

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 628  
House Committee Substitute Favorable 6/23/93

Short Title: Require Permit for Crossbow.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 30, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OR OTHER TRANSFER OF A CROSSBOW  
UNLESS THE PURCHASER HAS A PERMIT FOR THE WEAPON.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 14-402 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 14-402. Sale of certain weapons without permit forbidden.**

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation in this State to sell, give away, or transfer, or to purchase or receive, at any place within this State from any other place within or without the State any pistol or crossbow unless a license or permit therefor has first been obtained by the purchaser or receiver from the sheriff of the county in which that purchaser or receiver resides.

It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to receive from any postmaster, postal clerk, employee in the parcel post department, rural mail carrier, express agent or employee, railroad agent or employee within the State of North Carolina any pistol or crossbow without having in his or their possession and without exhibiting at the time of the delivery of the same and to the person delivering the same the permit from the sheriff as provided in G.S. 14-403. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00), or imprisoned not less than 30 days nor more than six months, or both, in the discretion of the court.

~~'Antique firearm' as defined by G.S. 14-409.11, and 'historic edged weapon' as defined by G.S. 14-409.12, are hereby excepted from the provisions of this section.~~

1 (b) This section does not apply to an antique firearm or an historic edged  
2 weapon.

3 (c) The following definitions apply in this section:

4 (1) Antique firearm. – Defined in G.S. 14-409.11.

5 (2) Bolt. – A projectile made to be discharged from a crossbow. The bolt  
6 differs from an arrow in that the bolt is heavier and shorter than an  
7 arrow.

8 (3) Crossbow. – A mechanical device consisting of, but not limited to,  
9 strings, cables, and prods transversely mounted on either a shoulder or  
10 hand-held stock. This devise is mechanically held at full or partial  
11 draw and released by a trigger or similar mechanism which is  
12 incorporated into a stock or handle. When operated, the crossbow  
13 discharges a projectile known as a bolt.

14 (4) Historic edged weapon. – Defined in G.S. 14-409.12."

15 Sec. 2. G.S. 14-409.1 reads as rewritten:

16 **"§ 14-409.1. Sale of certain weapons without permit forbidden.**

17 (a) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation in this State to sell,  
18 give away, or transfer, or to purchase or receive, at any place within this State from any  
19 other place within or without the State any ~~pistol~~ pistol or crossbow unless a license or  
20 permit therefor has first been obtained by the purchaser or receiver from the clerk of the  
21 superior court of the county in which that purchaser or receiver resides.

22 It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to receive from any postmaster, postal  
23 clerk, employee in the parcel post department, rural mail carrier, express agent or  
24 employee, railroad agent or employee within the State of North Carolina any pistol  
25 without having in his or their possession and without exhibiting at the time of the  
26 delivery of the same and to the person delivering the same, the permit from the clerk of  
27 superior court as provided in G.S. 14-409.2. Any person violating the provisions of this  
28 section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not  
29 less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00), or  
30 imprisoned not less than 30 days nor more than six months, or both, in the discretion of  
31 the court.

32 ~~'Antique firearm' as defined by G.S. 14-409.11, and 'historic edged weapon' as~~  
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42 strings, cables, and prods transversely mounted on either a shoulder or  
43 hand-held stock. This devise is mechanically held at full or partial  
44 draw and released by a trigger or similar mechanism which is

1                           incorporated into a stock or handle. When operated, the crossbow  
2                           discharges a projectile known as a bolt.  
3                   (4)   Historic edged weapon. – Defined in G.S. 14-409.12."  
4                   Sec. 3. This act becomes effective December 1, 1993, and applies to offenses  
5   occurring on or after that date.