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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to firearms; amending 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1272.1, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 259, O.S.L. 2012 (21 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 1272.1), which relates to carrying firearms where liquor is consumed; deleting manner in which handgun licensees may carry a handgun; amending 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1277, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 310, O.S.L. 2015 (21 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 1277), which relates to the unlawful carry of firearms in certain places; modifying scope of certain prohibited act; updating statutory reference; updating language; amending 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1280.1, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 310, O.S.L. 2015 (21 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 1280.1), which relates to possession of firearm on school property; modifying manner in which handgun licensees may carry a handgun; amending 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1283, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 179, O.S.L. 2014 (21 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 1283), which relates to unlawful possession by convicted felons and delinquents; modifying rights related to firearms possession; amending 21 O.S. 2011, Sections 1289.6, as amended by Section 11, Chapter 259, O.S.L. 2012, 1289.7, as amended by Section 12, Chapter 259, O.S.L. 2012 and 1289.23, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 216, O.S.L. 2015 (21 O.S. Supp. 2015, Sections 1289.6, 1289.7 and 1289.23), which relate to the Firearms Act of 1972; authorizing certain persons to openly carry loaded and unloaded firearms; modifying manner in which handgun licensees may carry a handgun; amending 21 O.S. 2011, Sections 1290.1, 1290.2, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 366, O.S.L. 2013, 1290.3, as amended by Section 24, Chapter 259, O.S.L. 2012, 1290.4, as amended by Section 25, Chapter 259, O.S.L. 2012, 1290.5, as last

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amended by Section 1, Chapter 122, O.S.L. 2014, 1290.6, as amended by Section 27, Chapter 259, O.S.L. 2012, 1290.7, as last amended by Section 3, Chapter 366, O.S.L. 2013, 1290.8, as last amended by Section 4, Chapter 366, O.S.L. 2013, 1290.12, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 207, O.S.L. 2015, 1290.14, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 207, O.S.L. 2015, 1290.15, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 86, O.S.L. 2013, 1290.21, as last amended by Section 6, Chapter 366, O.S.L. 2013, 1290.22, as amended by Section 7, Chapter 366, O.S.L. 2013, 1290.24, as amended by Section 42, Chapter 259, O.S.L. 2012, 1290.25, as amended by Section 43, Chapter 259, O.S.L. 2012 and 1290.26, as last amended by Section 18, Chapter 15, O.S.L. 2013 (21 O.S. Supp. 2015, Sections 1290.2, 1290.3, 1290.4, 1290.5, 1290.6, 1290.7, 1290.8, 1290.12, 1290.14, 1290.15, 1290.21, 1290.22, 1290.24, 1290.25 and 1290.26), which relate to the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act; updating statutory reference; deleting certain definition; modifying manner in which handgun licensees may carry a handgun; and providing an effective date.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1272.1, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 259, O.S.L. 2012 (21 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 1272.1), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1272.1

CARRYING FIREARMS WHERE LIQUOR IS CONSUMED

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to carry or possess any weapon designated in Section 1272 of this title in any establishment where low-point beer, as defined by Section 163.2 of Title 37 of the Oklahoma Statutes, or alcoholic beverages, as defined by Section 506 of Title 37 of the Oklahoma Statutes, are consumed. This provision

shall not apply to a peace officer, as defined in Section 99 of this title, or to private investigators with a firearms authorization when acting in the scope and course of employment, and shall not apply to an owner or proprietor of the establishment having a pistol, rifle, or shotgun on the premises. Provided however, a person possessing a valid handgun license pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act may carry the concealed exunconcealed handgun into any restaurant or other establishment licensed to dispense low-point beer or alcoholic beverages where the sale of low-point beer or alcoholic beverages does not constitute the primary purpose of the business.

Provided further, nothing in this section shall be interpreted to authorize any peace officer in actual physical possession of a weapon to consume low-point beer or alcoholic beverages, except in the authorized line of duty as an undercover officer.

Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to authorize any private investigator with a firearms authorization in actual physical possession of a weapon to consume low-point beer or alcoholic beverages in any establishment where low-point beer or alcoholic beverages are consumed.

B. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be punished as provided in Section 1272.2 of this title.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1277, as
last amended by Section 1, Chapter 310, O.S.L. 2015 (21 O.S. Supp.
3 2015, Section 1277), is amended to read as follows:
Section 1277.

UNLAWFUL CARRY IN CERTAIN PLACES

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person in possession of a valid handgun license issued pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act to carry any concealed or unconcealed handgun into any of the following places:
- 1. Any structure, building, or office space which is owned or leased by a city, town, county, state, or federal governmental authority for the purpose of conducting business with the public;
- 2. Any prison, jail, detention facility or any facility used to process, hold, or house arrested persons, prisoners or persons alleged delinquent or adjudicated delinquent;
- 3. Any public or private elementary or public or private secondary school, except as provided in subsections C and D of this section;
 - 4. Any sports arena during a professional sporting event;
- 5. Any place where pari-mutuel wagering is authorized by law;
 and
 - 6. Any other place specifically prohibited by law.

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B. For purposes of paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of subsection A of this section, the prohibited place does not include and specifically excludes the following property:

- Any property set aside for the use or parking of any vehicle, whether attended or unattended, by a city, town, county, state, or federal governmental authority;
- 2. Any property set aside for the use or parking of any vehicle, whether attended or unattended, by any entity offering any professional sporting event which is open to the public for admission, or by any entity engaged in pari-mutuel wagering authorized by law;
- 3. Any property adjacent to a structure, building, or office space in which concealed or unconcealed weapons are prohibited by the provisions of this section;
- 4. Any property designated by a city, town, county, or state governmental authority as a park, recreational area, or fairgrounds; provided, nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to authorize any entry by a person in possession of a concealed or unconcealed handgun into any structure, building, or office space which is specifically prohibited by the provisions of subsection A of this section; and
- 5. Any property set aside by a public or private elementary or secondary school for the use or parking of any vehicle, whether attended or unattended; provided, however, said handgun shall be

stored and hidden from view in a locked motor vehicle when the motor vehicle is left unattended on school property.

Nothing contained in any provision of this subsection or subsection C of this section shall be construed to authorize or allow any person in control of any place described in paragraph 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 of subsection A of this section to establish any policy or rule that has the effect of prohibiting any person in lawful possession of a handgun license from possession of a handgun allowable under such license in places described in paragraph 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 of this subsection.

C. A concealed or unconcealed weapon may be carried onto private school property or in any school bus or vehicle used by any private school for transportation of students or teachers by a person who is licensed pursuant to the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, provided a policy has been adopted by the governing entity of the private school that authorizes the carrying and possession of a weapon on private school property or in any school bus or vehicle used by a private school. Except for acts of gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct, a governing entity of a private school that adopts a policy which authorizes the possession of a weapon on private school property, a school bus or vehicle used by the private school shall be immune from liability for any injuries arising from the adoption of the policy. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to claims pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Code.

D. Notwithstanding paragraph 3 of subsection A of this section, a board of education of a school district may adopt a policy pursuant to Section 3 5-149.2 of this act Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes to authorize the carrying of a handgun onto school property by school personnel specifically designated by the board of education, provided such personnel either:

- 1. Possess a valid armed security guard license as provided for in Section 1750.1 et seq. of Title 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes; or
- 2. Hold a valid reserve peace officer certification as provided for in Section 3311 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.
- Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to restrict authority granted elsewhere in law to carry firearms.
 - E. Any person violating the provisions of subsection A of this section shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00).
 - F. No person in possession of a valid handgun license issued pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act shall be authorized to carry the handgun into or upon any college, university, or technology center school property, except as provided in this subsection. For purposes of this subsection, the following property shall not be construed as prohibited for persons having a valid handgun license:

1. Any property set aside for the use or parking of any vehicle, whether attended or unattended, provided the handgun is carried or stored as required by law and the handgun is not removed from the vehicle without the prior consent of the college or university president or technology center school administrator while the vehicle is on any college, university, or technology center school property;

- 2. Any property authorized for possession or use of handguns by college, university, or technology center school policy; and
- 3. Any property authorized by the written consent of the college or university president or technology center school administrator, provided the written consent is carried with the handgun and the valid handgun license while on college, university, or technology center school property.

