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COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AMENDMENTS TO S.B. 1591 (Reference to Senate engrossed bill)

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1 The bill as proposed to be amended is reprinted as follows:

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

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5 6 13-3112. <u>Concealed weapons: qualification: application: permit</u>
 <u>to carry; civil penalty; report; applicability;</u>
 <u>annual report</u>

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.

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

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 1 a violation of this subsection and is subject to a civil penalty of not 2 more than \$300. The department of public safety shall be notified of all 3 violations of this subsection and shall immediately suspend the permit. A 4 permittee shall not be convicted of a violation of this subsection if the 5 permittee produces to the court a legible permit that is issued to the 6 permittee and that was valid at the time the permittee failed to present 7 the permit for inspection.

8 D. A law enforcement officer shall not confiscate or forfeit a 9 weapon that is otherwise lawfully possessed by a permittee whose permit is 10 suspended pursuant to subsection C of this section, except that a law 11 enforcement officer may take temporary custody of a firearm during an 12 investigatory stop of the permittee.

13 E. The department of public safety shall issue a permit to an 14 applicant who meets all of the following conditions:

15 1. Is a resident of this state or a United States citizen.

16 2. Is twenty-one years of age or older or is at least nineteen 17 years of age and provides evidence of current military service or proof of 18 honorable discharge or general discharge under honorable conditions from 19 the United States armed forces, the United States armed forces reserve or 20 a state national guard.

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

26 4. Does not suffer from mental illness and has not been adjudicated 27 mentally incompetent or committed to a mental institution.

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

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

35 (a) A current or expired permit issued by the department of public 36 safety pursuant to this section.

37 (b) An original or copy of a certificate, card or document that 38 shows the applicant has ever completed any course or class prescribed by 39 subsection N of this section or an affidavit from the instructor, school, 40 club or organization that conducted or taught the course or class 41 attesting to the applicant's completion of the course or class.

42 (c) An original or a copy of a United States department of defense 43 form 214 (DD-214) indicating an honorable discharge or general discharge 44 under honorable conditions, a certificate of completion of basic training 45 or any other document demonstrating proof of the applicant's current or 46 former service in the United States armed forces as prescribed by 47 subsection N, paragraph 5 of this section. 1 (d) An original or a copy of a concealed weapon, firearm or handgun 2 permit or a license as prescribed by subsection N, paragraph 6 of this 3 section.

F. The application shall be completed on a form prescribed by the department of public safety. The form shall not require the applicant to disclose the type of firearm for which a permit is sought. The applicant shall attest under penalty of perjury that all of the statements made by the applicant are true, that the applicant has been furnished a copy of this chapter and chapter 4 of this title and that the applicant is to knowledgeable about the provisions contained in those chapters. The applicant shall submit the application to the department with any documentation prescribed by subsection E of this section, two sets of fingerprints and a reasonable fee determined by the director of the department IF THE APPLICANT IS NOT A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL [NOT] CHARGE A FEE [THAT IS TEN PERCENT OF THE NONRESIDENT FEE] IF THE APPLICANT IS A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE.

17 G. On receipt of a concealed weapon permit application, the 18 department of public safety shall conduct a check of the applicant's 19 criminal history record pursuant to section 41-1750. The department of 20 public safety may exchange fingerprint card information with the federal 21 bureau of investigation for federal criminal history record checks.

22 H. The department of public safety shall complete all of the 23 required qualification checks within sixty days after receiving the 24 application and shall issue a permit within fifteen working days after 25 completing the qualification checks if the applicant meets all of the 26 conditions specified in subsection E of this section. If a permit is 27 denied, the department of public safety shall notify the applicant in 28 writing within fifteen working days after completing all of the required 29 gualification checks and shall state the reasons why the application was 30 denied. On receipt of the notification of the denial, the applicant has 31 twenty days to submit any additional documentation to the department. On 32 receipt of the additional documentation, the department shall reconsider 33 its decision and inform the applicant within twenty days of the result of 34 the reconsideration. If denied, the applicant shall be informed that the 35 applicant may request a hearing pursuant to title 41, chapter 6, 36 article 10. For the purposes of this subsection, "receiving the 37 application" means the first day that the department has physical control 38 of the application and that is presumed to be on the date of delivery as 39 evidenced by proof of delivery by the United States postal service or a 40 written receipt, which shall be provided by the department on request of 41 the applicant.

