

**Personalized Handgun Authorization Commission
Performance Standards and Qualifying Criteria Resolution
Meeting of June 23, 2023**

Whereas, P.L. 19-164, N.J.S. 2C:58-2.7 *et seq.* establishes the Personalized Handgun Authorization Commission; and,

N.J.S. 2C:58-2.8(c) provides that “Within one year of organizing, the commission shall develop personalized handgun performance standards and qualifying criteria which a personalized handgun shall meet in order to be placed on the personalized handgun roster;” and,

N.J.S. 2C:58-2.8(c) further states that “The personalized handgun performance standards and qualifying criteria shall include, but not be limited to” three performance standards enumerated in 2C:58-2.8(c)(1)-(3) plus (4) “any other reliability standards generally used in the industry for other commercially available handguns;” and,

The Commission has reviewed American National Standard “SAAMI Z299.5 – 2016 – Voluntary Industry Performance Standards Criteria for Evaluation of New Firearms Designs Under Conditions of Abusive Mishandling for the Use of Commercial Manufacturers,” and at this time has identified no other apparent “reliability standards generally used in the industry for other commercially available handguns;” and,

The Commission held public meetings on May 12, 2023 and June 9, 2023 in which it discussed and deliberated on the below performance standards and qualifying criteria,

The Commission hereby establishes the following performance standards and qualifying criteria which a personalized handgun shall meet in order to be placed on the personalized handgun roster:

1. The handgun shall be reasonably resistant to being fired by anyone other than the handgun’s authorized user as defined in N.J.S. 2C:39-1.
2. The personalized technology shall be incorporated into the design of the personalized handgun and shall be a permanent, irremovable part of the handgun and any device or object necessary for the authorized user to fire the handgun.
3. The personalized handgun shall not be manufactured so as to permit the personalized characteristics of the handgun to be readily deactivated.
4. The handgun shall not discharge in response to abuse or mishandling of the handgun.
5. The handgun shall not physically deform or deteriorate as a result of firing rounds.
6. The handgun’s design shall comply with all applicable New Jersey and federal laws.
7. The handgun and its packaging shall not bear any statements that may be deceptive to consumers, or otherwise appear to violate the New Jersey Consumer Fraud Act, N.J.S.A. 56:8-2.
8. The handgun shall be made by a manufacturer possessing all licenses required by law for such manufacturers.
9. The handgun shall be submitted for application by the manufacturer or its authorized distributor or dealer, or otherwise with the consent of the manufacturer or authorized distributor or dealer.