

*Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:*

**SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-12-203. **amend** (1) (c) and (f) as follows:

**18-12-203. Criteria for obtaining a permit.** (1) Beginning May 17, 2003, except as set forth in this section, a sheriff shall issue a permit to carry a concealed handgun to an applicant who:

(c) Is not ineligible to possess a firearm pursuant to section 18-12-108 or federal law; EXCEPT THAT A SHERIFF SHALL NOT USE A PERMIT APPLICANT'S LAWFUL USE OF MARIJUANA PURSUANT TO SECTION 14 OR 16 OF ARTICLE XVIII OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION AS A BASIS FOR DENYING THE APPLICANT A PERMIT.

(f) Is not an unlawful user of or addicted to a controlled substance as defined in section 18-18-102 (5); EXCEPT THAT A SHERIFF SHALL NOT USE A PERMIT APPLICANT'S LAWFUL USE OF MARIJUANA PURSUANT TO SECTION 14 OR 16 OF ARTICLE XVIII OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION AS A BASIS FOR DENYING THE APPLICANT A PERMIT. Whether an applicant is an unlawful user of or addicted to a controlled substance shall be determined as provided in federal law and regulations; EXCEPT THAT UNLAWFUL USER OF OR ADDICTED TO MARIJUANA SHALL BE DETERMINED ONLY AS PROVIDED IN STATE LAW AND REGULATIONS.

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