The college, university, or technology center school may notify the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation within ten (10) days of a violation of any provision of this subsection by a licensee. Upon receipt of a written notification of violation, the Bureau shall give a reasonable notice to the licensee and hold a hearing. At the hearing, upon a determination that the licensee has violated any provision of this subsection, the licensee may be subject to an administrative fine of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) and may have the handgun license suspended for three (3) months.

Nothing contained in any provision of this subsection shall be construed to authorize or allow any college, university, or technology center school to establish any policy or rule that has the effect of prohibiting any person in lawful possession of a handgun license from possession of a handgun allowable under such license in places described in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of this subsection. Nothing contained in any provision of this subsection shall be construed to limit the authority of any college, university or technology center school in this state from taking administrative action against any student for any violation of any provision of this subsection.

- G. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any peace officer or to any person authorized by law to carry a pistol in the course of employment. District judges, associate district judges and special district judges, who are in possession of a valid handgun license issued pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act and whose names appear on a list maintained by the Administrative Director of the Courts, shall be exempt from this section when acting in the course and scope of employment within the courthouses of this state. Private investigators with a firearms authorization shall be exempt from this section when acting in the course and scope of employment.
- H. For the purposes of this section, "motor vehicle" means any automobile, truck, minivan or sports sport utility vehicle.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1280.1, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 310, O.S.L. 2015 (21 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 1280.1), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1280.1

POSSESSION OF FIREARM ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to have in his or her possession on any public or private school property or while in any school bus or vehicle used by any school for transportation of students or teachers any firearm or weapon designated in Section 1272 of this title, except as provided in subsection C of this section or as otherwise authorized by law.
 - B. For purposes of this section:
- 1. "School property" means any publicly owned property held for purposes of elementary, secondary or vocational-technical education, and shall not include property owned by public school districts or where such property is leased or rented to an individual or corporation and used for purposes other than educational;
- 2. "Private school" means a school that offers a course of instruction for students in one or more grades from prekindergarten through grade twelve and is not operated by a governmental entity; and
- 3. "Motor vehicle" means any automobile, truck, minivan or sports sport utility vehicle.

C. Firearms and weapons are allowed on school property and deemed not in violation of subsection A of this section as follows:

- 1. A gun or knife designed for hunting or fishing purposes kept in a privately owned vehicle and properly displayed or stored as required by law, provided such vehicle containing said gun or knife is driven onto school property only to transport a student to and from school and such vehicle does not remain unattended on school property;
- 2. A gun or knife used for the purposes of participating in the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation certified hunter training education course or any other hunting, fishing, safety or firearms training courses, or a recognized firearms sports event, team shooting program or competition, or living history reenactment, provided the course or event is approved by the principal or chief administrator of the school where the course or event is offered, and provided the weapon is properly displayed or stored as required by law pending participation in the course, event, program or competition;
- 3. Weapons in the possession of any peace officer or other person authorized by law to possess a weapon in the performance of his or her duties and responsibilities;
- 4. A concealed or unconcealed weapon carried onto private school property or in any school bus or vehicle used by any private school for transportation of students or teachers by a person who is

licensed pursuant to the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, provided a policy has been adopted by the governing entity of the private school that authorizes the possession of a weapon on private school property or in any school bus or vehicle used by a private school. Except for acts of gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct, a governing entity of a private school that adopts a policy which authorizes the possession of a weapon on private school property, a school bus or vehicle used by the private school shall be immune from liability for any injuries arising from the adoption of the policy. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to claims pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Code;

- 5. A gun, knife, bayonet or other weapon in the possession of a member of a veterans group, the national guard, active military, the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) or Junior ROTC, in order to participate in a ceremony, assembly or educational program approved by the principal or chief administrator of a school or school district where the ceremony, assembly or educational program is being held; provided, however, the gun or other weapon that uses projectiles is not loaded and is inoperable at all times while on school property;
- 6. A handgun carried in a motor vehicle pursuant to a valid handgun license authorized by the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act onto property set aside by a public or private elementary or secondary school for the use or parking of any vehicle; provided, however,

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said handgun shall be stored and hidden from view in a locked motor

vehicle when the motor vehicle is left unattended on school

property; and
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- 7. A handgun carried onto public school property by school personnel who have been designated by the board of education, provided such personnel either:
 - a. possess a valid armed security guard license as provided for in Section 1750.1 et seq. of Title 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes, or
 - b. hold a valid reserve peace officer certification as provided for in Section 3311 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes,

if a policy has been adopted by the board of education of the school district that authorizes the carrying of a handgun onto public school property by such personnel. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to restrict authority granted elsewhere in law to carry firearms.

- D. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00).
- 21 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1283, as
 22 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 179, O.S.L. 2014 (21 O.S. Supp.
 23 2015, Section 1283), is amended to read as follows:

24 Section 1283.

CONVICTED FELONS AND DELINOUENTS

- A. Except as provided in subsection B of this section, it shall be unlawful for any person convicted of any felony in any court of this state or of another state or of the United States to have in his or her possession or under his or her immediate control, or in any vehicle which the person is operating, or in which the person is riding as a passenger, or at the residence where the convicted person resides, any pistol, imitation or homemade pistol, altered air or toy pistol, machine gun, sawed-off shotgun or rifle, or any other dangerous or deadly firearm.
- B. Any person who has previously been convicted of a nonviolent felony in any court of this state or of another state or of the United States, and who has received a full and complete pardon from the proper authority and has not been convicted of any other felony offense which has not been pardoned, shall have restored the right to possess any firearm or other weapon prohibited by subsection A of this section, the right to apply for and carry a concealed handgun, concealed or unconcealed, pursuant to the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act and the right to perform the duties of a peace officer, gunsmith, or for firearms repair.
- C. It shall be unlawful for any person serving a term of probation for any felony in any court of this state or of another state or of the United States or under the jurisdiction of any alternative court program to have in his or her possession or under

his or her immediate control, or at his or her residence, or in any passenger vehicle which the person is operating or is riding as a passenger, any pistol, shotgun or rifle, including any imitation or homemade pistol, altered air or toy pistol, shotgun or rifle, while such person is subject to supervision, probation, parole or inmate status.

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- It shall be unlawful for any person previously adjudicated D. as a delinquent child or a youthful offender for the commission of an offense, which would have constituted a felony offense if committed by an adult, to have in the possession of the person or under the immediate control of the person, or have in any vehicle which he or she is driving or in which the person is riding as a passenger, or at the residence of the person, any pistol, imitation or homemade pistol, altered air or toy pistol, machine gun, sawedoff shotgun or rifle, or any other dangerous or deadly firearm within ten (10) years after such adjudication; provided, that nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prohibit the placement of the person in a home with a full-time duly appointed peace officer who is certified by the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET) pursuant to the provisions of Section 3311 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.
- E. Any person having been issued a handgun license pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act and who thereafter knowingly or intentionally allows a convicted felon or adjudicated

- delinquent or a youthful offender as prohibited by the provisions of subsection A, C, or D of this section to possess or have control of any pistol authorized by the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a felony punishable by a fine not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00). In addition, the person shall have the handgun license revoked by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation after a hearing and determination that the person has violated the provisions of this section.
 - F. Any convicted or adjudicated person violating the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a felony punishable as provided in Section 1284 of this title.

