1	FIREARM FEE AMENDMENTS
2	2002 GENERAL SESSION
3	STATE OF UTAH
4	Sponsor: J. Morgan Philpot
5	This act modifies provisions related to Firearm Fees. The act provides that the Law
6	Enforcement and Technical Services Division or its designated agent may not charge a fee
7	for issuing a concealed weapons permit. It also provides that a fee may not be charged for
8	criminal background checks required to purchase a firearm. The act provides an effective
9	date.
10	This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:
11	AMENDS:
12	53-5-706, as last amended by Chapter 12, Laws of Utah 1994
13	53-5-707, as last amended by Chapters 120 and 227, Laws of Utah 1999
14	53-10-202.5, as enacted by Chapter 227, Laws of Utah 1999
15	76-10-526, as last amended by Chapters 90 and 303, Laws of Utah 2000
16	Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
17	Section 1. Section 53-5-706 is amended to read:
18	53-5-706. Permit Fingerprints transmitted to division Report from division.
19	(1) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (2), the fingerprints of each applicant shall be
20	taken on two copies of forms prescribed by the division and shall be forwarded to the division.
21	(b) Upon receipt of the fingerprints [and the fee prescribed in Section 53-5-707], the
22	division shall conduct a search of its files for criminal history information pertaining to the
23	applicant, and shall request the Federal Bureau of Investigation to conduct a similar search through
24	its files.
25	(c) The division shall promptly furnish the forwarding licensing authority a report of all
26	data and information pertaining to any applicant of which there is a record in its office, or of which
27	a record is found in the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.



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28	(d) A permit may not be issued by any licensing authority until receipt of the report from
29	the division.
30	(2) If the permit applicant has previously applied to the same licensing authority for a
31	permit to carry concealed firearms and the applicant's fingerprints [and fee] have been previously
32	forwarded within one year to the division, the licensing authority shall note the previous
33	identification numbers and other data which would provide positive identification in the files of
34	the division on the copy of any subsequent permit submitted to the division in accordance with this
35	section, and no additional application form[,] or fingerprints[, or fee] are required.
36	Section 2. Section 53-5-707 is amended to read:
37	53-5-707. Permit Fees.
38	[(1) Each applicant] The division or its designated agent may not charge a fee for a permit
39	[shall pay a fee of \$35 at the time of filing an application. The initial fee shall be waived for an
40	applicant who is a law enforcement officer under Section 53-13-103] required under this part to
41	carry a concealed firearm.
42	[(2) The renewal fee for the permit is \$10.]
43	[(3) The replacement fee for the permit is \$10.]
44	[(4) The late fee for the renewal permit is \$7.50.]
45	[(5) All fees shall promptly be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the General
46	Fund.]
47	[(6) The division may collect any fees charged by an outside agency for additional services
48	required by statute as a prerequisite for issuance of a permit. The division shall promptly forward
49	any fees collected to the appropriate agency.]
50	Section 3. Section 53-10-202.5 is amended to read:
51	53-10-202.5. Bureau services Fees.
52	The bureau shall collect fees for the following services:
53	(1) applicant fingerprint card as determined by Section 53-10-108;
54	(2) bail enforcement licensing as determined by Section 53-11-115;
55	[(3) concealed firearm permit as determined by Section 53-5-707;]
56	[(4)] (3) expungement certificate of eligibility as determined by Section 77-18-11;
57	[(5) firearm purchase background check as determined by Section 76-10-526;]
58	[(6)] <u>(4)</u> name check as determined by Section 53-10-108;

