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sentenced to imprisonment for not more than five years, and may be fined up to \$5,000;

(c) If the value of the animals which are shot, killed, taken, used, transferred, concealed, or retained is \$100 or less, the defendant may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than 90 days or to payment of a fine of not more than \$300 or both.

Subd. 2. Whoever knowingly buys, sells, transports or otherwise handles cattle, swine or sheep illegally acquired under subdivision 1 or knowingly aids or abets another in the violation of subdivision 1 shall be sentenced as in subdivision 1, clauses (a), (b), and (c).

Subd. 3. In any prosecution under this section the value of the animals which are shot, killed, taken, used, transferred, concealed, or retained within any six month period may be aggregated and the defendant charged accordingly in applying the provisions of this section.

Subd. 4. Any person who has been injured by violation of this section may bring an action for three times the amount of actual damages sustained by the plaintiff, costs of suit and reasonable attorneys' fees.

[1975 c 314 s 2]

609.805 Ticket scalping.

[For text of subs 1 and 2, see M.S.1974]

Subd. 3. Exception. The provisions of subdivisions 1 and 2 shall not prohibit charging a fee for services rendered in connection with the sale of a ticket to an event if the fee is permitted pursuant to a contract between the ticket seller and the promoter of an event.

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624.66 Endurance contests.

Subdivision 1. Marathons prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to advertise, operate, maintain, attend, promote, or aid in the advertising, operating, maintaining, or promoting of any mental or physical endurance contest exhibition, performance, or show in the nature of a "marathon," "walkathon," "skatathon," or any other such endurance contest of a like or similar character or nature, whether under that or other names, whether or not an admission is charged, for a period longer than 24 hours unless a rest period for contestants of at least five hours begins each subsequent 24 hour period.

[1975 c 250 s 1]

[For text of subs 2 and 3, see M.S.1974]

624.711 Declaration of policy.

It is not the intent of the legislature to regulate shotguns, rifles and other longguns of the type commonly used for hunting and not defined as pistols, or to place costs of administration upon those citizens who wish to possess or carry pistols lawfully, or to confiscate or otherwise restrict the use of pistols by law-abiding citizens.

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[1975 c 378 s 1]

624.712 Definitions.

Subdivision 1. As used in sections 624.711 to 624.717, the terms defined in this section shall have the meanings given them.

Subd. 2. "Pistol" includes a weapon designed to be fired by the use of a single hand and with an overall length less than 26 inches, or having a barrel or barrels of a length less than 18 inches in the case of a shotgun or having a barrel of a length less than 16 inches in the case of a rifle (a) from which may be fired or ejected one or more solid projectiles by means of a cartridge or shell or by the action of an explosive or the igniting of flammable or explosive substances; or (b) for which the propelling force is a spring, elastic band, carbon dioxide, air or other gas, or vapor.

"Pistol" does not include a device firing or ejecting a shot measuring .18 of an inch, or less, in diameter and commonly known as a "BB gun," a scuba gun, a stud gun or nail gun used in the construction industry or children's pop guns or toys.

Subd. 3. "Antique firearm" means any firearm, including any pistol, with a matchlock, flintlock, percussion cap, or similar type of ignition system, manufactured before 1899 and any replica of any firearm described herein if such replica is not designed or redesigned, made or remade, or intended to fire conventional rimfire or conventional centerfire ammunition, or uses conventional rimfire or conventional centerfire ammunition which is not readily available in the ordinary channels of commercial trade.

Subd. 4. "Saturday night special pistol" means a pistol other than an antique firearm or a pistol for which the propelling force is carbon dioxide, air or other vapor, or children's pop guns or toys, having a frame, barrel, cylinder, slide or breechblock:

(a) of any material having a melting point (liquidus) of less than 1,000 degrees Fahrenheit, or

(b) of any material having an ultimate tensile strength of less than 55,000 pounds per square inch, or

(c) of any powdered metal having a density of less than 7.5 grams per cubic centimeter.

Subd. 5. "Crime of violence" includes murder in the first degree, murder in the second degree, murder in the third degree, manslaughter in the first degree, manslaughter in the second degree, aiding suicide, aiding attempted suicide, aggravated assault, use of drugs to injure or to facilitate crime, simple robbery, aggravated robbery, kidnapping, false imprisonment, aggravated rape, rape, aggravated sodomy, felonious theft, aggravated arson, riot, burglary, reckless use of a gun or dangerous weapon, intentionally pointing a gun at or towards a human being, setting a spring gun, and unlawfully owning, possessing, or operating a machine gun, and an attempt to commit any of these offenses, as each of those offenses is defined in chapter 609.