- G. For purposes of this section, "sawed-off shotgun or rifle" shall mean any shotgun or rifle which has been shortened to any length.
- H. For purposes of this section, "altered toy pistol" shall mean any toy weapon which has been altered from its original manufactured state to resemble a real weapon.
- I. For purposes of this section, "altered air pistol" shall mean any air pistol manufactured to propel projectiles by air pressure which has been altered from its original manufactured state.
- J. For purposes of this section, "alternative court program" shall mean any drug court, Anna McBride or mental health court, DUI court or veterans court.

SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1289.6, as amended by Section 11, Chapter 259, O.S.L. 2012 (21 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 1289.6), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1289.6

CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH FIREARMS MAY BE CARRIED

- A. A person shall be permitted to carry loaded and unloaded shotguns, rifles and pistols, open and not concealed and without a handgun license as authorized by the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act pursuant to the following conditions:
 - 1. When hunting animals or fowl;
- During competition in or practicing in a safety or hunter safety class, target shooting, skeet, trap or other recognized sporting events;
- 3. During participation in or in preparation for a military function of the state military forces to be defined as the Oklahoma Army or Air National Guard, Federal Military Reserve and active military forces;
- 4. During participation in or in preparation for a recognized police function of either a municipal, county or state government as functioning police officials;
- 5. During a practice for or a performance for entertainment purposes;

6. For lawful self-defense and self-protection or any other legitimate purpose in or on property that is owned, leased, rented, or otherwise legally controlled by the person; or

- 7. When carried in a holster that is wholly or partially visible or in a scabbard, case or with a sling designed for carrying firearms that is wholly or partially visible and the person is twenty-one (21) years of age or older. Any person who carries a firearm in the manner provided for in this paragraph shall be prohibited from carrying the firearm into any of the places as prescribed in subsection A of Section 1277 of this title; or
- 8. For any legitimate purpose not in violation of the Oklahoma Firearms Act of 1971 or any legislative enactment regarding the use, ownership and control of firearms.
- B. A person shall be permitted to carry unloaded shotguns, rifles and pistols, open and not concealed and without a handgun license as authorized by the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act pursuant to the following conditions:
- 1. When going to or from the person's private residence or vehicle or a vehicle in which the person is riding as a passenger to a place designated or authorized for firearms repairs or reconditioning, or for firearms trade, sale, or barter, or gunsmith, or hunting animals or fowl, or hunter safety course, or target shooting, or skeet or trap shooting or any recognized firearms activity or event and while in such places; or

- 2. For any legitimate purpose not in violation of the Oklahoma Firearms Act of 1971.
- C. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to prohibit educational or recreational activities, exhibitions, displays or shows involving the use or display of rifles, shotguns or pistols or other weapons if the activity is approved by the property owner and sponsor of the activity.
- SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1289.7, as amended by Section 12, Chapter 259, O.S.L. 2012 (21 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 1289.7), is amended to read as follows:

11 | Section 1289.7

FIREARMS IN VEHICLES

Any person, except a convicted felon, may transport in a motor vehicle a rifle, shotgun or pistol, open and unloaded, at any time. For purposes of this section "open" means the firearm is transported in plain view, in a case designed for carrying firearms, which case is wholly or partially visible, in a gun rack mounted in the vehicle, in an exterior locked compartment or a trunk of a vehicle.

Any person, except a convicted felon, may transport in a motor vehicle a rifle or shotgun concealed behind a seat of the vehicle or within the interior of the vehicle provided the rifle or shotgun is not clip, magazine or chamber loaded. The authority to transport a clip or magazine loaded rifle or shotgun shall be pursuant to Section 1289.13 of this title.

Any person who is the operator of a vehicle or is a passenger in any vehicle wherein another person who is licensed pursuant to the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act to carry a concealed handgun, concealed or unconcealed, and is carrying a handgun or has the handgun in such vehicle, shall not be deemed in violation of the provisions of this section provided the licensee is in or near the vehicle.

SECTION 7. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1289.23, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 216, O.S.L. 2015 (21 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 1289.23), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1289.23

CONCEALED FIREARM FOR OFF-DUTY POLICE OFFICER

- A. A full-time duly appointed peace officer who is certified by the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET), pursuant to the provisions of Section 3311 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes, is hereby authorized to carry a weapon certified and approved by the employing agency during periods when the officer is not on active duty as provided by the provisions of subsection B of this section.
- B. When an off-duty officer carries a certified weapon, the officer shall be wearing the law enforcement uniform prescribed by the employing agency or when not wearing the prescribed law enforcement uniform, the officer shall be required:
- 1. To have the official peace officers badge, Commission Card and CLEET Certification Card on his or her person at all times when

1 carrying a weapon certified and approved by the employing agency;
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- 2. To keep the authorized weapon concealed or unconcealed at all times, except when the weapon is used within the guidelines established by the employing agency.
- C. Nothing in this section shall be construed to alter or amend the provisions of Section 1272.1 of this title or expand the duties, authority or jurisdiction of any peace officer.
- D. A reserve peace officer who has satisfactorily completed a basic police course of not less than one hundred twenty (120) hours of accredited instruction for reserve police officers and reserve deputies from the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training or a course of study approved by CLEET may carry a certified weapon when such officer is off duty as provided by subsection E of this section, provided:
- 1. The officer has been granted written authorization signed by the director of the employing agency; and
- 2. The employing agency shall maintain a current list of any officers authorized to carry a certified weapon while said officers are off duty, and shall provide a copy of such list to the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training. Any change to the list shall be made in writing and mailed to the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training within five (5) days.

- E. When an off-duty reserve peace officer carries a certified weapon, the officer shall be wearing the law enforcement uniform prescribed by the employing agency or when not wearing the prescribed law enforcement uniform, the officer shall be required:
- To have his or her official peace officer's badge,
 Commission Card, CLEET Certification Card; and

- 2. To keep the authorized weapon concealed or unconcealed at all times, except when the weapon is used within the guidelines established by the employing agency.
- F. Nothing in subsection D of this section shall be construed to alter or amend the provisions of Section 1750.2 of Title 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes or expand the duties, jurisdiction or authority of any reserve peace officer.
- G. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit or restrict any peace officer or reserve peace officer from carrying a concealed handgun, concealed or unconcealed, as allowed by the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act after issuance of a valid license. When an off-duty officer elects to carry a handgun under the authority of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, the person shall comply with all provisions of such act and shall not be representing the employing agency.
- H. Any off-duty peace officer who carries any weapon in violation of the provisions of this section shall be deemed to be in

violation of Section 1272 of this title and may be prosecuted as provided by law for a violation of that section.

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- I. On or after November 1, 2004, a reserve or full-time commissioned peace officer may apply to carry a weapon pursuant to the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act as follows:
- 1. The officer shall apply in writing to the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET) stating that the officer desires to have a handgun license pursuant to the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act and certifying that he or she has no preclusions to having such handgun license. The officer shall submit with the application:
 - a. an official letter from his or her employing agency confirming the officer's employment and status as a full-time commissioned peace officer or an active reserve peace officer,
 - b. a fee of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) for the handgun license, and
 - c. two passport-size photographs of the peace officer applicant.
- 2. Upon receiving the required information, CLEET shall determine whether the peace officer is in good standing, has CLEET certification and training, and is otherwise eligible for a handgun license. Upon verification of the officer's eligibility, CLEET shall send the information to the Oklahoma State Bureau of

Investigation (OSBI) and OSBI shall issue a handgun license in the same or similar form as other handgun licenses. All other requirements in Section 1290.12 of this title concerning application for a handgun license shall be waived for active duty peace officers except as provided in this subsection, including but not limited to training, fingerprints and criminal history records checks unless the officer does not have fingerprints on file or a criminal history records background check conducted prior to employment as a peace officer. The OSBI shall not be required to conduct any further investigation into the eligibility of the peace officer applicant and shall not deny a handgun license except when preclusions are found to exist.

