

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 27, § 36E(a)(1) through (6) and the first and third clauses of the introductory language of (a).

In subsection (a)(1) of this section, the reference to an "adult" is substituted for the former reference to a person "eighteen years of age or older" for brevity in light of the definition of the term "adult" in Art. 1, § 24.

In the introductory language of subsection (a)(5) of this section, the former reference to the "results" of an investigation is deleted as implicit in the reference to an "investigation".

In subsection (a)(5)(i) of this section, the former reference to a "law-abiding" person is deleted as unnecessarily narrowing the field of persons to whom an applicant for a permit may not exhibit a propensity or instability that may reasonably render handgun possession a danger.

In subsection (b)(2)(ii) and (iii) of this section, the reference to an adjudication for an "act" that would be a crime "if committed by an adult" is substituted for the former references to a "violation" classified as a felony or a misdemeanor that carries a statutory penalty of 2 years, for consistency with CJ §§ 3-801 and 3-804. Similarly, in subsection (b)(2)(i) of this section, the reference to an "act" that would be a crime of violence "if committed by an adult" is added.

The Public Safety Article Review Committee notes, for the consideration of the General Assembly, that the qualifications for being issued a permit are similar but not identical to the qualifications for being issued a regulated firearms dealer's license (*see* § 5-107 of this title) and for obtaining approval to purchase, rent, or transfer a regulated firearm (*see* § 5-118 of this title). For example, under subsection (a)(4) of this section, an applicant for a permit may not be an "alcoholic", but an applicant for a regulated firearms dealer's license or for permission to purchase, rent, or transfer a regulated firearm may not be a "habitual drunkard".

Defined terms: "Handgun" § 5-301

"Permit" § 5-301

"Person" § 1-101

"Secretary" § 5-301

5-307. SCOPE OF PERMIT.

(A) IN GENERAL.

A PERMIT IS VALID FOR EACH HANDGUN LEGALLY IN THE POSSESSION OF THE PERSON TO WHOM THE PERMIT IS ISSUED.

(B) LIMITATIONS.

THE SECRETARY MAY LIMIT THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA, CIRCUMSTANCES, OR TIMES OF THE DAY, WEEK, MONTH, OR YEAR IN WHICH A PERMIT IS EFFECTIVE.