[1975 c 378 s 2]

624.713 Certain persons not to have pistols; penalty.

Subdivision 1. The following persons shall not be entitled to possess a pistol:

(a) A person under the age of 18 years except that a person under 18 may carry or possess a pistol (i) in the actual presence or under the direct supervision of his parent or guardian, (ii) for the purpose of military drill under the auspices of a legally recognized military organization and under competent supervision, (iii) for the purpose of instruction, competition or target practice on a firing range approved by the chief of police or county sheriff in whose jurisdiction the range is located and under direct supervision; or (iv) if the person has successfully completed a course designed to teach marksmanship and safety with a pistol and approved by the commissioner of natural resources;

(b) A person who has been convicted in this state or elsewhere of a crime of

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violence unless ten years have elapsed since the person has been restored his civil rights or the sentence has expired, whichever occurs first, and during that time he has not been convicted of any other crime of violence. For purposes of this section, crime of violence includes crimes in other states or jurisdictions which would have been crimes of violence as herein defined if they had been committed in this state;

(c) A person who is or has ever been confined or committed in Minnesota or elsewhere as a "mentally ill," "mentally deficient" or "dangerous to the public" person as those terms are defined in section 253A.02, to a hospital, mental institution or sanitarium, unless he possesses a certificate of a medical doctor or psychiatrist licensed in Minnesota, or other satisfactory proof that he is no longer suffering from this disability;

(d) A person who has been convicted in Minnesota or elsewhere for the unlawful use, possession or sale of a controlled substance other than conviction for possession of a small amount of marijuana, as defined in section 152.01, subdivision 16, or a person who is or has ever been hospitalized or committed for treatment for the habitual use of a controlled substance or marijuana, as defined in sections 152.01 and 152.02, unless he possesses a certificate of a medical doctor or psychiatrist licensed in Minnesota, or other satisfactory proof, that he has not abused a controlled substance or marijuana during the previous two years; or

(e) A person who has been confined or committed to a hospital, mental institution or sanitarium in Minnesota or elsewhere as an "inebriate person" as that term is defined in section 253A.02, or for alcoholic problems, unless he possesses a certificate of a medical doctor or psychiatrist licensed in Minnesota, or other satisfactory proof, that he has not abused alcohol during the previous two years. A person who issues a certificate pursuant to this subdivision in good faith shall not be liable for damages in an action arising out of the issuance.

Subd. 2. A person named in subdivision 1, clause (b) who possesses a pistol is guilty of a felony. A person named in any other clause of subdivision 1 of this section who possesses a pistol is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

[1975 c 378 s 3]

624.714 Carrying of weapons without permit; penalties.

Subdivision 1. Penalty. A person, other than a law enforcement officer who has authority to make arrests other than citizens arrests, who carries, holds or possesses a pistol in a motor vehicle, snowmobile or boat, or on or about his clothes or person, or otherwise in his possession or control in a public place or public area without first having obtained a permit to carry the pistol is guilty of a gross misdemeanor. A person who has been issued a permit and who engages in activities other than those for which the permit has been issued, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Subd. 2. Where application made. Applications for permits to carry shall be made to the chief of police of an organized full-time police department of the municipality where the applicant resides or to the county sheriff where there is no such local chief of police where the applicant resides. At the time of application, the local police authority shall provide the applicant with a dated receipt for the application.

Subd. 3. Contents. Applications for permits to carry shall set forth the name, residence, date of birth, height, weight, color of eyes and hair, sex and distinguishing physical characteristics, if any, of the applicant. The application shall be signed by the applicant.

Subd. 4. Investigation. The application authority shall check criminal records, histories, and warrant information on each applicant through the Minnesota Crime Information System.

Subd. 5. Granting of permits. No permit to carry shall be granted to a person unless the applicant:

(a) Is not a person prohibited by section 624.713 from possessing a pistol;

(b) Provides a firearms safety certificate recognized by the department of natural resources, evidence of successful completion of a test of ability to use a firearm supervised by the chief of police or sheriff or other satisfactory proof of ability to use a pistol safely; and

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(c) Has an occupation or personal safety hazard requiring a permit to carry.

Subd. 6. Failure to grant permits. Failure of the chief police officer or the county sheriff to deny the application or issue a permit to carry a pistol within 21 days of the date of application shall be deemed to be a grant thereof. The local police authority shall provide an applicant with written notification of a denial and the specific reason for the denial. The permits and their renewal shall be granted free of charge. The permit shall specify the activities for which it shall be valid.

Subd. 7. Renewal. Permits to carry a pistol issued pursuant to this section shall expire after one year and shall thereafter be renewed in the same manner and subject to the same provisions by which the original permit was obtained.

Subd. 8. Permit to carry voided. The permit to carry shall be void at the time that the holder becomes prohibited from possessing a pistol under section 624.713, in which event the holder shall return the permit within five days to the application authority. Failure of the holder to return the permit within the five days is a gross misdemeanor unless the court finds that the circumstances or the physical or mental condition of the permit holder prevented the holder from complying with the return requirement.

