**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 23‑31‑215, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF CONCEALED WEAPON PERMITS, SO AS TO ENACT THE “SOUTH CAROLINA CWP STATISTICS IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2021” BY REVISING THE CONTENTS OF THE ANNUAL REPORT SLED MUST PUBLISH CONTAINING INFORMATION REGARDING ISSUANCE, RENEWAL, SUSPENSIONS, AND REVOCATIONS OF PERMITS.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. This act may be cited as the “South Carolina CWP Statistics Improvement Act of 2021.”

SECTION 2. Section 23‑31‑215(T) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(T) During the first quarter of each calendar year, SLED must publish a report that contains a detailed breakdown by each county of the following information regarding the previous calendar year or as of close of business on December 31 of the previous calendar year, or both:

~~(1)~~ ~~the number of permits;~~

~~(2)~~ ~~the number of permits that were issued;~~

~~(3)~~ ~~the number of permit applications that were denied;~~

~~(4)~~ ~~the number of permits that were renewed;~~

~~(5)~~ ~~the number of permit renewals that were denied;~~

~~(6)~~ ~~the number of permits that were suspended or revoked; and~~

~~(7)~~ ~~the name, address, and county of a person whose permit was revoked, including the reason for the revocation pursuant to subsection (J)(1).~~

~~The report must include a breakdown of such information by county.~~

(1) the number of active concealed weapon permits by the age of the permittee in the following groups:

(a) 21‑35;

(b) 36‑45;

(c) 46‑55;

(d) 56‑65; and

(e) 66 and older;

(2) the race of permittees classified in the following groups:

(a) Asian;

(b) Black;

(c) Caucasian;

(d) Latino; and

(e) other;

(3) the sex of permittees as:

(a) female; or

(b) male;

(4) the number of new concealed weapon permit applications received;

(5) the number of new concealed weapon permit applications in progress;

(6) the number of new concealed weapon permits issued;

(7) the number of new concealed weapon permit applications denied;

(8) the number of renewal concealed weapon permit applications received;

(9) the number of renewal concealed weapon permit applications in progress;

(10) the number of renewal concealed weapon permits issued;

(11) the number of renewal concealed weapon permit applications denied;

(12) the number of expired concealed weapon permits;

(13) the number of concealed weapon permits invalidated:

(a) because the permittee has relocated his permanent residence to another state and the permittee no longer owns real property in this State;

(b) because the permittee has died; or

(c) for other reasons;

(14) the number of concealed weapon permits revoked due to:

(a) a post permit issuance disqualifying background check;

(b) a disqualifying criminal conviction;

(c) a disqualifying mental health assessment; or

(d) other reasons;

(15) the number of concealed weapon permits surrendered voluntarily:

(a) because the permittee has relocated his permanent residence to another state and the permittee no longer owns real property in this State;

(b) because the permittee has died; or

(c) for other reasons;

(16) the number of concealed weapon permits suspended:

(a) due to a disqualifying criminal charge;

(b) due to an involuntary commitment to a mental health facility; or

(c) for other reasons; and

(17) the number of concealed weapon permits reinstated:

(a) because the permittee has been acquitted of a crime;

(b) because the permittee has had a disqualifying criminal charge dismissed;

(c) because the permittee has been released from a mental health facility without a disqualifying mental health assessment; or

(d) for other reasons.”

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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