

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 2625

By: West (Kevin) and Ritze of  
the House

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4 Bergstrom of the Senate

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7 An Act relating to firearms; amending 21 O.S. 2011,  
8 Section 1289.8, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter  
9 256, O.S.L. 2016 (21 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section  
10 1289.8), which relates to the Oklahoma Firearms Act  
of 1971; clarifying manner in which retired peace  
officers may carry firearms; and providing an  
effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1289.8, as  
15 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 256, O.S.L. 2016 (21 O.S. Supp.  
16 2017, Section 1289.8), is amended to read as follows:

17 Section 1289.8

18 CARRYING WEAPON

19 A. Any fire marshal inspector who is retired, state, county or  
20 municipal peace officer of this state who is retired, or any state,  
21 county or municipal peace officer classified as a reserve who is  
22 retired, or any federal law enforcement officer who is retired may  
23 retain their status as a peace officer, retired, in the State of  
24 Oklahoma, and as such may carry a firearm pursuant to the provisions

1 of subsection B of this section. A retired state, county or  
2 municipal peace officer may in times of great emergency or danger  
3 serve to enforce the law, keep the peace or to protect the public in  
4 keeping with their availability and ability at the request of the  
5 Governor, the sheriff or the mayor of their retirement jurisdiction.  
6 If a retired fire marshal is activated for duty, the peace officer  
7 powers of the retired fire marshal are limited to the duties granted  
8 prior to retirement.

9 B. The Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training  
10 (CLEET) shall issue an identification card to eligible retired  
11 federal, state, county, and municipal peace officers which  
12 authorizes the retired peace officer to carry a firearm ~~anywhere in~~  
13 throughout the State of Oklahoma. The identification card shall  
14 bear the full name of the retired officer, the signature of the  
15 retired officer, the date of issuance, and such other information as  
16 may be deemed appropriate by CLEET. The card shall expire every ten  
17 (10) years and may be denied, suspended or revoked as provided by  
18 the rules promulgated by CLEET or upon the discovery of any  
19 preclusion prescribed in Section 1290.10 or 1290.11 of this title.  
20 In order to renew the permit, the Council on Law Enforcement  
21 Education and Training shall request, pursuant to Section 150.9 of  
22 Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the Oklahoma State Bureau of  
23 Investigation to conduct a state and national criminal history  
24 records search on each retired peace officer authorized to carry a

1 firearm pursuant to the provisions of this section; and unless a  
2 preclusion prescribed in Section 1290.10 or 1290.11 of this title is  
3 found to exist, no action shall be necessary. A retired peace  
4 officer requesting a renewal of his or her permit shall submit to  
5 the Council a nonrefundable fee for a national criminal history  
6 record with fingerprint analysis, as provided in Section 150.9 of  
7 Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes. When a preclusion is discovered,  
8 the Council shall notify the retired peace officer and shall hold a  
9 hearing before taking any action to suspend or revoke the authority  
10 to carry a firearm.

11 C. The retired peace officer shall be required to submit the  
12 following information to the Council on Law Enforcement Education  
13 and Training (CLEET) and any other information requested by CLEET:

14 1. A statement from the appropriate law enforcement agency  
15 verifying the status of the person as a retired peace officer of  
16 that jurisdiction; and

17 2. A notarized statement, signed by the retired peace officer,  
18 stating that the officer:

19 a. has not been convicted of and is currently not subject  
20 to any pending criminal prosecution for any preclusion  
21 prescribed in Section 1290.10 or 1290.11 of this  
22 title,

23 b. has not been forced into retirement due to any mental  
24 disorder, and

1           c.    has not suffered any injury or any physical or mental  
2                    impairment which would render the person unsafe to  
3                    carry a firearm.

4           D.   A retired peace officer, who has made application for the  
5 CLEET identification card authorized in subsection B of this  
6 section, shall be authorized to carry a firearm as an off-duty peace  
7 officer, pursuant to Section 1289.23 of this title, until the  
8 authority to carry a firearm as a retired officer is finally  
9 approved or denied by CLEET.

10          E.   The Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training shall  
11 promulgate rules and procedures necessary to implement the  
12 provisions of this section.

13          F.   Any peace officer, retired, who carries any firearm in  
14 violation of the provisions of this section shall be deemed to be in  
15 violation of Section 1272 of this title and may be prosecuted as  
16 provided by law for a violation of that section.

17          SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2018.

1 Passed the House of Representatives the 8th day of March, 2018.

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4 Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

5 Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

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