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# HOUSE BILL 2469

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; certificate of firearms proficiency;  
6 training program; program instructors; report;  
7 applicability; violation; classification

8 A. The department of public safety shall issue a permit to carry a  
9 concealed weapon to a person who is qualified under this section. The person  
10 shall carry the permit at all times when the person is in actual possession  
11 of the concealed weapon and shall present the permit for inspection to any  
12 law enforcement officer on request.

13 B. A person who fails to carry the permit at all times that the person  
14 is in actual possession of a concealed weapon may have the permit suspended.  
15 The department of public safety shall be notified of all violations of this  
16 section and shall immediately suspend the permit. The permittee shall  
17 present the permit to the law enforcement agency or the court. On  
18 notification of the presentation of the permit, the department shall restore  
19 the permit.

20 C. The permit of a person who is arrested or indicted for an offense  
21 that would make the person unqualified under ~~the provisions of~~ section  
22 13-3101, subsection A, paragraph 6 or this section shall be immediately  
23 suspended and seized. The permit of a person who becomes unqualified on  
24 conviction of that offense shall be revoked. The permit shall be restored on  
25 presentation of documentation from the court if the permittee is found not  
26 guilty or the charges are dismissed. The permit shall be restored on  
27 presentation of documentation from the county attorney that the charges  
28 against the permittee were dropped or dismissed.

29 D. A ~~person~~ PERMITTEE WHO CARRIES A CONCEALED WEAPON AND who fails to  
30 present a permit for inspection on the request of a law enforcement officer  
31 is guilty of a ~~class 2 misdemeanor~~ PETTY OFFENSE. A ~~person~~ PERMITTEE shall  
32 not be convicted of a violation of this subsection if the ~~person~~ PERMITTEE  
33 produces to the court a legible permit that is issued to the ~~person~~ PERMITTEE  
34 and that was valid at the time the violation of this subsection occurred.

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

- 37 1. Is a resident of this state or a United States citizen.
- 38 2. Is twenty-one years of age or older.
- 39 3. Is not under indictment for and has not been convicted in any  
40 jurisdiction of a felony.
- 41 4. Does not suffer from mental illness and has not been adjudicated  
42 mentally incompetent or committed to a mental institution.
- 43 5. Is not unlawfully present in the United States.

1           6. Satisfactorily completes a firearms safety training program  
2 approved by the department of public safety pursuant to subsection 0 of this  
3 section. This paragraph does not apply to:

4           (a) A person who is an active duty Arizona peace officer standards and  
5 training board certified or federally credentialed peace officer or who is  
6 honorably retired as a federal, state or local peace officer with a minimum  
7 of ten years of service.

8           (b) A person who is an active duty county detention officer and who  
9 has been weapons certified by the officer's employing agency.

10          (c) A person who is issued a certificate of firearms proficiency  
11 pursuant to subsection X of this section.

12          F. The application shall be completed on a form prescribed by the  
13 department of public safety. The form shall not require the applicant to  
14 disclose the type of firearm for which a permit is sought. The applicant  
15 shall attest under penalty of perjury that all of the statements made by the  
16 applicant are true. The applicant shall submit the application to the  
17 department with a certificate of completion from an approved firearms safety  
18 training program, two sets of fingerprints and a reasonable fee determined by  
19 the director of the department.

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

25          H. The department of public safety shall complete all of the required  
26 qualification checks within sixty days after receipt of the application and  
27 shall issue a permit within fifteen working days after completing the  
28 qualification checks if the applicant meets all of the conditions specified  
29 in subsection E of this section. If a permit is denied, the department of  
30 public safety shall notify the applicant in writing within fifteen working  
31 days after the completion of all of the required qualification checks and  
32 shall state the reasons why the application was denied. On receipt of the  
33 notification of the denial, the applicant has twenty days to submit any  
34 additional documentation to the department. On receipt of the additional  
35 documentation, the department shall reconsider its decision and inform the  
36 applicant within twenty days of the result of the reconsideration. If  
37 denied, the applicant shall be informed that the applicant may request a  
38 hearing pursuant to title 41, chapter 6, article 10.

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

1 J. The department of public safety shall maintain a computerized  
2 permit record system that is accessible to criminal justice agencies for the  
3 purpose of confirming the permit status of any person who claims to hold a  
4 valid permit issued by this state. This information and any other records  
5 that are maintained regarding applicants, permit holders or instructors,  
6 shall not be available to any other person or entity except on an order from  
7 a state or federal court.

8 K. Notwithstanding subsection J of this section, it is a defense to  
9 any charge for carrying a deadly weapon without a permit by a member of the  
10 United States armed forces, including a member of the Arizona national guard  
11 or a member of the reserves of any military establishment of the United  
12 States, if the member was on federal active duty at the time the permit  
13 expired and the member presents documentation indicating release from active  
14 duty or reassignment from overseas deployment within the preceding ninety  
15 days.

