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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 13-3112, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO WEAPONS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 13-3112, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 13-3112. Concealed weapons; qualification; application; permit
5 to carry; civil penalty; report; applicability;
6 annual report

7 A. The department of public safety shall issue a permit to carry a
8 concealed weapon to a person who is qualified under this section. The
9 person shall carry the permit at all times when the person is in actual
10 possession of the concealed weapon and is required by section 4-229 or
11 4-244 to carry the permit. If the person is in actual possession of the
12 concealed weapon and is required by section 4-229 or 4-244 to carry the
13 permit, the person shall present the permit for inspection to any law
14 enforcement officer on request. The department of public safety shall
15 prioritize applications of in-state residents when issuing a permit to
16 carry a concealed weapon.

17 B. The permit of a person who is arrested or indicted for an
18 offense that would make the person unqualified under section 13-3101,
19 subsection A, paragraph 7 or this section shall be immediately suspended
20 and seized. The permit of a person who becomes unqualified on conviction
21 of that offense shall be revoked. The permit shall be restored on
22 presentation of documentation from the court if the permittee is found not
23 guilty or the charges are dismissed. The permit shall be restored on
24 presentation of documentation from the county attorney that the charges
25 against the permittee were dropped or dismissed.

26 C. A permittee who carries a concealed weapon, who is required by
27 section 4-229 or 4-244 to carry a permit and who fails to present the
28 permit for inspection on the request of a law enforcement officer commits
29 a violation of this subsection and is subject to a civil penalty of not
30 more than \$300. The department of public safety shall be notified of all
31 violations of this subsection and shall immediately suspend the permit. A
32 permittee shall not be convicted of a violation of this subsection if the
33 permittee produces to the court a legible permit that is issued to the
34 permittee and that was valid at the time the permittee failed to present
35 the permit for inspection.

36 D. A law enforcement officer shall not confiscate or forfeit a
37 weapon that is otherwise lawfully possessed by a permittee whose permit is
38 suspended pursuant to subsection C of this section, except that a law
39 enforcement officer may take temporary custody of a firearm during an
40 investigatory stop of the permittee.

41 E. The department of public safety shall issue a permit to an
42 applicant who meets all of the following conditions:

- 43 1. Is a resident of this state or a United States citizen.
44 2. Is twenty-one years of age or older or is at least nineteen
45 years of age and provides evidence of current military service or proof of

1 honorable discharge or general discharge under honorable conditions from
2 the United States armed forces, the United States armed forces reserve or
3 a state national guard.

4 3. Is not under indictment for and has not been convicted in any
5 jurisdiction of a felony unless that conviction has been expunged, set
6 aside or vacated or the applicant's rights have been restored and the
7 applicant is currently not a prohibited possessor under state or federal
8 law.

9 4. Does not suffer from mental illness and has not been adjudicated
10 mentally incompetent or committed to a mental institution.

11 5. Is not unlawfully present in the United States.

12 6. Has ever demonstrated competence with a firearm as prescribed by
13 subsection N of this section and provides adequate documentation that the
14 person has satisfactorily completed a training program or demonstrated
15 competence with a firearm in any state or political subdivision in the
16 United States. For the purposes of this paragraph, "adequate
17 documentation" means:

18 (a) A current or expired permit issued by the department of public
19 safety pursuant to this section.

20 (b) An original or copy of a certificate, card or document that
21 shows the applicant has ever completed any course or class prescribed by
22 subsection N of this section or an affidavit from the instructor, school,
23 club or organization that conducted or taught the course or class
24 attesting to the applicant's completion of the course or class.

25 (c) An original or a copy of a United States department of defense
26 form 214 (DD-214) indicating an honorable discharge or general discharge
27 under honorable conditions, a certificate of completion of basic training
28 or any other document demonstrating proof of the applicant's current or
29 former service in the United States armed forces as prescribed by
30 subsection N, paragraph 5 of this section.

31 (d) An original or a copy of a concealed weapon, firearm or handgun
32 permit or a license as prescribed by subsection N, paragraph 6 of this
33 section.