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- 3. The term of the handgun license for an active duty reserve or full-time commissioned peace officer pursuant to this section shall be as provided in Section 1290.5 of this title, renewable in the same manner provided in this subsection for an original application by a peace officer. The handgun license shall be valid when the peace officer is in possession of a valid driver license and law enforcement commission card.
- 4. If the commission card of a law enforcement officer is terminated, revoked or suspended, the handgun license shall be immediately returned to CLEET. When a peace officer in possession of a handgun license pursuant to this subsection changes employment, the person must notify CLEET within ninety (90) days and send a new

- 1 letter verifying employment and status as a full-time commissioned
 2 or reserve peace officer.
 - 5. There shall be no refund of any fee for any unexpired term of any handgun license that is suspended, revoked, or voluntarily returned to CLEET, or that is denied, suspended or revoked by the OSBI.
 - 6. CLEET may promulgate any rules, forms or procedures necessary to implement the provisions of this section.
 - 7. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to change or amend the application process, eligibility, effective date or fees of any handgun license pending issuance on November 1, 2004, or previously issued to any peace officer prior to November 1, 2004.
- SECTION 8. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1290.1, is amended to read as follows:
- 15 | Section 1290.1

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16 SHORT TITLE

- Sections \pm 1290.1 through \pm 1290.27 of this act title shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma Self-Defense Act".
- 19 SECTION 9. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1290.2, as
- 20 last amended by Section 2, Chapter 366, O.S.L. 2013 (21 O.S. Supp.
- 21 | 2015, Section 1290.2), is amended to read as follows:
- 22 | Section 1290.2
- 23 DEFINITIONS
- A. As used in the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act:

1. "Concealed handgun" means a loaded or unloaded pistol, the presence of which is not openly discernible to the ordinary observation of a reasonable person; and

2. "Unconcealed handgun" means a loaded or unloaded pistol carried upon the person in a belt holster or shoulder holster that is wholly or partially visible, or carried upon the person in a scabbard or case designed for carrying firearms that is wholly or partially visible; and

- 3. "Pistol" means any derringer, revolver or semiautomatic firearm which:
 - a. has an overall length of less than sixteen (16) inches,
 - b. is capable of discharging a projectile composed of any material which may reasonably be expected to be able to cause lethal injury,
 - c. is designed to be held and fired by the use of a single hand, and
 - d. uses either gunpowder, gas or any means of rocket propulsion to discharge the projectile.
- B. The definition of pistol for purposes of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act shall not apply to homemade or imitation pistols, flare guns, underwater fishing guns or blank pistols.

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1 SECTION 10. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1290.3, as 2 amended by Section 24, Chapter 259, O.S.L. 2012 (21 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 1290.3), is amended to read as follows: 3 Section 1290.3 4 5 AUTHORITY TO ISSUE LICENSE 6 The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation is hereby authorized 7 to license an eligible person to carry a concealed or unconcealed handgun as provided by the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act. The authority of the Bureau shall be limited to the provisions 10 specifically provided in the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act. The Bureau 11 shall promulgate rules, forms and procedures necessary to implement 12 the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act. 1.3 SECTION 11. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1290.4, as 14 amended by Section 25, Chapter 259, O.S.L. 2012 (21 O.S. Supp. 2015, 15 Section 1290.4), is amended to read as follows: 16 Section 1290.4 17 UNLAWFUL CARRY 18 As provided by Section 1272 of this title, it is unlawful for 19 any person to carry a concealed or unconcealed handqun in this 20 state, except as hereby authorized by the provisions of the Oklahoma 21 Self-Defense Act or as may otherwise be provided by law. 22 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1290.5, as SECTION 12. AMENDATORY

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last amended by Section 1, Chapter 122, O.S.L. 2014 (21 O.S. Supp.

2015, Section 1290.5), is amended to read as follows:

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Section 1290.5

TERM OF LICENSE AND RENEWAL

- A. A handgun license when issued shall authorize the person to whom the license is issued to carry a loaded or unloaded <u>concealed</u> handgun, <u>concealed or unconcealed</u>, as authorized by the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, and any future modifications thereto. The license shall be valid in this state for a period of five (5) or ten (10) years, unless subsequently surrendered, suspended or revoked as provided by law. The person shall have no authority to continue to carry a concealed or unconcealed handgun in this state pursuant to the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act when a license is expired or when a license has been voluntarily surrendered or suspended or revoked for any reason.
- B. A license may be renewed any time within ninety (90) days prior to the expiration date as provided in this subsection. The Bureau shall send a renewal application to each eligible licensee with a return address requested. There shall be a ninety-day grace period on license renewals beginning on the date of expiration, thereafter the license is considered expired. However, any applicant shall have three (3) years from the expiration of the license to comply with the renewal requirements of this section.
- 1. To renew a handgun license, the licensee must first obtain a renewal form from the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation.

2. The applicant must complete the renewal form, attach two current passport size photographs of the applicant, and submit a renewal fee in the amount of Eighty-five Dollars (\$85.00) to the Bureau. The renewal fee may be paid with a nationally recognized credit card as provided in subparagraph b of paragraph 4 of subsection A of Section 1290.12 of this title, by electronic funds transfer, or by a cashier's check or money order made payable to the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation.

- 3. Upon receipt of the renewal application, photographs and fee, the Bureau will conduct a criminal history records name search, an investigation of medical records or other records or information deemed by the Bureau to be relevant to the renewal application. If the applicant appears not to have any prohibition to renewing the handgun license, the Bureau shall issue the renewed license for a period of five (5) or ten (10) years.
- C. Beginning November 1, 2007, any person making application for a handgun license or any licensee seeking to renew a handgun license shall have the option to request that said license be valid for a period of ten (10) years. The fee for any handgun license issued for a period of ten (10) years shall be double the amount of the fee provided for in paragraph 4 of subsection A of Section 1290.12 of this title. The renewal fee for a handgun license issued for a period of ten (10) years shall be double the amount of the fee provided for in paragraph 2 of subsection B of this section.

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        SECTION 13.
                        AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1290.6, as
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    2015, Section 1290.7), is amended to read as follows:
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CONSTRUING AUTHORITY OF LICENSE

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The authority to carry a concealed or unconcealed handgun pursuant to a valid handgun license as authorized by the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act shall not be construed to authorize any person to:

- 1. Carry or possess any weapon other than an authorized pistol as defined by the provisions of Section 1290.2 of this title;
- 2. Carry or possess any pistol in any manner or in any place otherwise prohibited by law;
- 3. Carry or possess any prohibited ammunition or any illegal, imitation or homemade pistol;
- 4. Carry or possess any pistol when the person is prohibited by state or federal law from carrying or possessing any firearm; or
- 5. Point, discharge or use the pistol in any manner not otherwise authorized by law.

SECTION 15. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1290.8, as last amended by Section 4, Chapter 366, O.S.L. 2013 (21 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 1290.8), is amended to read as follows:

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POSSESSION OF LICENSE REQUIRED NOTIFICATION TO POLICE OF GUN

A. Except as otherwise prohibited by law, an eligible person shall have authority to carry a concealed or unconcealed handgun in this state when the person has been issued a handgun license from the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation pursuant to the

provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, provided the person is in compliance with the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, and the license has not expired or been subsequently suspended or revoked. A person in possession of a valid handgun license and in compliance with the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act shall be authorized to carry such concealed or unconcealed handgun while bow hunting or fishing.