I. On issuance, a permit is valid for five years, except a permit that is held by a member of the United States armed forces, including a that member of the Arizona national guard or a member of the reserves of any final member of the Arizona national guard or a member of the reserves of any to military establishment of the United States, who is on federal active duty and who is deployed overseas shall be extended until ninety days after the the and of the member's overseas deployment. J. The department of public safety shall maintain a computerized permit record system that is accessible to criminal justice agencies for the purpose of confirming the permit status of any person who is contacted by a law enforcement officer and who claims to hold a valid permit issued by this state. This information and any other records that are maintained regarding applicants, permit holders or instructors shall not be available to any other person or entity except on an order from a state or federal court. A criminal justice agency shall not use the computerized permit record system to conduct inquiries on whether a person is a concealed weapons permit holder unless the criminal justice agency has reasonable suspicion to believe the person is carrying a concealed weapon and the person is subject to a lawful criminal investigation, arrest, detention or investigatory stop.

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

L. Applications for renewal shall be accompanied by a fee a determined by the director of the department of public safety IF THE APPLICANT IS NOT A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE. [THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CHARGE A FEE THAT IS TEN PERCENT OF THE NONRESIDENT FEE IF THE APPLICANT IS A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE.]

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

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

1. Completion of any firearms safety or training course or class 36 that is available to the general public, that is offered by a law 37 enforcement agency, a junior college, a college or a private or public 38 institution, academy, organization or firearms training school and that is 39 approved by the department of public safety or that uses instructors who 40 are certified by the national rifle association.

41 2. Completion of any hunter education or hunter safety course 42 approved by the Arizona game and fish department or a similar agency of 43 another state.

44 3. Completion of any national rifle association firearms safety or 45 training course.

46 4. Completion of any law enforcement firearms safety or training 47 course or class that is offered for security guards, investigators,

1 special deputies or other divisions or subdivisions of law enforcement or 2 security enforcement and that is approved by the department of public 3 safety. 4 5. Evidence of current military service or proof of honorable 5 discharge or general discharge under honorable conditions from the United 6 States armed forces. 7 6. A valid current or expired concealed weapon, firearm or handgun 8 permit or license that is issued by another state or a political 9 subdivision of another state and that has a training or testing 10 requirement for initial issuance. 7. Completion of any governmental police agency firearms training 11 12 course and qualification to carry a firearm in the course of normal police 13 duties. 8. Completion of any other firearms safety or training course or 14 15 class that is conducted by a department of public safety approved or 16 national rifle association certified firearms instructor. 0. The department of public safety shall maintain information 17 18 comparing the number of permits requested, the number of permits issued 19 and the number of permits denied. The department shall annually report 20 this information electronically to the governor and the legislature. P. The director of the department of public safety shall adopt 21 22 rules for the purpose of implementing and administering this section, 23 including fees relating to permits that are issued pursuant to this 24 section. Q. This state and any political subdivision of this state shall 25 26 recognize a concealed weapon, firearm or handgun permit or license that is 27 issued by another state or a political subdivision of another state if 28 both: 29 1. The permit or license is recognized as valid in the issuing 30 state. 2. The permit or license holder is all of the following: 31 32 (a) Legally present in this state. 33 (b) Not legally prohibited from possessing a firearm in this state. R. For the purpose of establishing mutual permit or license 34 35 recognition with other states, the department of public safety shall enter 36 into a written agreement if another state requires a written agreement. 37 The department of public safety shall submit an electronic report to the 38 governor and the legislature each year that includes any changes that were 39 made in the previous year to a written agreement with another state. S. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, a person with a 40 41 concealed weapons permit from another state may not carry a concealed 42 weapon in this state if the person is under twenty-one years of age or is 43 under indictment for, or has been convicted of, a felony offense in any 44 jurisdiction, unless that conviction is expunged, set aside or vacated or 45 the person's rights have been restored and the person is currently not a 46 prohibited possessor under state or federal law.

1 T. The department of public safety may issue certificates of 2 firearms proficiency according to the Arizona peace officer standards and 3 training board firearms qualification for the purposes of implementing the 4 law enforcement officers safety act of 2004 (P.L. 108-277; 118 Stat. 865; 5 18 United States Code sections 926B and 926C). A law enforcement or 6 prosecutorial agency shall issue to a qualified retired law enforcement 7 officer who has honorably retired a photographic identification that 8 states that the officer has honorably retired from the agency. A person 9 who was a municipal, county or state prosecutor is deemed to meet the 10 qualifications of 18 United States Code section 926C(c)(2). The chief law 11 enforcement officer shall determine whether an officer has honorably 12 retired and the determination is not subject to review. A law enforcement 13 or prosecutorial agency has no obligation to revoke, alter or modify the 14 honorable discharge photographic identification based on conduct that the 15 agency becomes aware of or that occurs after the officer has separated 16 from the agency. For the purposes of this subsection, "qualified retired 17 law enforcement officer" has the same meaning prescribed in 18 United 18 States Code section 926C.

U. The initial and renewal application fees collected pursuant to 20 this section shall be deposited, pursuant to sections 35-146 and 35-147, 21 in the concealed weapons permit fund established by section 41-1722.

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

28 Enroll and engross to conform
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