

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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