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The person shall be required to have possession of his or her valid handgun license and a valid Oklahoma driver license or an Oklahoma State photo identification at all times when in possession of an authorized pistol. The person shall display the handgun license on demand of a law enforcement officer; provided, however, that in the absence of reasonable and articulable suspicion of other criminal activity, an individual carrying an unconcealed or a concealed handgun shall not be disarmed or physically restrained unless the individual fails to display a valid handgun license in response to that demand. Any violation of the provisions of this subsection may be punishable as a criminal offense as authorized by Section 1272 of this title or pursuant to any other applicable provision of law. Any second or subsequent violation of the provisions of this subsection shall be grounds for the Bureau to suspend the handgun license for a period of six (6) months, in addition to any other penalty imposed.

Upon the arrest of any person for a violation of the provisions of this subsection, the person may show proof to the court that a valid handgun license and the other required identification has been issued to such person and the person may state any reason why the handgun license or the other required identification was not carried by the person as required by the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act. The court shall dismiss an alleged violation of Section 1272 of this title upon payment of court costs, if proof of a valid handgun license and other required identification is shown to the court within ten (10) days of the arrest of the person. The court shall report a dismissal of a charge to the Bureau for consideration of administrative proceedings against the licensee.

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C. It shall be unlawful for any person to fail or refuse to identify the fact that the person is in actual possession of a concealed or unconcealed handgun pursuant to the authority of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act when the person comes into contact with any law enforcement officer of this state or its political subdivisions or a federal law enforcement officer during the course of any arrest, detainment, or routine traffic stop. Said identification to the law enforcement officer shall be made at the first opportunity. No person shall be required to identify himself or herself as a handgun licensee when no handgun is in the possession of the person or in any vehicle in which the person is driving or is a passenger. Any violation of the provisions of this

- subsection shall, upon conviction, be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not exceeding One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).
- D. Any law enforcement officer coming in contact with a person whose handgun license is suspended, revoked, or expired, or who is in possession of a handgun license which has not been lawfully issued to that person, shall confiscate the license and return it to the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation for appropriate administrative proceedings against the licensee when the license is no longer needed as evidence in any criminal proceeding.
- E. Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize a law enforcement officer to inspect any weapon properly concealed or unconcealed without probable cause that a crime has been committed.

SECTION 16. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1290.12, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 207, O.S.L. 2015 (21 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 1290.12), is amended to read as follows:

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PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATION

- A. Except as provided in paragraph 11 of this subsection, the procedure for applying for a handgun license and processing the application shall be as follows:
- 1. An eligible person may request an application packet for a handgun license from the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation or the county sheriff's office either in person or by mail. The Bureau may provide application packets to each sheriff not exceeding two

hundred packets per request. The Bureau shall provide the following information in the application packet:

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- b. procedures to follow to process the application form, and
- c. a copy of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act with any modifications thereto;
- The person shall be required to successfully complete a firearms safety and training course from a firearms instructor who is approved and registered in this state as provided in Section 1290.14 of this title or from an interactive online firearms safety and training course available electronically via the Internet approved and certified by the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training, and the person shall be required to demonstrate competency and qualification with a pistol authorized for concealed or unconcealed carry by the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act. The original certificate of successful completion of a firearms safety and training course and an original certificate of successful demonstration of competency and qualification to carry and handle a pistol shall be submitted with the application for a handgun license. No duplicate, copy, facsimile or other reproduction of the certificate of training, certificate of competency and qualification or exemption from training shall be acceptable as proof of training as required by the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act. A

person exempt from the training requirements as provided in Section

1290.15 of this title must show the required proof of such exemption

to the firearms instructor to receive an exemption certificate. The

original exemption certificate must be submitted with the

application for a handgun license when the person claims an

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3. The application form shall be completed and delivered by the applicant, in person, to the sheriff of the county wherein the applicant resides;

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- 4. The person shall deliver to the sheriff at the time of delivery of the completed application form a fee of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for processing the application through the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation and processing the required fingerprints through the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The processing fee shall be in the form of:
 - a. a money order or a cashier's check made payable to the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation,
 - b. by a nationally recognized credit card issued to the applicant. For purposes of this paragraph, "nationally recognized credit card" means any instrument or device, whether known as a credit card, credit plate, charge plate, or by any other name, issued with or without fee by the issuer for the use of the cardholder in obtaining goods, services, or

anything else of value on credit which is accepted by over one thousand merchants in the state. The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation shall determine which nationally recognized credit cards will be accepted by the Bureau, or

c. by electronic funds transfer.

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The processing fee shall not be refundable in the event of a denial of a handgun license or any suspension or revocation subsequent to the issuance of a license. Persons making application for a firearms instructor shall not be required to pay the application fee as provided in this section, but shall be required to pay the costs provided in paragraphs 6 and 8 of this subsection;

5. The completed application form shall be signed by the applicant in person before the sheriff. The signature shall be given voluntarily upon a sworn oath that the person knows the contents of the application and that the information contained in the application is true and correct. Any person making any false or misleading statement on an application for a handgun license shall, upon conviction, be guilty of perjury as defined by Section 491 of this title. Any conviction shall be punished as provided in Section 500 of this title. In addition to a criminal conviction, the person shall be denied the right to have a handgun license pursuant to the provisions of Section 1290.10 of this title and the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation shall revoke the handgun license, if issued;

6. Two passport-size photographs of the applicant shall be submitted with the completed application. The cost of the photographs shall be the responsibility of the applicant. The sheriff is authorized to take the photograph of the applicant for purposes of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act and, if such photographs are taken by the sheriff, the cost of the photographs shall not exceed Ten Dollars (\$10.00) for the two photos. All money received by the sheriff from photographing applicants pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph shall be retained by the sheriff and deposited into the Sheriff's Service Fee Account;

- 7. The sheriff shall witness the signature of the applicant and review or take the photographs of the applicant and shall verify that the person making application for a handgun license is the same person in the photographs submitted and the same person who signed the application form. Proof of a valid Oklahoma driver license with a photograph of the applicant or an Oklahoma state photo identification for the applicant shall be required to be presented by the applicant to the sheriff for verification of the person's identity;
- 8. Upon verification of the identity of the applicant, the sheriff shall take two complete sets of fingerprints of the applicant. Both sets of fingerprints shall be submitted by the sheriff with the completed application, certificate of training or an exemption certificate, photographs and processing fee to the

Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation within fourteen (14) days of taking the fingerprints. The cost of the fingerprints shall be paid by the applicant and shall not exceed Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) for the two sets. All fees collected by the sheriff from taking fingerprints pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph shall be retained by the sheriff and deposited into the Sheriff's Service Fee Account;

- 9. The sheriff shall submit to the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation within the fourteen-day period, together with the completed application, including the certificate of training, certificate of competency and qualification or exemption certificate, photographs, processing fee and legible fingerprints meeting the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation's Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) submission standards, and a report of information deemed pertinent to an investigation of the applicant for a handgun license. The sheriff shall make a preliminary investigation of pertinent information about the applicant and the court clerk shall assist the sheriff in locating pertinent information in court records for this purpose. If no pertinent information is found to exist either for or against the applicant, the sheriff shall so indicate in the report;
- 10. The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, upon receipt of the application and required information from the sheriff, shall forward one full set of fingerprints of the applicant to the Federal

Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history records search. The cost of processing the fingerprints nationally shall be paid from the processing fee collected by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation;

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Notwithstanding the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, or any other provisions of law, any person who has been granted a permanent victim's protective order by the court, as provided for in the Protection from Domestic Abuse Act, may be issued a temporary handgun license for a period not to exceed six (6) months. temporary handgun license may be issued if the person has successfully passed the required weapons course, completed the application process for the handgun license, passed the preliminary investigation of the person by the sheriff and court clerk, and provided the sheriff proof of a certified permanent victim protection order and a valid Oklahoma state photo identification card or driver license. The sheriff shall issue a temporary handgun license on a form approved by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, at no cost. Any person who has been issued a temporary license shall carry the temporary handgun license and a valid Oklahoma state photo identification on his or her person at all times, and shall be subject to all the requirements of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act when carrying a handgun. The person may proceed with the handgun licensing process. In the event the

victim's protection order is no longer enforceable, the temporary handgun license shall cease to be valid;

