GOVERNOR ROY COOPER OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE:

House Bill 398, "AN ACT TO REPEAL PISTOL PURCHASE PERMITS."

Gun permit laws reduce gun homicides and suicides and reduce the availability of guns for criminal activity. At a time of rising gun violence, we cannot afford to repeal a system that works to save lives. The legislature should focus on combating gun violence instead of making it easier for guns to end up in the wrong hands.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

Roy Cooper
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina House of Representatives on this the 30th day of August 2021, at 4:14 pm for reconsideration by that body.
AN ACT TO REPEAL PISTOL PURCHASE PERMITS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1.(a) G.S. 14-402 through G.S. 14-405 and G.S. 14-407.1 are repealed.
SECTION 1.(b) G.S. 14-315(b1)(1) is repealed.
SECTION 1.(c) G.S. 122C-54(d2) is repealed.
SECTION 2. Prosecutions for offenses committed before the effective date of this act are not abated or affected by this act, and the statutes that would be applicable but for this act remain applicable to those prosecutions.
SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to pistols sold, given away, transferred, purchased, or received on or after that date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 19th day of August, 2021.

Phil Berger
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

Tim Moore
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Roy Cooper
Governor

Approved _______ m. this ____________ day of ________________, 2021