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59	[(7)] (5) private investigator licensing as determined by Section 53-9-111; and
60	[(8)] (6) right of access as determined by Section 53-10-108.
61	Section 4. Section 76-10-526 is amended to read:
62	76-10-526. Criminal background check prior to purchase of a firearm Exemption
63	for concealed firearm permit holders.
64	(1) A criminal background check required by this section shall only apply to the purchase
65	of a handgun until federal law requires the background check to extend to other firearms.
66	(2) At the time that federal law extends the criminal background check requirement to
67	other firearms, the division shall make rules to extend the background checks required under this
68	section to the other firearms.
69	(3) For purposes of this section, "valid permit to carry a concealed firearm" does not
70	include a temporary permit issued [pursuant to] under Section 53-5-705.
71	(4) To establish personal identification and residence in this state for purposes of this part
72	a dealer shall require any person receiving a firearm to present:
73	(a) one photo identification on a form issued by a governmental agency of the state; and
74	(b) one other documentation of residence which must show an address identical to that
75	shown on the photo identification form.
76	(5) A criminal history background check is required for the sale of a firearm by a licensed
77	firearm dealer in the state.
78	(6) (a) Any person, except a dealer, purchasing a firearm from a dealer shall consent in
79	writing to a criminal background check, on a form provided by the division.
80	(b) The form shall [also] contain the following information:
81	[(a)] <u>(i)</u> the dealer identification number;
82	[(b)] (ii) the name and address of the person receiving the firearm;
83	[(c)] (iii) the date of birth, height, weight, eye color, and hair color of the person receiving
84	the firearm; and
85	[(d)] (iv) the Social Security number or any other identification number of the person
86	receiving the firearm.
87	(7) (a) The dealer shall send the form required by Subsection (6) to the division
88	immediately upon its completion.
89	(b) $[No]$ \underline{A} dealer $[Shall]$ $\underline{May not}$ sell or transfer any firearm to any person until the dealer

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has provided the division with the information in Subsection (6) and has received approval from the division under Subsection (9).

- (8) The dealer shall make a request for criminal history background information by telephone or other electronic means to the division and shall receive approval or denial of the inquiry by telephone or other electronic means.
- (9) When the dealer calls for or requests a criminal history background check, the division shall:
- (a) review the criminal history files, including juvenile court records, to determine if the person is prohibited from purchasing, possessing, or transferring a firearm by state or federal law;
 - (b) inform the dealer that:

- (i) the records indicate the person is so prohibited; or
- (ii) the person is approved for purchasing, possessing, or transferring a firearm;
- (c) provide the dealer with a unique transaction number for that inquiry; and
- (d) provide a response to the requesting dealer during the call for a criminal background, or by return call, or other electronic means, without delay, except in case of electronic failure or other circumstances beyond the control of the division, the division shall advise the dealer of the reason for the delay and give the dealer an estimate of the length of the delay.
- (10) (a) The division [shall] may not maintain any records of the criminal history background check longer than 20 days from the date of the dealer's request if the division determines that the person receiving the gun is not prohibited from purchasing, possessing, or transferring the firearm under state or federal law.
- (b) However, the division shall maintain a log of requests containing the dealer's federal firearms number, the transaction number, and the transaction date for a period of 12 months.
- (11) If the criminal history background check discloses information indicating that the person attempting to purchase the firearm is prohibited from purchasing, possessing, or transferring a firearm, the division shall inform the law enforcement agency in the jurisdiction where the person resides.
- (12) If a person is denied the right to purchase a firearm under this section, the person may review his criminal history information and may challenge or amend the information as provided in Section 53-10-108.
 - (13) The division shall make rules as provided in Title 63, Chapter 46a, Utah

H.B. 219 01-02-02 7:33 AM 121 Administrative Rulemaking Act, to ensure the identity, confidentiality, and security of all records 122 provided by the division [pursuant to] under this part are in conformance with the requirements 123 of the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act, Pub. L. No. 103-159, 107 Stat. 1536 (1993). 124 (14) [(a) All dealers shall collect] Neither the division nor a dealer may charge a fee for 125 a criminal history background check [fee which is \$7.50. This fee remains in effect until changed 126 by the division through the process under Section 63-38-3.2] required under this section. 127 (b) The dealer shall forward at one time all fees collected for criminal history background 128 checks performed during the month to the division by the last day of the month following the sale 129 of a firearm. The division shall deposit the fees in the General Fund as dedicated credits to cover 130 the cost of administering and conducting the criminal history background check program. 131 (15) A person with a concealed firearm permit issued pursuant to Title 53, Chapter 5, Part 132 7, Concealed Weapon Act, shall be exempt from the background check [and corresponding fee] 133 required in this section for the purchase of a firearm if: 134 (a) the person presents his concealed firearm permit to the dealer prior to purchase of the 135 firearm; and

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Section 5. Effective date.

This act takes effect on July 1, 2002.

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A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

(b) the dealer verifies with the division that the person's concealed firearm permit is valid.

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