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- 12. The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation shall make a reasonable effort to investigate the information submitted by the applicant and the sheriff, to ascertain whether or not the issuance of a handgun license would be in violation of the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act. The investigation by the Bureau of an applicant shall include, but shall not be limited to: a statewide criminal history records search, a national criminal history records search, a Federal Bureau of Investigation fingerprint search, and if applicable, an investigation of medical records or other records or information deemed by the Bureau to be relevant to the application.
 - a. In the course of the investigation by the Bureau, it shall present the name of the applicant along with any known aliases, the address of the applicant and the social security number of the applicant to the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. The Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services shall respond within ten (10) days of receiving such information to the Bureau as follows:
 - (1) with a "Yes" answer, if the records of the

 Department indicate that the person was

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- (2) with a "No" answer, if there are no records indicating the name of the person as a person involuntarily committed to a mental institution in Oklahoma, or
- (3) with an "Inconclusive" answer if the records of the Department suggest the applicant may be a formerly committed person. In the case of an inconclusive answer, the Bureau shall ask the applicant whether he or she was involuntarily committed. If the applicant states under penalty of perjury that he or she has not been involuntarily committed, the Bureau shall continue processing the application for a license.
- b. In the course of the investigation by the Bureau, it shall check the name of any applicant who is twenty-eight (28) years of age or younger along with any known aliases, the address of the applicant and the social security number of the applicant against the records in the Juvenile Online Tracking System (JOLTS) of the Office of Juvenile Affairs. The Office of Juvenile Affairs shall provide the Bureau direct

access to check the applicant against the records available on JOLTS.

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- (1) If the Bureau finds a record on the JOLTS that indicates the person was adjudicated a delinquent for an offense that would constitute a felony offense if committed by an adult within the last ten (10) years the Bureau shall deny the license,
- (2) If the Bureau finds no record on the JOLTS indicating the named person was adjudicated delinquent for an offense that would constitute a felony offense if committed by an adult within the last ten (10) years, or
- been adjudicated delinquent for an offense that would constitute a felony offense if committed by an adult but such record is inconclusive, the Bureau shall ask the applicant whether he or she was adjudicated a delinquent for an offense that would constitute a felony offense if committed by an adult within the last ten (10) years. If the applicant states under penalty of perjury that he or she was not adjudicated a delinquent within ten (10) years, the Bureau shall continue processing the application for a license; and

13. If the background check set forth in paragraph 12 of this subsection reveals no records pertaining to the applicant, the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation shall either issue a handgun license or deny the application within sixty (60) days of the date of receipt of the applicant's completed application and the required information from the sheriff. In all other cases, the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation shall either issue a handgun license or deny the application within ninety (90) days of the date of the receipt of the applicant's completed application and the required information from the sheriff. The Bureau shall approve an applicant who appears to be in full compliance with the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, if completion of the federal fingerprint search is the only reason for delay of the issuance of the handgun license to that applicant. Upon receipt of the federal fingerprint search information, if the Bureau receives information which precludes the person from having a handgun license, the Bureau shall revoke the handgun license previously issued to the applicant. Bureau shall deny a license when the applicant fails to properly complete the application form or application process or is determined not to be eliqible as specified by the provisions of Section 1290.9, 1290.10 or 1290.11 of this title. The Bureau shall approve an application in all other cases. If an application is denied, the Bureau shall notify the applicant in writing of its decision. The notification shall state the grounds for the denial

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and inform the applicant of the right to an appeal as may be
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All notices of denial shall be mailed by first-class mail to the
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to an applicant, the applicant shall notify the Bureau in writing of
the intent to appeal the decision of denial or the right of the
applicant to appeal shall be deemed waived. Any administrative
hearing on a denial which may be provided shall be conducted by a
hearing examiner appointed by the Bureau. The decision of the
hearing examiner shall be a final decision appealable to a district
court in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act. When an
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B. Nothing contained in any provision of the Oklahoma SelfDefense Act shall be construed to require or authorize the
registration, documentation or providing of serial numbers with
regard to any firearm. For purposes of the Oklahoma Self-Defense
Act, the sheriff may designate a person to receive, fingerprint,
photograph or otherwise process applications for handgun licenses.

SECTION 17. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1290.14, as
last amended by Section 2, Chapter 207, O.S.L. 2015 (21 O.S. Supp.
2015, Section 1290.14), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1290.14

SAFETY AND TRAINING COURSE

- A. Each applicant for a license to carry a concealed or unconcealed handgun pursuant to the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act must successfully complete a firearms safety and training course in this state conducted by a registered and approved firearms instructor as provided by the provisions of this section or from an interactive online firearms safety and training course available electronically via the Internet approved and certified by the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training. The applicant must further demonstrate competence and qualification with an authorized pistol of the type or types that the applicant desires to carry as a concealed or unconcealed handgun pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, except certain persons may be exempt from such training requirement as provided by the provisions of Section 1290.15 of this title.
- B. The Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET) shall establish criteria for approving firearms instructors and interactive online firearms safety and training courses available electronically via the Internet for purposes of training and qualifying individuals for a handgun license pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act. Prior to submitting an application for CLEET approval as a firearms instructor, applicants

1 | shall attend a firearms instructor school, meeting the following 2 | minimum requirements:

- 1. Firearms instructor training conducted by one of the following entities:
 - a. Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training,
 - b. National Rifle Association,

- c. Oklahoma Rifle Association,
- d. federal law enforcement agencies, or
- e. other professionally recognized organizations;
- 2. The course shall be at least sixteen (16) hours in length;
- 3. Upon completion of the course, the applicant shall be qualified to provide instruction on revolvers, semiautomatic pistols, or both; and
 - 4. Receive a course completion certificate.

All firearms instructors shall be required to meet the eligibility requirements for a handgun license as provided in Sections 1290.9, 1290.10, and 1290.11 of this title and the application shall be processed as provided for applicants in Section 1290.12 of this title, including the state and national criminal history records search and fingerprint search. A firearms instructor shall be required to pay a fee of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) to the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET) each time the person makes application for CLEET approval as a firearms instructor pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma

Self-Defense Act. The fee shall be retained by CLEET and shall be deposited into the Firearms Instructors Revolving Fund. CLEET shall promulgate the rules, forms and procedures necessary to implement the approval of firearms instructors as authorized by the provisions of this subsection. CLEET shall periodically review each approved instructor during a training and qualification course to assure compliance with the rules and course contents. Any violation of the rules may result in the revocation or suspension of CLEET and Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation approval. Unless the approval has been revoked or suspended, a firearms instructor's CLEET approval shall be for a term of five (5) years. Beginning on July 1, 2003, any firearms instructor who has been issued a fouryear CLEET approval shall not be eligible for the five-year approval until the expiration of the approval previously issued. CLEET shall be responsible for notifying all approved firearms instructors of statutory and policy changes related to the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act. A firearms instructor shall not be required to submit his or her fingerprints for a fingerprint search when renewing a firearms instructor's CLEET approval.

