

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

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1269

By: Representative Johnson

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING HANDGUN TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES AND CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES WHO APPLY FOR A CONCEALED HANDGUN LICENSE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

CONCERNING HANDGUN TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES AND CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES WHO APPLY FOR A CONCEALED HANDGUN LICENSE.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-73-309(13), concerning the training requirements for a person to obtain a license to carry a concealed handgun, is amended to read as follows:

(13) Meets one (1) of the following requirements:

(A) Has satisfactorily completed a training course as prescribed and approved by the director;

(B) Is on active duty with a branch of the United States Armed Forces; or

(C) Has been honorably discharged from a branch of the United States Armed Forces and has provided to the department a copy of a form designated as a DD214 or its equivalent; and



SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 5-73-320 is amended to read as follows:

5-73-320. License for certain members of the Arkansas National Guard or a reserve component or active duty military personnel.

(a) The Department of Arkansas State Police may issue a license under this subchapter to a person who:

(1) Is currently serving as a federally recognized commissioned or noncommissioned officer of the National Guard or a reserve component of the United States Armed Forces or an active duty member of the United States Armed Forces;

(2) Submits the following documents:

(A) A completed concealed handgun license application as prescribed by the department;

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

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

~~(D) A live fire qualification issued or granted by a branch of the United States Armed Forces or, in lieu of a live fire qualification, a letter dated and personally signed by a commanding officer or his or her designee stating that the applicant:~~

~~(i) Is a current member of the National Guard or a reserve component of the United States Armed Forces or an active duty member of the United States Armed Forces;~~

~~(ii) Is of good character and sound judgment; and~~

~~(iii) Has met the military qualification requirements for issuance and operation of a handgun within one (1) year of the application date A form designated as a DD214 or its equivalent that shows that the person has been honorably discharged;~~

(E) A copy of the face or photograph side of a current United States Uniformed Services identification card, if the applicant is a member of the United States Armed Forces; and

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

(3) Submits any required fees.

(b) Except as otherwise specifically stated in this section, the license issued under this section is subject to ~~the provisions of~~ this subchapter and any rules promulgated under § 5-73-317.