



- 1 (8) A representative of the Conference of District Attorneys of North  
2 Carolina.
- 3 (9) Two public members, not affiliated with any organization that is for or  
4 against gun regulation, appointed by the Governor.
- 5 (10) One member of the general public appointed by the President Pro  
6 Tempore of the Senate.
- 7 (11) One member of the general public appointed by the Speaker of the  
8 House of Representatives.

9 The appointing authorities shall make their appointments within 60 days of  
10 the effective date of this act.

11 **SECTION 1.(c)** Duties of the Commission. – The Commission shall study  
12 all aspects of trafficking illegal handguns. The study shall include an examination of all  
13 of the following:

- 14 (1) How criminals unlawfully obtain and traffic in guns, particularly  
15 handguns, including the primary sources of lawfully purchased guns  
16 that subsequently enter unlawful commerce.
- 17 (2) Whether the current system of regulating the sale and transfer of guns  
18 adequately prevents criminals from obtaining and trafficking  
19 handguns.
- 20 (3) The crimes that are connected to the trafficking of illegal handguns.
- 21 (4) Review the regulation of the sales of handguns at gun shows and other  
22 events.
- 23 (5) Whether the current system of collecting, coordinating, and  
24 disseminating information on guns and guns used in crimes adequately  
25 assists law enforcement agencies in their duties.
- 26 (6) Any other issues the Commission considers appropriate.

27 In its examination, the Commission shall focus on the ways and means to  
28 prevent criminals from obtaining and trafficking in handguns.

29 **SECTION 1.(d)** Vacancies. – The appointing authority shall fill any  
30 vacancy on the Commission.

31 **SECTION 1.(e)** Organization. – The President Pro Tempore of the Senate  
32 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate Cochairs of the  
33 Commission. The Commission shall meet upon the call of the Cochairs. A majority of  
34 the members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum.

35 **SECTION 1.(f)** Expenses of Members. – Members of the Commission shall  
36 receive per diem, subsistence, and travel allowances in accordance with G.S. 120-3.1,  
37 138-5, or 138-6, as appropriate.

38 **SECTION 1.(g)** Staff. – The Legislative Services Commission shall assign  
39 professional and clerical staff to assist the Commission in its work.

40 **SECTION 1.(h)** Consultants. – The Commission may hire consultants to  
41 assist with the study. Before expending any funds for a consultant, the Commission  
42 shall report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations on the  
43 consultant selected, the work products to be provided by the consultant, and the cost of  
44 the contract, including an itemization of the cost components.

1           **SECTION 1.(i)** Cooperation. – The Commission may call upon any  
2 department, agency, institution, or officer of the State or any political subdivision  
3 thereof for facilities, data, or other assistance.

4           **SECTION 1.(j)** Meetings During Legislative Session. – The Commission  
5 may meet during regular or extra sessions of the General Assembly, subject to approval  
6 of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the  
7 Senate.

8           **SECTION 1.(k)** Meeting Location. – The Commission may meet at various  
9 locations around the State. The Legislative Services Commission shall grant adequate  
10 meeting space to the Commission in the State Legislative Building or Legislative Office  
11 Building.

12           **SECTION 1.(l)** Reports. – The Commission may make an interim report and  
13 shall make a final report to the 2007 Session of the General Assembly. In making its  
14 findings and conclusions, the Commission shall balance the burden on law-abiding  
15 citizens with the benefit of any recommendation. The Commission shall terminate  
16 January 20, 2007.

17           **SECTION 1.(m)** Appropriation. – Of the funds appropriated to the General  
18 Assembly, the Legislative Services Commission shall allocate sufficient funds for the  
19 expenses of the Commission.

20           **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.