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Please be advised the law regarding the issuance of Pistol Purchase Permits by Sheriffs in North Carolina has been Repealed.

Any person seeking to purchase or transfer a handgun in North Carolina is no longer required to apply to the Sheriff's Office for a pistol purchase permit. All pistol permitting laws in North Carolina have been eliminated by the enactment of Senate Bill 41, Guarantee 2nd Amend Freedom and Protections.

Any person seeking to purchase a handgun through a federally licensed firearms dealer will undergo the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) criminal background check required under current law. The dealer will then either sale or deny the sale of a pistol to the person based on the results of the background check.

Furthermore:

If you have recently applied for a Pistol Purchase Permit with the Cleveland County Sheriff's Office, you may go to any federally licensed firearm dealer now and go through the established process to purchase a pistol without a permit.

Under North Carolina law, the sheriff does not have the statutory authority to refund the \$5.00 application fee. G. S. 14-404(e).

Senate Bill 41 does not have any impact on Concealed Handgun Permitting laws.