

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

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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2076

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REDUCE THE FEE FOR A CONCEALED CARRY LICENSE; TO CREATE A LIFETIME CONCEALED CARRY LICENSE; CONCERNING THE FEES FOR A LICENSE TO CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

TO REDUCE THE FEE FOR A CONCEALED CARRY LICENSE; TO CREATE A LIFETIME CONCEALED CARRY LICENSE; AND CONCERNING THE FEES FOR A LICENSE TO CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-73-301, concerning definitions applicable to concealed handgun licensing, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(7) "License to carry a concealed handgun" includes a standard license to carry a concealed handgun and a lifetime license to carry a concealed handgun.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 5-73-302 is amended to read as follows:

5-73-302. Authority to issue license.

(a) The Director of the Department of Arkansas State Police may issue a license to carry a concealed handgun to a person qualified as provided in this subchapter.

(b)(1) ~~For new licenses issued after July 31, 2007, the~~ A standard



license to carry a concealed handgun is valid throughout the state for a period of five (5) years from the date of issuance.

~~(2) After July 31, 2007, upon renewal, an existing valid license to carry a concealed handgun shall be issued for a period of five (5) years. A~~  
lifetime license to carry a concealed handgun is valid throughout the state for the lifetime of the licensee.

~~(c)(1)(A) After July 31, 2007, a~~ A standard license to carry a concealed handgun or renewal of a standard license to carry a concealed handgun issued to a former elected county sheriff or appointed county sheriff ~~of any county~~ of this state shall be issued for a period of five (5) years.

~~(B) The license~~ A license to carry a concealed handgun issued to a former elected county sheriff or appointed county sheriff is revocable on the same grounds as other licenses to carry a concealed handgun.

(2)(A) The former elected county sheriff or appointed county sheriff shall meet the same qualifications as all other applicants.

(B) However, the former elected county sheriff or appointed county sheriff is exempt from the fee prescribed by § 5-73-311(a)(2) and from the training requirements of § 5-73-309(13) for issuance.

(d) A lifetime license to carry a concealed handgun issued under this section:

(1) Does not have a renewal requirement; and

(2) Is limited to carrying a concealed handgun and for reciprocity recognition in other states.

(e) A person issued a standard license to carry a concealed handgun may upgrade his or her standard license to carry a concealed handgun to a lifetime license to carry a concealed handgun at any point during which the person's standard license to carry a concealed handgun is valid by paying the additional fee under § 5-73-311(a)(2)(B).

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 5-73-308, concerning the issuance or denial of a concealed carry license, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(c) A licensee with a lifetime license to carry a concealed handgun that subsequently becomes revoked or suspended under this section is not eligible to hold a lifetime license to carry a concealed handgun under any circumstances and instead is eligible only to possess a standard license to

carry a concealed handgun if the revocation or suspension is reversed or expires.

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 5-73-311(a)(2), concerning the application fee to obtain a concealed handgun license, is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A) A nonrefundable license fee of ~~one hundred dollars~~ (\$100), ~~except that the nonrefundable license fee is fifty dollars (\$50.00) if the applicant is sixty five (65) years of age or older~~ fifty dollars (\$50.00) for an applicant who applies for a standard license to carry a concealed handgun with a paper form provided by the department or if the applicant applies for a standard license to carry a concealed handgun through the department website.

(B) If a person is applying for a lifetime license to carry a concealed handgun, the nonrefundable license fee is one hundred fifty dollars (\$150);

SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 5-73-311, concerning the application procedure for a concealed carry license, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(d) The application procedure for a lifetime license to carry a concealed handgun shall not require any information or documentation not required for a standard license to carry a concealed handgun.