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LLS NO. 16-1063.01 Richard Sweetman x4333

SENATE BILL 16-144

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HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

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Senate Committees

State, Veterans, & Military Affairs

House Committees

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING ALLOWING CERTAIN MILITARY PERSONNEL WHO ARE  
102 LESS THAN TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE TO OBTAIN A PERMIT TO  
103 CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN.

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Bill Summary

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

Under current law, an applicant for a concealed handgun permit must satisfy certain criteria, including a requirement that he or she is at least 21 years of age. The bill amends this requirement to state that the applicant must be either:

! 21 years of age or older; or

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

! 18 years of age or older and on active duty in, or honorably discharged from, any branch or reserve branch of the United States military forces, including the National Guard.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-12-203, **amend**

3 (1) (b) as follows:

4 **18-12-203. Criteria for obtaining a permit.** (1) Beginning May  
5 17, 2003, except as otherwise provided in this section, a sheriff shall issue  
6 a permit to carry a concealed handgun to an applicant who:

7 (b) ON AND AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS PARAGRAPH (b),  
8 AS AMENDED, IS EITHER:

9 (I) Twenty-one years of age or older; OR

10 (II) (A) EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER; AND

11 (B) ON ACTIVE DUTY IN, OR HONORABLY DISCHARGED FROM, ANY  
12 BRANCH OR RESERVE BRANCH OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY FORCES,  
13 INCLUDING THE NATIONAL GUARD.

14 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
15 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
16 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
17 10, 2016, if adjournment sine die is on May 11, 2016); except that, if a  
18 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
19 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
20 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
21 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
22 November 2016 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
23 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.