

(F) Except as otherwise provided in this section, any dealer or person who knowingly participates in the illegal sale, rental, transfer, purchase, possession, or receipt of a regulated firearm in violation of this subheading shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned for not more than 5 years, or both. Each violation shall be considered a separate offense.

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~~(d) Subject to the authority of the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services, the Commission is vested with the following authority, responsibility and duty:~~

~~(15) To adopt regulations to establish and enforce standards for prior substance abuse by persons applying for certification as a police officer; [and]~~

~~(16) TO DEVELOP STANDARDS AND ADOPT REGULATIONS BY JANUARY 1, 2001 FOR A CERTIFIED FIREARMS SAFETY TRAINING COURSE FOR ALL HANDGUN PURCHASERS ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2002, AND, IN ADOPTING THESE REGULATIONS, TO CONSIDER ANY EXISTING PRIVATE AND PUBLIC FIREARMS SAFETY TRAINING COURSES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ACQUIRING THE INPUT OF THE HANDGUN INDUSTRY AND VARIOUS HANDGUN ORGANIZATIONS; AND~~

~~(17) To perform such other acts as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out its functions and duties as set forth in this section.~~

(D-1)(1) THE COMMISSION SHALL, SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, ADOPT REGULATIONS BY JANUARY 1, 2001 FOR A CERTIFIED FIREARMS SAFETY TRAINING COURSE REQUIRED FOR AN APPLICANT FOR A REGULATED FIREARMS PURCHASE, RENTAL, OR TRANSFER MADE ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2002.

(2) THE REQUIRED CERTIFIED FIREARMS SAFETY TRAINING COURSE SHALL:

(I) BE OFFERED BY THE COMMISSION AND:

1. BE OFFERED FREE OF CHARGE OR FEE;

2. BE NO MORE THAN 2 HOURS IN LENGTH;

3. BE CONDUCTED OR OFFERED AT LEAST ONCE EACH WEEK IN ALL GEOGRAPHIC AREAS OF THE STATE AND BE AVAILABLE AFTER REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS;

4. BE OPEN TO ANY INDIVIDUAL REQUIRED BY LAW TO COMPLETE THE FIREARMS SAFETY TRAINING COURSE, WITHIN 2 WEEKS OF THE REQUEST OF THE INDIVIDUAL;

5. MAY NOT REQUIRE ANY SKILLS OR KNOWLEDGE TESTING IN THE USE OF A REGULATED FIREARM IN ORDER TO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THE COURSE; AND