Subd. 9. Carrying pistols about one's premises or for purposes of repair, target practice. A permit to carry is not required of a person:

(a) To keep or carry about his place of business, dwelling house, premises or on land possessed by him a pistol;

(b) To carry a pistol from a place of purchase to his dwelling house or place of business, or from his dwelling house or place of business to or from a place where repairing is done, to have the pistol repaired;

(c) To carry a pistol between his dwelling house and his place of business;

(d) To carry a pistol in the woods or fields or upon the waters of this state for the purpose of hunting other than protected wild animals or of target shooting in a safe area; or

(e) To transport a pistol in a motor vehicle, snowmobile or boat if the pistol is unloaded, contained in a closed and fastened case, gunbox, or securely tied package. If a motor vehicle, snowmobile or boat does not have an enclosed area, a pistol may be carried in the driver or passenger area as long as the pistol is unloaded and contained in a closed and fastened case, gunbox, or securely tied package. A utility compartment or glove compartment shall be deemed to be within the area occupied by the driver and passengers.

Subd. 10. False representations. A person who gives or causes to be given any false information in applying for a permit to carry, knowing or having reason to know the information is false, is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

Subd. 11. No limit on number of pistols. A person shall not be restricted as to the number of pistols he may carry.

Subd. 12. Hearing upon denial. Any person aggrieved by denial of a permit to carry may appeal the denial to the county court having jurisdiction over the county or municipality wherein the notification or denial occurred. The matter shall be heard de novo without a jury.

[1975 c 378 s 4]

624.715 Exemptions; antiques and ornaments.

Sections 624.713 and 624.714 shall not apply to antique firearms which are carried or possessed as curiosities or for their historical significance or value.

[1975 c 378 s 5]

624.716 Saturday night specials prohibited; penalty.

Any federally licensed firearms dealer who sells a Saturday Night Special Pistol, or any person who manufactures or assembles a Saturday Night Special Pistol in whole or in part, shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

[1975 c 378 s 6]

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624.717 Local regulation.

Sections 624.711 to 624.716 shall be construed to supersede municipal or county regulation of the carrying or possessing of pistols and the regulation of Saturday Night Special Pistols except more restrictive regulation in cities of the first class.

[1975 c 378 s 7]

CHAPTER 626. TRAINING; INVESTIGATION, APPREHENSION; REPORTS

Sec.
626.554 Repealed.

Sec.
626.556 Reporting of maltreatment of minors.
[New]

626.554 [Repealed, 1975 c 221 s 2]

626.556 Reporting of maltreatment of minors.

Subdivision 1. Public policy. The legislature hereby declares that the public policy of this state is to protect children whose health or welfare may be jeopardized through physical abuse, neglect or sexual abuse; to strengthen the family and make the home safe for children through improvement of parental and guardian capacity for responsible child care; and to provide a safe temporary or permanent home environment for physically or sexually abused children.

In addition, it is the policy of this state to require the reporting of suspected physical or sexual abuse of children; to provide for the voluntary reporting of neglect of children; to require the investigation of such reports; and to provide protective and counseling services in appropriate cases.

Subd. 2. Definitions. As used in this section, the following terms have the meanings given them unless the specific content indicates otherwise:

(a) "Sexual abuse" means the subjection by the child's parents, guardian, or person responsible for the child's care, to any act which constitutes a violation of sections 609.291, 609.292, 609.293, 609.295, or 609.296.

(b) "Neglected child" shall have the meanings defined in section 260.015, subdivision 10. Nothing in this section shall be construed to mean that a child is neglected solely because the child's parent, guardian or other person responsible for his care in good faith selects and depends upon spiritual means or prayer for treatment or care of disease or remedial care of the child.

(c) "Physical abuse" means:

(i) Any physical injury inflicted by a parent, guardian or other person responsible for the child's care on a child other than by accidental means; or

(ii) Any physical injury that cannot reasonably be explained by the history of injuries provided by the parent, guardian or other person responsible for the child's care.

(d) "Report" means any report received by the local welfare agency pursuant to this section.

Subd. 3. Persons mandated to report. A professional or his delegate who is engaged in the practice of the healing arts, social services, hospital administration, psychological or psychiatric treatment, child care, education, or law enforcement who has knowledge of or reasonable cause to believe a child is being physically or sexually abused shall immediately report the information to the local welfare agency or police department. The police department, upon receiving a report, shall immediately notify the local welfare agency. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to require more than one report from any institution, facility, school or agency.

Any person not required to report under the provisions of this subdivision may voluntarily report to the local welfare agency or police department if he has knowledge of or reasonable cause to believe a child is being neglected or subjected to physical or sexual abuse. The police department, upon receiving a report, shall immediately notify the local welfare agency.