

**SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
NINETY-FOURTH SESSION**

S.F. No. 169

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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; providing that the discharge papers of a veteran are
1.3 considered the legal equivalent of a permit to carry a firearm; amending Minnesota
1.4 Statutes 2024, section 624.714, by adding a subdivision.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 624.714, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 25. **Military discharge papers; equivalent to permit to carry.** Notwithstanding
1.9 any provision in this section or other law to the contrary, a veteran, as defined in section
1.10 197.447, may carry a pistol as provided in this subdivision under any circumstances and in
1.11 any location in which a permit to carry is otherwise required. The veteran must possess the
1.12 original or a certified copy of the veteran's government form DD214 while carrying the
1.13 pistol. This form constitutes the legal equivalency of a permit to carry. The veteran is not
1.14 required to apply for a permit to carry, pay any fees, or demonstrate training in the safe use
1.15 of a pistol. All other provisions of this section and other laws relating to permits to carry
1.16 pistols apply to a veteran carrying under this subdivision.