinds known as a blackjack, slung shot, billy, sandclub, sandbag, bludgeon, metal knuckles, dagger, dirk, dangerous knife or stiletto, bomb, or any high explosive, other than fixed ammunition—

Shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Source. R. S. 2:176-41.

2A:176-42. Carrying weapons about one's premises or for purposes of hunting or target practice. Nothing contained in section 2A:176-41 of this title shall be construed to prevent a person from keeping or carrying about his place of business, dwelling house, premises, or on land possessed by him, any such revolver, pistol, firearm or other weapon; or from carrying the same from any place of purchase to his dwelling house or place of business, or from his dwelling house or place of business to or from any place where repairing is done, to have the same repaired, nor to prevent any person from carrying a gun, rifle or knife in the woods or fields or upon the waters of the state for the purpose of hunting or target practice.

Source. R. S. 2:176-42.

2A:176-43. Carrying concealed weapons; persons excepted from provisions of section 2A:176-41. The provisions of section 2A:176-41 of this title shall not apply to:

a. The United States marshal or his deputies;

b. Members of the army, navy or marine corps of the United States or of the national guard when on duty;

c. Any sheriff, undersheriff, deputy sheriff, county prosecutor, assistant prosecutor or prosecutor's detectives;

d. The regularly employed members, including detectives, of the police department of any municipality, or any special policeman appointed by the governing body of any municipality;

e. Any member of the state police, or any motor vehicle inspector or state detective;

f. Any jailer, constable, railway police, canal or steamboat police, or any other peace officer, when in discharge of his duties;

g. The fish and game commissioners, or the regular fish and game wardens;

h. Any prison or jail wardens or their deputies, or any guard or keeper of any penal institution in this state;

i. Any court attendant serving as such under appointment by the sheriff of the county or by

the judge of the superior court, county court, and magistrates;

j. Any member of a legally organized detective agency;

k. Any guard in the employ of any railway express company, banking or building and loan institution of this state;

l. Any officer of the society for the prevention of cruelty to animals;

m. Any duly authorized military organization when under orders, or any member thereof when going to or from places of meeting of their respective organization, carrying the weapons prescribed for drill, exercise or parade;

n. Persons having a hunter's license in going to or from places of hunting;

o. Members of government civilian rifle clubs duly organized in accordance with the rules prescribed by the national board for the promotion of rifle practice, in going to or from their several places of target practice and carrying weapons necessary for such practice;

p. The director, deputy directors, inspectors and investigators of the division of alcoholic beverage control in the department of law and public safety; or

q. Public utility corporations in the transportation of explosives.

Source. R. S. 2:176-43, as am. L. 1933, c. 125, p. 259, §1.

2A:176-44. Permit to carry firearms; application, investigation of fingerprints; fee. Any person desiring to obtain a permit to carry a revolver, pistol or other firearm shall in the first instance make application therefor either to the chief police official of the municipality in which the applicant resides or to the sheriff of the county wherein the applicant resides.

If such application is approved by the chief police official or by the sheriff, as the case may be, the applicant shall then present the same to a judge of the county in which the applicant is a resident, who, after investigation, which shall include the name and address of the manufacturer of such revolver, pistol or other firearm, also any and all of the manufacturer's identification numbers, letters and marks and a complete description of the kind and type of revolver, pistol or other firearm which the applicant intends to carry; provided, however, that 1 permit shall be sufficient for such revolvers, pistols or other firearms of the applicant, and also the taking of the fingerprints of the applicant and the comparison of the same with any and all records of fingerprints in the municipality and county in which the applicant is a resident and also the records of the supervisor of the state bureau of identification of this state and the national bureau in the department of justice in Washington, District of Columbia, and being satisfied of the sufficiency of the application and the need of such person to carry concealed upon his person a revolver, pistol or other firearm, shall issue a permit therefor.

Each applicant for such a permit shall at the

time of granting the same pay to the clerk of the county in which he resides and in which the application is made, a license fee of \$3.00.
Source. R. S. 2:176-44, as am. L. 1939, c. 321, p. 790, §1.