34 F. The application shall be completed on a form prescribed by the
35 department of public safety. The form shall not require the applicant to
36 disclose the type of firearm for which a permit is sought. The applicant
37 shall attest under penalty of perjury that all of the statements made by
38 the applicant are true, that the applicant has been furnished a copy of
39 this chapter and chapter 4 of this title and that the applicant is
40 knowledgeable about the provisions contained in those chapters. The
41 applicant shall submit the application to the department with any
42 documentation prescribed by subsection E of this section, two sets of
43 fingerprints and a reasonable fee determined by the director of the
44 department IF THE APPLICANT IS NOT A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE. THE

1 DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT CHARGE A FEE IF THE APPLICANT IS A RESIDENT OF THIS
2 STATE.

3 G. On receipt of a concealed weapon permit application, the
4 department of public safety shall conduct a check of the applicant's
5 criminal history record pursuant to section 41-1750. The department of
6 public safety may exchange fingerprint card information with the federal
7 bureau of investigation for federal criminal history record checks.

8 H. The department of public safety shall complete all of the
9 required qualification checks within sixty days after receiving the
10 application and shall issue a permit within fifteen working days after
11 completing the qualification checks if the applicant meets all of the
12 conditions specified in subsection E of this section. If a permit is
13 denied, the department of public safety shall notify the applicant in
14 writing within fifteen working days after completing all of the required
15 qualification checks and shall state the reasons why the application was
16 denied. On receipt of the notification of the denial, the applicant has
17 twenty days to submit any additional documentation to the department. On
18 receipt of the additional documentation, the department shall reconsider
19 its decision and inform the applicant within twenty days of the result of
20 the reconsideration. If denied, the applicant shall be informed that the
21 applicant may request a hearing pursuant to title 41, chapter 6,
22 article 10. For the purposes of this subsection, "receiving the
23 application" means the first day that the department has physical control
24 of the application and that is presumed to be on the date of delivery as
25 evidenced by proof of delivery by the United States postal service or a
26 written receipt, which shall be provided by the department on request of
27 the applicant.

28 I. On issuance, a permit is valid for five years, except a permit
29 that is held by a member of the United States armed forces, including a
30 member of the Arizona national guard or a member of the reserves of any
31 military establishment of the United States, who is on federal active duty
32 and who is deployed overseas shall be extended until ninety days after the
33 end of the member's overseas deployment.

34 J. The department of public safety shall maintain a computerized
35 permit record system that is accessible to criminal justice agencies for
36 the purpose of confirming the permit status of any person who is contacted
37 by a law enforcement officer and who claims to hold a valid permit issued
38 by this state. This information and any other records that are maintained
39 regarding applicants, permit holders or instructors shall not be available
40 to any other person or entity except on an order from a state or federal
41 court. A criminal justice agency shall not use the computerized permit
42 record system to conduct inquiries on whether a person is a concealed
43 weapons permit holder unless the criminal justice agency has reasonable
44 suspicion to believe the person is carrying a concealed weapon and the

1 person is subject to a lawful criminal investigation, arrest, detention or
2 investigatory stop.

3 K. A permit issued pursuant to this section is renewable every five
4 years. At least sixty days before the expiration date of a permit, the
5 department of public safety shall send a renewal reminder notice and
6 renewal application form to the permit holder. Before a permit may be
7 renewed, a criminal history records check shall be conducted pursuant to
8 section 41-1750 within sixty days after receipt of the application for
9 renewal. For the purposes of permit renewal, the permit holder is not
10 required to submit additional fingerprints.

11 L. Applications for renewal shall be accompanied by a fee
12 determined by the director of the department of public safety IF THE
13 APPLICANT IS NOT A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE.

14 M. The department of public safety shall suspend or revoke a permit
15 issued under this section if the permit holder becomes ineligible pursuant
16 to subsection E of this section. The department of public safety shall
17 notify the permit holder in writing within fifteen working days after the
18 revocation or suspension and shall state the reasons for the revocation or
19 suspension.

20 N. An applicant shall demonstrate competence with a firearm through
21 any of the following:

22 1. Completion of any firearms safety or training course or class
23 that is available to the general public, that is offered by a law
24 enforcement agency, a junior college, a college or a private or public
25 institution, academy, organization or firearms training school and that is
26 approved by the department of public safety or that uses instructors who
27 are certified by the national rifle association.

