



CHAPTER 14
ARTICLE 54B - CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT

N.C.G.S. § 14-415.15.

Issuance or denial of permit.

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- § 14-415.15(a)

Except as permitted under subsection (b) of this section, within 45 days after receipt of the items listed in G.S. 14-415.13 from an applicant, and receipt of the required records concerning the mental health or capacity of the applicant, the sheriff shall either issue or deny the permit. The sheriff may conduct any investigation necessary to determine the qualification or competency of the person applying for the permit, including record checks. The sheriff shall make the request for any records concerning the mental health or capacity of the applicant within 10 days of receipt of the items listed in G.S. 14-415.13. No person, company, mental health provider, or governmental entity may charge additional fees to the applicant for background checks conducted under this subsection. A permit shall not be denied unless the applicant is determined to be ineligible pursuant to G.S. 14-415.12.
- § 14-415.15(b)

Upon presentment to the sheriff of the items required under G.S. 14-415.13 (a)(1), (2), and (3), the sheriff may issue a temporary permit for a period not to exceed 45 days to a person who the sheriff reasonably believes is in an emergency situation that may constitute a risk of safety to the person, the person's family or property. The applicant may submit proof of a protective order issued under G.S. 50B-3 for the protection of the applicant as evidence of an emergency situation. The temporary permit may not be renewed and may be revoked by the sheriff without a hearing.
- § 14-415.15(c)

A person's application for a permit shall be denied only if the applicant fails to qualify under the criteria listed in this Article. If the sheriff denies the application for a permit, the sheriff shall, within 45 days, notify the applicant in writing, stating the grounds for denial. An applicant may appeal the denial, revocation, or nonrenewal of a permit

by petitioning a district court judge of the district in which the application was filed. The determination by the court, on appeal, shall be upon the facts, the law, and the reasonableness of the sheriff's refusal. The determination by the court shall be final.

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APPARATUS I
4 ACTS

Amendment lineage

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1995		2005		2015
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Nº	YEAR	ACT	CHARACTER	
01	1995	c. 398, s. 1	ENACTED	
02	2005	S.L. 2005-343, s. 1	AMENDED	
03	2011	S.L. 2011-268, s. 17	AMENDED	
04	2015	S.L. 2015-195, s. 14	AMENDED	

APPARATUS II
4 AUTHORITIES

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 14-415.13	(a)	"receipt of the items listed in"
G.S. 14-415.12	(a)	"determined to be ineligible pursuant to"
G.S. 14-415.13 (a)(1), (2), and (3)	(b)	"sheriff of the items required under"
G.S. 50B-3	(b)	"of a protective order issued under"

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-415.15 (2015).

PINPOINT

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-415.15(a) (2015).

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HISTORY PARENTHETICAL, AS PRINTED BY THE STATE

(1995, c. 398, s. 1; 2005-343, s. 1; 2011-268, s. 17; 2015-195, s. 14.)

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