

Cherokee Nation Code Annotated

Title 21: Crimes and Punishments

Part VI. Crimes Against Public Peace

Chapter 53: Manufacturing, Selling and Wearing Weapons

§ 1289.30. Requests for certification for the transfer or making of a firearm—Court review of certification decisions

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A. When certification by a chief law enforcement officer is required by federal law or regulation for the transfer or making of a firearm, the chief law enforcement officer shall, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a request for certification, provide such certification if the applicant is not prohibited by law from receiving the firearm or the applicant is not the subject of a proceeding that could result in the applicant being prohibited by law from receiving the firearm. If the applicant is prohibited by law from receiving the firearm or the applicant is the subject of a proceeding that could result in such prohibition, the chief law enforcement officer shall provide written notification to the applicant that certification has been denied and state the reasons for such findings.

B. An applicant whose request for certification is denied may appeal the decision of the chief law enforcement officer to the district court that is located in the county in which the applicant resides. The court shall review the decision of the chief law enforcement officer to deny the certification de novo. If the court finds that the applicant is not prohibited by law from receiving the firearm or the applicant is not the subject of a proceeding that could result in such prohibition, the court shall order the chief law enforcement officer to issue the certification and shall award court costs and reasonable attorney fees to the applicant.

C. For purposes of this section:

1. "Certification" means the participation and assent of the chief law enforcement officer necessary under federal law for the approval of the application to transfer or make a firearm;
2. "Chief law enforcement officer" means any official that the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, or any successor agency, identifies by regulation or otherwise as eligible to provide any required certification for applications to transfer or make a firearm; and
3. "Firearm" shall have the same meaning as provided for in the National Firearms Act, subsection a of Section 5845 of Title 26 of the United States Code.

Historical Data

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