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C. 1. All firearms instructors approved by CLEET to train and qualify individuals for a handgun license shall be required to apply for registration with the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation after receiving CLEET approval. All firearms instructors teaching the approved course for a handgun license must display their

registration certificate during each training and qualification Each approved firearms instructor shall complete a registration form provided by the Bureau and shall have the option to pay a registration fee of either One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for a five-year registration certificate or Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for a ten-year registration certificate to the Bureau at the time of each application for registration, except as provided in paragraph 2 of this subsection. Registration certificates issued by the Bureau shall be valid for a period of five (5) years or ten (10) years from the date of issuance. The Bureau shall issue a five-year or ten-year handgun license to an approved firearms instructor at the time of issuance of a registration certificate and no additional fee shall be required or charged. The Bureau shall maintain a current listing of all registered firearms instructors in this state. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to eliminate the requirement for registration and training with CLEET as provided in subsection B of this section. Failure to register or be trained as required shall result in a revocation or suspension of the instructor certificate by the Bureau.

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2. On or after July 1, 2003, the registered instructors listed in subparagraphs a and b of this paragraph shall not be required to renew the firearms instructor registration certificate with the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation at the expiration of the registration term, provided the instructor is not subject to any

suspension or revocation of the firearms instructor certificate.

The firearms instructor registration with the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation shall automatically renew together with the handgun license authorized in paragraph 1 of this subsection for an additional five-year term and no additional cost or fee may be charged for the following individuals:

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- a. an active duty law enforcement officer of this state or any of its political subdivisions or of the federal government who has a valid CLEET approval as a firearms instructor pursuant to the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, and
- b. a retired law enforcement officer authorized to carry a firearm pursuant to Section 1289.8 of this title who has a valid CLEET approval as a firearms instructor pursuant to the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act.
- D. The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation shall approve registration for a firearms instructor applicant who is in full compliance with CLEET rules regarding firearms instructors and the provisions of subsection B of this section, if completion of the federal fingerprint search is the only reason for delay of registration of that firearms instructor applicant. Upon receipt of the federal fingerprint search information, if the Bureau receives information which precludes the person from having a handgun

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The required firearms safety and training course and the Ε. actual demonstration of competency and qualification required of the applicant shall be designed and conducted in such a manner that the course can be reasonably completed by the applicant within an eighthour period. CLEET shall establish the course content and promulgate rules, procedures and forms necessary to implement the provisions of this subsection. For the training and qualification course, an applicant may be charged a fee which shall be determined by the instructor or entity that is conducting the course. maximum class size shall be determined by the instructor conducting the course; provided, however, practice shooting sessions shall not have more than ten participating students at one time. CLEET may establish criteria for assistant instructors and any other requirements deemed necessary to conduct a safe and effective training and qualification course. The course content shall include a safety inspection of the firearm to be used by the applicant in the training course; instruction on pistol handling, safety and storage; dynamics of ammunition and firing; methods or positions for firing a pistol; information about the criminal provisions of the Oklahoma law relating to firearms; the requirements of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act as it relates to the applicant; self-defense and the use of appropriate force; a practice shooting session; and a

familiarization course. The firearms instructor shall refuse to train or qualify any person when the pistol to be used or carried by the person is either deemed unsafe or unfit for firing or is a weapon not authorized by the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act. The course shall provide an opportunity for the applicant to qualify himself or herself on either a derringer, a revolver, a semiautomatic pistol or any combination of a derringer, a revolver and a semiautomatic pistol, provided no pistol shall be capable of firing larger than .45 caliber ammunition. Any applicant who successfully trains and qualifies himself or herself with a semiautomatic pistol may be approved by the firearms instructor on the training certificate for a semiautomatic pistol, a revolver and a derringer upon request of the applicant. Any person who qualifies on a derringer or revolver shall not be eligible for a semiautomatic rating until the person has demonstrated competence and qualifications on a semiautomatic pistol. Upon successful completion of the training and qualification course, a certificate of training and a certificate of competency and qualification shall be issued to each applicant who successfully completes the course. The certificate of training and certificate of competency and qualification shall comply with the forms established by CLEET and shall be submitted with an application for a handgun license pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 2 of subsection A of Section 1290.12 of this title. The certificate of training and certificate of competency and

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qualification issued to an applicant shall be valid for a period of three (3) years.

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- There is hereby created a revolving fund for the Council on 3 Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET), to be designated the 5 "Firearms Instructors Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall 6 7 consist of all funds received for approval of firearms instructors for purposes of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act. All funds received 8 shall be deposited to the fund. All monies accruing to the credit 10 of said fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and 11 expended by the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training, 12 for implementation of the training and qualification course 13 contents, approval of firearms instructors and any other CLEET 14 requirement pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense 15 Act or as may otherwise be deemed appropriate by CLEET. 16 Expenditures from said fund shall be made upon warrants issued by 17 the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with 18 the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for 19 approval and payment.
 - G. Firearms instructors shall keep on file for a period of not less than three (3) years a roster of each training class, the safety test score of each individual, the caliber and type of weapon each individual used when qualifying and whether or not each individual successfully completed the training course. Firearms

1 instructors shall be authorized to destroy all training documents 2 and records upon expiration of the three-year time period.

3 SECTION 18. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1290.15, as

last amended by Section 2, Chapter 86, O.S.L. 2013 (21 O.S. Supp.

2015, Section 1290.15), is amended to read as follows:

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PERSONS EXEMPT FROM TRAINING COURSE

- A. The following individuals may be exempt from all or part of the required training and qualification course established pursuant to the provisions of Section 1290.14 of this title:
- 1. A firearms instructor registered with the Oklahoma State

 12 Bureau of Investigation for purposes of the Oklahoma Self-Defense

 13 Act;
 - 2. An active duty law enforcement officer of this state or any of its political subdivisions or of the federal government;
 - 3. A retired law enforcement officer authorized by this state pursuant to Section 1289.8 of this title to carry a firearm;
 - 4. A CLEET-certified armed security officer, armed guard, correctional officer, or any other person having a CLEET certification to carry a firearm in the course of their employment;
 - 5. A person on active military duty, National Guard duty or regular military reserve duty who is a legal resident of this state and who is trained and qualified in the use of handguns;

6. A person honorably discharged from active military duty,
National Guard duty or military reserves within twenty (20) years
preceding the date of the application for a handgun license pursuant
to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, who is a legal
resident of this state, and who has been trained and qualified in
the use of handguns;

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- 7. A person retired as a peace officer in good standing from a law enforcement agency located in another state, who is a legal resident of this state, and who has received training equivalent to the training required for CLEET certification in this state; and
- 8. Any person who is otherwise deemed qualified for a training exemption by CLEET.

Provided, however, persons applying for an exemption pursuant to paragraph 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7 of this subsection may be required to successfully complete the classroom portion of the training course. The fee for the classroom portion of the training course shall be determined by the instructor or entity that is conducting the course.

B. The Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET) shall establish criteria for providing proof of an exemption. Before any person shall be considered exempt from all or part of the required training and qualification pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, the person shall present the required proof of exemption to a registered firearms

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instructor. Each person determined to be exempt from training or qualification as provided in this subsection shall receive an exemption certificate from the registered firearms instructor. The rules promulgated by CLEET to implement the provisions of this section and Section 1290.14 of this title may require that a fee not to exceed Five Dollars ($5.00) be charged for processing an exemption certificate. The original exemption certificate must be submitted with an application for a handgun license as provided in paragraph 2 of Section 1290.12 of this title. No person who is determined to be exempt from training or qualification may carry a concealed or unconcealed firearm pursuant to the authority of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act until issued a valid handgun license.
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C. Nothing contained in any provision of the Oklahoma SelfDefense Act shall be construed to alter, amend, or modify the
authority of any active duty law enforcement officer, or any person
certified by the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training
to carry a pistol during the course of their employment, to carry
any pistol in any manner authorized by law or authorized by the
employing agency.