16 L. A permit issued pursuant to this section is renewable every five  
17 years. Before a permit may be renewed, a criminal history records check  
18 shall be conducted pursuant to section 41-1750 within sixty days after  
19 receipt of the application for renewal. For the purposes of the first permit  
20 renewal only, the permit holder is required to submit additional fingerprints  
21 pursuant to this subsection. For the purposes of the second or subsequent  
22 permit renewal, the permit holder is not required to submit additional  
23 fingerprints pursuant to this subsection.

24 M. Applications for renewal shall be accompanied by a fee determined  
25 by the director of the department of public safety.

26 N. The department of public safety shall suspend or revoke a permit  
27 issued under this section if the permit holder becomes ineligible pursuant to  
28 subsection E of this section. The department of public safety shall notify  
29 the permit holder in writing within fifteen working days after the revocation  
30 or suspension and shall state the reasons for the revocation or suspension.

31 O. An organization shall apply to the department of public safety for  
32 approval of its firearms safety training program. The department shall  
33 approve a program that meets the following requirements:

- 34 1. Is at least eight hours in length.
- 35 2. Is conducted on a pass or fail basis.
- 36 3. Addresses all of the following topics in a format approved by the  
37 director of the department:
  - 38 (a) Legal issues relating to the use of deadly force.
  - 39 (b) Weapon care and maintenance.
  - 40 (c) Mental conditioning for the use of deadly force.
  - 41 (d) Safe handling and storage of weapons.
  - 42 (e) Marksmanship.
  - 43 (f) Judgmental shooting.

1           4. Is conducted by instructors who submit to a background  
2 investigation, including a check for warrants and a criminal history records  
3 check.

4           P. If approved pursuant to subsection O of this section, the  
5 organization shall submit to the department of public safety two sets of  
6 fingerprints from each instructor and a fee to be determined by the director  
7 of the department of public safety. On receipt of the fingerprints and fee,  
8 the department of public safety shall conduct a check of each instructor's  
9 criminal history record pursuant to section 41-1750. The department of  
10 public safety may exchange this fingerprint card information with the federal  
11 bureau of investigation for federal criminal history record checks.

12           Q. The proprietary interest of all approved instructors and programs  
13 shall be safeguarded, and the contents of any training program shall not be  
14 disclosed to any person or entity other than a bona fide criminal justice  
15 agency, except upon an order from a state or federal court.

16           R. If the department of public safety rejects a program, the rejected  
17 organization may request a hearing pursuant to title 41, chapter 6,  
18 article 10.

19           S. The department of public safety shall maintain information  
20 comparing the number of permits requested, the number of permits issued and  
21 the number of permits denied. The department shall annually report this  
22 information to the governor and the legislature.

23           T. The director of the department of public safety shall adopt rules  
24 for the purpose of implementing and administering the concealed weapons  
25 permit program including fees relating to permits and certificates that are  
26 issued pursuant to this section.

27           U. This state and any political subdivision of this state shall  
28 recognize a concealed weapon, firearm or handgun permit or license that is  
29 issued by another state or a political subdivision of another state if both:

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

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

32           (a) Not a resident of this state.

33           (b) Legally present in this state.

34           (c) Not legally prohibited from possessing a firearm in this state.

35           V. For the purpose of establishing mutual permit or license  
36 recognition with other states, the department of public safety shall enter  
37 into a written agreement if another state requires a written agreement.

38           W. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, a person with a  
39 concealed weapons permit from another state may not carry a concealed weapon  
40 in this state if the person is under twenty-one years of age or is under  
41 indictment for, or has been convicted of, a felony offense in any  
42 jurisdiction, even if the person's rights have been restored and the  
43 conviction is expunged, set aside or vacated.

1           X. The department of public safety may issue certificates of firearms  
2 proficiency according to the Arizona peace officer standards and training  
3 board firearms qualification for the purposes of implementing the law  
4 enforcement officers safety act of 2004 (P.L. 108-277; 118 Stat. 865; 18  
5 United States Code sections 926B and 926C). A law enforcement agency shall  
6 issue to a law enforcement officer who has honorably retired a photographic  
7 identification that states that the officer has honorably retired from the  
8 agency. The chief law enforcement officer shall determine whether an officer  
9 has honorably retired and the determination is not subject to review. A law  
10 enforcement agency has no obligation to revoke, alter or modify the honorable  
11 discharge photographic identification based on conduct that the agency  
12 becomes aware of or that occurs after the officer has separated from the  
13 agency.