28 2. Completion of any hunter education or hunter safety course
29 approved by the Arizona game and fish department or a similar agency of
30 another state.

31 3. Completion of any national rifle association firearms safety or
32 training course.

33 4. Completion of any law enforcement firearms safety or training
34 course or class that is offered for security guards, investigators,
35 special deputies or other divisions or subdivisions of law enforcement or
36 security enforcement and that is approved by the department of public
37 safety.

38 5. Evidence of current military service or proof of honorable
39 discharge or general discharge under honorable conditions from the United
40 States armed forces.

41 6. A valid current or expired concealed weapon, firearm or handgun
42 permit or license that is issued by another state or a political
43 subdivision of another state and that has a training or testing
44 requirement for initial issuance.

1 7. Completion of any governmental police agency firearms training
2 course and qualification to carry a firearm in the course of normal police
3 duties.

4 8. Completion of any other firearms safety or training course or
5 class that is conducted by a department of public safety approved or
6 national rifle association certified firearms instructor.

7 9. The department of public safety shall maintain information
8 comparing the number of permits requested, the number of permits issued
9 and the number of permits denied. The department shall annually report
10 this information electronically to the governor and the legislature.

11 P. The director of the department of public safety shall adopt
12 rules for the purpose of implementing and administering this section,
13 including fees relating to permits that are issued pursuant to this
14 section.

15 Q. This state and any political subdivision of this state shall
16 recognize a concealed weapon, firearm or handgun permit or license that is
17 issued by another state or a political subdivision of another state if
18 both:

19 1. The permit or license is recognized as valid in the issuing
20 state.

21 2. The permit or license holder is all of the following:

22 (a) Legally present in this state.

23 (b) Not legally prohibited from possessing a firearm in this state.

24 R. For the purpose of establishing mutual permit or license
25 recognition with other states, the department of public safety shall enter
26 into a written agreement if another state requires a written agreement.
27 The department of public safety shall submit an electronic report to the
28 governor and the legislature each year that includes any changes that were
29 made in the previous year to a written agreement with another state.

30 S. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, a person with a
31 concealed weapons permit from another state may not carry a concealed
32 weapon in this state if the person is under twenty-one years of age or is
33 under indictment for, or has been convicted of, a felony offense in any
34 jurisdiction, unless that conviction is expunged, set aside or vacated or
35 the person's rights have been restored and the person is currently not a
36 prohibited possessor under state or federal law.

37 T. The department of public safety may issue certificates of
38 firearms proficiency according to the Arizona peace officer standards and
39 training board firearms qualification for the purposes of implementing the
40 law enforcement officers safety act of 2004 (P.L. 108-277; 118 Stat. 865;
41 18 United States Code sections 926B and 926C). A law enforcement or
42 prosecutorial agency shall issue to a qualified retired law enforcement
43 officer who has honorably retired a photographic identification that
44 states that the officer has honorably retired from the agency. A person
45 who was a municipal, county or state prosecutor is deemed to meet the

1 qualifications of 18 United States Code section 926C(c)(2). The chief law
2 enforcement officer shall determine whether an officer has honorably
3 retired and the determination is not subject to review. A law enforcement
4 or prosecutorial agency has no obligation to revoke, alter or modify the
5 honorable discharge photographic identification based on conduct that the
6 agency becomes aware of or that occurs after the officer has separated
7 from the agency. For the purposes of this subsection, "qualified retired
8 law enforcement officer" has the same meaning prescribed in 18 United
9 States Code section 926C.

10 U. The initial and renewal application fees collected pursuant to
11 this section shall be deposited, pursuant to sections 35-146 and 35-147,
12 in the concealed weapons permit fund established by section 41-1722.

13 V. On or before July 31 of each year, the department of public
14 safety shall report to the joint legislative budget committee on the
15 number of concealed weapons permits issued in the prior fiscal year. The
16 report shall also include the number of outstanding concealed weapons
17 permit applications that have not been issued and the average turnaround
18 time to issue a concealed weapons permit.