

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

DRAFT JLC/CLJ
SENATE BILL

5 By: Senator Rice
6 By: Representative Wardlaw
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE OF A
10 LICENSE TO CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN; TO REQUIRE THE
11 DIVISION OF ARKANSAS STATE POLICE TO ISSUE A LICENSE
12 TO CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL
13 QUALIFIES FOR A CONCEALED HANDGUN LICENSE UNDER STATE
14 LAW; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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18 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE
19 OF A LICENSE TO CARRY A CONCEALED
20 HANDGUN; AND TO REQUIRE THE DIVISION OF
21 ARKANSAS STATE POLICE TO ISSUE A LICENSE
22 TO CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN WHEN AN
23 INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIES UNDER STATE LAW.
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26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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28 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-73-302(a), concerning the authority of
29 the Division of Arkansas State Police to issue a license to carry a concealed
30 handgun, is amended to read as follows:

31 (a) The Director of the Division of Arkansas State Police ~~may~~ shall
32 issue a license to carry a concealed handgun to a person qualified as
33 provided in this subchapter.
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35 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 5-73-320(a), concerning the authority of
36 the Division of Arkansas State Police to issue a license to carry a concealed

1 handgun for certain members of the Arkansas National Guard or a reserve
2 component or active duty military personnel, is amended to read as follows:

3 (a) The Division of Arkansas State Police ~~may~~ shall issue a license
4 under this subchapter to a person who:

5 (1) Is currently serving as an active duty member of, or has
6 recently been honorably discharged from, the United States Armed Forces, the
7 National Guard, or a reserve component of the United States Armed Forces;

8 (2) Submits the following documents:

9 (A) A completed concealed handgun license application as
10 prescribed by the division;

11 (B) A form specified by the Director of the Division of
12 Arkansas State Police reflecting the fingerprints of the applicant;

13 (C) A properly completed and dated certificate from a
14 concealed handgun carry training instructor who is registered with the
15 division;

16 (D) A letter dated and personally signed by a commanding
17 officer or his or her designee stating that the applicant is of good
18 character and sound judgment;

19 (E) A form, as designated by the division, showing that
20 the applicant has met the military qualification requirements for issuance
21 and operation of a handgun within one (1) year of the application date;

22 (F) A copy of the face or photograph side of a current
23 uniformed services of the United States identification card, if the applicant
24 is a member of the United States Armed Forces; and

25 (G) An electronic passport-style photo of the applicant,
26 if the applicant does not hold an Arkansas driver's license or identification
27 card; and

28 (3) Submits any required fees.
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