

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

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING A RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
AND THE REQUIREMENTS OF A LICENSE TO CARRY A
CONCEALED HANDGUN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

CONCERNING A RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT
OFFICER AND THE REQUIREMENTS OF A LICENSE
TO CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-73-302 is amended to read as follows:
5-73-302. Authority to issue license.

(a) The Director of the Division 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 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~~ Upon renewal, an existing valid license to carry a concealed handgun shall be issued for a period of five (5) years.

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



(B) ~~The A~~ license issued to a former elected or appointed sheriff or a retired law enforcement officer is revocable on the same grounds as other licenses.

(2)(A) ~~The A~~ former elected or appointed sheriff or a retired law enforcement officer shall meet the same qualifications as all other applicants.

(B) However, ~~the a~~ former elected or appointed sheriff or a retired law enforcement officer is exempt from the fee prescribed by § 5-73-311(a)(2) and from the training requirements of § 5-73-309(13) and § 5-73-322(g) for issuance.

(d) As used in this section, "retired law enforcement officer" means a former employee of the Division of Arkansas State Police who:

(1) Retired from the division in good standing; and

(2) Was employed by the division as a law enforcement officer after having served a minimum of ten (10) years as a law enforcement officer.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 5-73-322(a), concerning definitions used in regard to carry a concealed handgun in a university, college, or community college building, is amended to read as follows:

~~(a)(1)~~ As used in this section, ~~"public:~~

(1)(A) "Public university, public college, or community college" means an institution that:

~~(A)(i)~~ Regularly receives budgetary support from the state government;

~~(B)(ii)~~ Is part of the University of Arkansas or Arkansas State University systems; or

~~(C)(iii)~~ Is required to report to the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

~~(2)(B)~~ "Public university, public college, or community college" includes without limitation a public technical institute.

~~(3)(C)~~ "Public university, public college, or community college" does not include a private university or private college solely because:

~~(A)(i)~~ Students attending the private university or private college receive state-supported scholarships; or

~~(B)(ii)~~ The private university or private college

voluntarily reports to the board; and

(2) "Retired law enforcement officer" means a former employee of the Division of Arkansas State Police who:

(A) Retired from the division in good standing; and

(B) Was employed by the division as a law enforcement officer after having served a minimum of ten (10) years as a law enforcement officer.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 5-73-322(g) and (h), concerning possession of a concealed handgun in the buildings and on the grounds of a public university, public college, or community college, are amended to read as follows:

(g)(1) A licensee who intends to carry a concealed handgun in the buildings and on the grounds of a public university, public college, or community college is required to complete a training course approved by the Director of the Division of Arkansas State Police.

(2)(A) Training required under this subsection shall:

(i) Not be required to be renewed;

(ii) Consist of a course of up to eight (8) hours;

(iii) Be offered at the training instructor's option at concealed carry training courses; and

(iv) Cost no more than a nominal amount.

(B) The director may waive up to four (4) hours of the training required under this subsection for a licensee based on the licensee's prior training attended within ten (10) years of applying for the endorsement provided for under subdivision (g)(3) of this section on appropriate topics.

(3) A licensee who completes a training course under this subsection, or a retired law enforcement officer, shall be given a concealed carry endorsement by the Division of Arkansas State Police on his or her license to carry a concealed handgun indicating that the person is permitted to possess and carry a concealed handgun in the buildings and on the grounds of a public university, public college, or community college.

(h) A licensee who completes a training course ~~and~~, or a retired law enforcement officer, who obtains a concealed carry endorsement under subsection (g) of this section is exempted from the prohibitions and

restrictions on:

(1) Carrying a firearm in a publicly owned building or facility under § 5-73-122, if the firearm is a concealed handgun; and

(2) Carrying a concealed handgun in a prohibited place listed under § 5-73-306(7)-(12), (14), (15), and (17), unless otherwise prohibited under § 5-73-306(19) or § 5-73-306(20).