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# A Bill

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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

15 CONCERNING A RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT  
16 OFFICER AND THE REQUIREMENTS OF A LICENSE  
17 TO CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-73-302 is amended to read as follows:  
23 5-73-302. Authority to issue license.

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

27 (b)(1) ~~For new licenses issued after July 31, 2007, the~~ A license to  
28 carry a concealed handgun is valid throughout the state for a period of five  
29 (5) years from the date of issuance.

30 (2) ~~After July 31, 2007, upon~~ Upon renewal, an existing valid  
31 license to carry a concealed handgun shall be issued for a period of five (5)  
32 years.

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



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

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

7 (B) However, ~~the~~ a former elected or appointed sheriff or  
 8 a retired law enforcement officer is exempt from the fee prescribed by § 5-  
 9 73-311(a)(2) and from the training requirements of § 5-73-309(13) and § 5-73-  
 10 322(g) for issuance.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 voluntarily reports to the board; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 (i) Not be required to be renewed;

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

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

22 (iv) Cost no more than a nominal amount.

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

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

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

1 restrictions on:

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

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

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