SECTION 19. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1290.21, as last amended by Section 6, Chapter 366, O.S.L. 2013 (21 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 1290.21), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1290.21

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REPLACEMENT LICENSE

A. In the event a handgun license becomes missing, lost, stolen or destroyed, the license shall be invalid, and the person to whom the license was issued shall notify the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation within thirty (30) days of the discovery of the fact that the license is not in the possession of the licensee. The person may obtain a substitute license upon furnishing a notarized statement to the Bureau that the license is missing, lost, stolen or destroyed and paying a fifteen-dollar replacement fee. During any period when a license is missing, lost, stolen or destroyed, the person shall have no authority to carry a concealed or unconcealed handgun pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act. The Bureau shall, upon receipt of the notarized statement and fee from the licensee, issue a substitute license with the same expiration date within ten (10) days of the receipt of the notarized statement and fee.

- B. Any person who knowingly or intentionally carries a concealed or unconcealed handgun pursuant to a handgun license authorized and issued pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act which is stolen shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a felony punishable by a fine of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).
- C. Any person having a valid handgun license pursuant to the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act may carry any make or model of an authorized pistol listed on the license, provided the type of pistol

shall not be other than the type or types listed on the license. A person may complete additional firearms training for an additional type of pistol during any license period and upon successful completion of the training may request the additional type of pistol be included on the license. The person shall submit to the Bureau a fifteen-dollar replacement fee, the original certificate of training and qualification for the additional type of firearm, and a statement requesting the license be updated to include the additional type of pistol. The Bureau shall issue an updated license with the same expiration date within ten (10) days of the receipt of the request. The person shall have no authority to carry any additional type of pistol pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act until the updated license has been received by the licensee. The original license shall be destroyed upon receipt of an updated handgun license.

D. A person may request during any license period an update for a change of address or change of name by submitting to the Bureau a fifteen-dollar replacement fee, and a notarized statement that the address or name of the licensee has changed. The Bureau shall issue an updated license with the same expiration date within ten (10) days of receipt of the request. The original license shall be destroyed upon the receipt of the updated handgun license.

SECTION 20. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1290.22, as amended by Section 7, Chapter 366, O.S.L. 2013 (21 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 1290.22), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1290.22

BUSINESS OWNER'S RIGHTS

- A. Except as provided in subsection B of this section, nothing contained in any provision of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act shall be construed to limit, restrict or prohibit in any manner the existing rights of any person, property owner, tenant, employer, place of worship or business entity to control the possession of weapons on any property owned or controlled by the person or business entity.
- B. No person, property owner, tenant, employer, place of worship or business entity shall be permitted to establish any policy or rule that has the effect of prohibiting any person, except a convicted felon, from transporting and storing firearms in a locked vehicle on any property set aside for any vehicle.
- C. A property owner, tenant, employer, place of worship or business entity may prohibit any person from carrying a concealed or unconcealed firearm on the property. If the building or property is open to the public, the property owner, tenant, employer, place of worship or business entity shall post signs on or about the property stating such prohibition.
- D. The carrying of a concealed or unconcealed firearm by a person who has been issued a handgun license on property that has

signs prohibiting the carrying of firearms shall not be deemed a criminal act but may subject the person to being denied entrance onto the property or removed from the property. If the person refuses to leave the property and a peace officer is summoned, the person may be issued a citation for an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00).

E. A person, corporation, place of worship or any other business entity that does or does not prohibit any individual except a convicted felon from carrying a loaded or unloaded, concealed or unconcealed weapon on property that the person, corporation, place of worship or other business entity owns, or has legal control of, is immune from any liability arising from that decision. Except for acts of gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct, an employer who does or does not prohibit their employees from carrying a concealed or unconcealed weapon is immune from any liability arising from that decision. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to claims pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Code.

SECTION 21. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1290.24, as amended by Section 42, Chapter 259, O.S.L. 2012 (21 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 1290.24), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1290.24

IMMUNITY

A. The state, its officers, agents and employees shall be immune from liability resulting or arising from:

1. Failure to prevent the licensing of an individual for whom the receipt of the license is unlawful pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act or any other provision of law of this state;

- 2. Any action or misconduct with a pistol committed by a person to whom a license to carry a concealed or unconcealed handgun has been issued or by any person who obtains a pistol from a licensee;
- 3. Any injury to any person during a handgun training course conducted by a firearms instructor certified by the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training to conduct training under the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, or injury from any misfire or malfunction of any handgun on a training course firing range supervised by a certified firearms instructor under the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, or any injury resulting from carrying a concealed or unconcealed handgun pursuant to a handgun license; and
- 4. Any action or finding pursuant to a hearing conducted in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act as required in the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act.
- B. Firearms instructors certified by the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training to conduct training for the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act shall be immune from liability to third persons resulting or arising from any claim based on an act or omission of a trainee.

SECTION 22. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1290.25, as amended by Section 43, Chapter 259, O.S.L. 2012 (21 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 1290.25), is amended to read as follows:

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LEGISLATIVE INTENT

The Legislature finds as a matter of public policy and fact that it is necessary to provide statewide uniform standards for issuing licenses to carry concealed or unconcealed handguns for lawful selfdefense and self-protection, and further finds it necessary to occupy the field of regulation of the bearing of concealed or unconcealed handguns to ensure that no honest, law-abiding citizen who qualifies pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act is subjectively or arbitrarily denied his or her rights. The Legislature does not delegate to the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation any authority to regulate or restrict the issuing of handgun licenses except as provided by the provisions of this act. Subjective or arbitrary actions or rules which encumber the issuing process by placing burdens on the applicant beyond those requirements detailed in the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act or which create restrictions beyond those specified in this act are deemed to be in conflict with the intent of this act and are hereby prohibited. The Oklahoma Self-Defense Act shall be liberally construed to carry out the constitutional right to bear arms for self-defense and self-protection. The provisions of the Oklahoma

Self-Defense Act are cumulative to existing rights to bear arms and nothing in the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act shall impair or diminish those rights.

However, the conditions that mandate the administrative actions of license denial, suspension, revocation or an administrative fine are intended to protect the health, safety and public welfare of the citizens of this state. The restricting conditions specified in the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act generally involve the criminal history, mental state, alcohol or substance abuse of the applicant or licensee, a hazard of domestic violence, a danger to police officers, or the ability of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation to properly administer the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act. The restricting conditions that establish a risk of injury or harm to the public are tailored to reduce the risks to the benefit of the citizens of this state.

SECTION 23. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1290.26, as last amended by Section 18, Chapter 15, O.S.L. 2013 (21 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 1290.26), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1290.26

RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT AUTHORITY

The State of Oklahoma hereby recognizes any valid concealed or unconcealed carry weapons permit or license issued by another state, or if the state is a nonpermitting carry state, this state shall reciprocate under the permitting law of that state.

A. Any person entering this state in possession of a firearm authorized for concealed or unconcealed carry upon the authority and license of another state is authorized to continue to carry a concealed or unconcealed firearm and license in this state; provided the license from the other state remains valid. The firearm must either be carried unconcealed or concealed from detection and view, and upon coming in contact with any peace officer of this state, the person must disclose the fact that he or she is in possession of a concealed or unconcealed firearm pursuant to a valid concealed or unconcealed carry weapons permit or license issued in another state.

B. Any person entering this state in possession of a firearm authorized for concealed carry upon the authority of a state that is a nonpermitted carry state and the person is in compliance with the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, the person is authorized to carry a concealed firearm in this state. The firearm must be carried fully concealed from detection and view, and upon coming in contact with any peace officer of this state, the person must disclose the fact that he or she is in possession of a concealed firearm pursuant to the nonpermitting laws of the state in which he or she is a legal resident. The person shall present proper identification by a valid photo ID as proof that he or she is a legal resident in such a nonpermitting state. The Department of Public Safety shall keep a current list of non-permitting states for law enforcement officers to confirm that a state is nonpermitting.

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C. Any person who is twenty-one (21) years of age or older
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    having a valid firearm license from another state may apply for a
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        SECTION 24. This act shall become effective November 1, 2016.
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