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**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1678

By: Representative Gazaway  
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### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR A  
LICENSE TO CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

AMENDING CERTAIN LICENSING REQUIREMENTS  
FOR A LICENSE TO CARRY A CONCEALED  
HANDGUN.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-73-309(5), concerning the licensing requirements for a license to carry a concealed handgun, is amended to read as follows:

(5)~~(A)~~ Has not been convicted of a felony in a court of this state, of any other state, or of the United States ~~without having been pardoned for conviction and had firearms possession rights restored, unless:~~

~~(B) A record of a conviction that has been sealed or expunged under Arkansas law does not render an applicant ineligible to receive a concealed handgun license if:~~

~~(i) The applicant was sentenced prior to March 13, 1995; or~~

~~(ii) The order sealing or expunging the applicant's record of conviction complies with § 16-90-605 [repealed];~~

(A) The applicant is subsequently granted a pardon by the Governor or the President of the United States explicitly restoring his or



her ability to possess a firearm;

(B) The applicant was sentenced prior to March 13, 1995, and the record of conviction has been sealed or expunged under Arkansas law;  
or

(C) The applicant's offense was dismissed and sealed or expunged under § 16-93-301 et seq. or § 16-98-303(g).

*/s/Gazaway*

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