2A:176-45. Permit to carry firearms; authority; expiration and renewal; revocation. A permit issued pursuant to section 2A:176-44 of this title shall be sufficient authority for the holder thereof to carry concealed upon his person a revolver, pistol or other firearm in all parts of the state. All permits issued pursuant to said section 2A:176-44 shall expire on the 31st day of December subsequent to the date of issue, and may thereafter be renewed annually in the same manner and subject to the same provisions by which the original permit was obtained.

Any such permit may be revoked by a judge of the county court of the county wherein the permit was issued. The county prosecutor of any county, the chief of police of any municipality or any citizen may apply to such judge of the county court at any time for a revocation of any permit issued, and the judge of the county court may, after hearing upon notice, revoke any such permit. No person whose permit has been revoked pursuant to the provisions hereof shall thereafter be issued any permit under the provisions of this article.
Source. R. S. 2:176-45.

2A:176-46. Violations of provisions relating to permits to carry. A violation of any of the provisions of sections 2A:176-44 or 2A:176-45 of this title shall be deemed a misdemeanor.
Source. R. S. 2:176-46.

2A:176-47. Permits in blank for banking institutions. The president of any national bank, building and loan association, trust company or other banking institution located in any municipality of this state may make application to the chief of police of the municipality for permits, in blank, to be used by the messengers, clerks or other employees or agents of such institutions for use while engaged in the performance of their respective duties. Upon the issue of such permits, the president shall transmit to the chief of police from whom the permits were obtained, a record of the persons to whom the same were issued. Permits issued in blank in accordance with this section shall not exceed 20 in number to any one banking institution.
Source. R. S. 2:176-47.

2A:176-48. False representations in permit applications or in purchases. Any person who shall give or cause to be given any false information, or shall sign a fictitious name or address, in applying for a permit to purchase or a permit to carry a pistol, revolver or other firearm, or in purchasing or otherwise acquiring delivery of the same, shall be guilty of a high misdemeanor.
Source. R. S. 2:176-48.

Article 6. MACHINE GUNS.

2A:176-49. "Machine gun or automatic rifle" defined. The term "machine gun or automatic rifle", as used in this article, shall mean any weapon, mechanism or instrument not requiring that the trigger be pressed for each shot and having a reservoir, belt or other means of storing and carrying ammunition, which can be loaded into the said weapon, mechanism or instrument and fired therefrom at the rate of 5 or more shots to the second.

Source. R. S. 2:176-49.

2A:176-50. Sale, purchase or possession of machine guns; penalty. Any person who shall sell, give, loan, furnish or deliver any machine gun or automatic rifle to another person, or a person who shall purchase, have or possess any machine gun or automatic rifle, shall be guilty of a high misdemeanor.

Source. R. S. 2:176-50.

2A:176-51. Exceptions to section 2A:176-50. Section 2A:176-50 of this title shall not apply to any person having a license to purchase, have and possess a machine gun or automatic rifle, when such license is obtained in the manner hereinafter provided; nor to the authorized agents or servants of such licensee; nor to the officers and members of any duly authorized military organization; nor to the officers and members of the police force of any municipality, or of the state; nor to any sheriff or undersheriff; nor to any county prosecutor, his assistants, detectives and employees.

Source. R. S. 2:176-51.

2A:176-52. License to procure machine gun; application; reference and approval; issue of license. Any person who desires to purchase, have and possess a machine gun or automatic rifle may apply to a judge of the county court of the county in which the applicant is a resident for a license to purchase, have and possess a machine gun or automatic rifle. The application shall be in writing and shall state in detail the reasons why the applicant desires such license. Upon such application being presented to the judge, he shall refer the same to the sheriff of the county or to the chief police officer of the municipality in which the applicant resides, for his investigation and approval. If the application is approved by the sheriff or chief police officer, said judge may, in his discretion, issue a license under his hand and the seal of his court to the applicant to purchase, have and possess a machine gun or automatic rifle, for his own protection and for the protection of his servants and employees.

Source. R. S. 2:176-52.

2A:176-52.1. Blank. See proposed additional legislation.

2A:176-53. Record and delivery of license. Upon the issuance of such license, the judge shall send or deliver the same to the county clerk of