

**101A.2 Commercial license — how issued — violation.**

1. The director shall issue commercial licenses for the manufacture, importation, distribution, sale, and commercial use of explosives to persons who, in the director's discretion are of good character and sound judgment, and have sufficient knowledge of the use, handling, and storage of explosive materials to protect the public safety. Licenses shall be issued for a period of three years, but may be issued for shorter periods, and may be revoked or suspended by the director for any of the following reasons:

- a. Falsification of information submitted in the application for a license.
- b. Proof that the licensee has violated any provisions of [this chapter](#) or any rules prescribed by the director pursuant to the provisions of [this chapter](#).
- c. The results of a national criminal history check conducted pursuant to [subsection 3](#).

2. Licenses shall be issued by the director upon payment of a fee of sixty dollars, valid for a period of three calendar years, commencing on January 1 of the first year and terminating on December 31 of the third year. However, an initial license may be issued during a calendar year for the number of months remaining in such calendar year and the following two years, computed to the first day of the month when the application for the license is approved. The license fee shall be charged on a pro rata basis for the number of months remaining in the period of issue. Applications for renewal of licenses shall be submitted within thirty days prior to the license expiration date and shall be accompanied by payment of the prescribed fee.

3. Prior to the issuance of a license pursuant to [this chapter](#), an applicant shall be subject to a national criminal history check through the federal bureau of investigation. The applicant shall provide fingerprints to the department of public safety for submission through the state criminal history repository to the federal bureau of investigation. Upon application for renewal of a license, the national criminal history check shall be repeated to determine the occurrence of criminal violations occurring during the previous period of licensure. Fees for the national criminal history check shall be paid by the applicant or the applicant's employer. The results of a criminal history check conducted pursuant to [this subsection](#) shall be considered a confidential record under [chapter 22](#).

4. Except as permitted in [section 101A.3](#) and [sections 101A.9 through 101A.11](#), it shall be unlawful for any person to willfully manufacture, import, store, detonate, sell, or otherwise transfer any explosive materials unless such person is the holder of a valid license issued pursuant to [this section](#).

5. Commercial dealers having a federal firearms license shall be exempt from the requirement or the commercial license requirement of [this chapter](#) for importation, distribution, sale, transportation, storage, and possession of smokeless powder propellants or black sporting powder propellants provided that such dealer must conform and comply to rules, or ordinances of federal, state, or city authorities having jurisdiction of such powder.

[C73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §101A.2]

[84 Acts, ch 1074, §1](#); [2013 Acts, ch 58, §1](#); [2014 Acts, ch 1092, §25](#); [2023 Acts, ch 19, §1542](#)

Referred to in [§101A.3](#), [101A.14](#)