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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1269

5 By: Representative Johnson
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT CONCERNING HANDGUN TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR
9 VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES AND
10 CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES WHO
11 APPLY FOR A CONCEALED HANDGUN LICENSE; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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19 CONCEALED HANDGUN LICENSE.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-73-309(13), concerning the training
26 requirements for a person to obtain a license to carry a concealed handgun,
27 is amended to read as follows:

28 (13) Meets one (1) of the following requirements:

29 (A) Has satisfactorily completed a training course as
30 prescribed and approved by the director;

31 (B) Is on active duty with a branch of the United States
32 Armed Forces; or

33 (C) Has been honorably discharged from a branch of the
34 United States Armed Forces and has provided to the department a copy of a
35 form designated as a DD214 or its equivalent; and
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SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 5-73-320 is amended to read as follows:

5-73-320. License for certain members of the Arkansas National Guard or a reserve component or active duty military personnel.

(a) The Department of Arkansas State Police may issue a license under this subchapter to a person who:

(1) Is currently serving as a federally recognized commissioned or noncommissioned officer of the National Guard or a reserve component of the United States Armed Forces or an active duty member of the United States Armed Forces;

(2) Submits the following documents:

(A) A completed concealed handgun license application as prescribed by the department;

(B) A form specified by the Director of the Department of Arkansas State Police reflecting the fingerprints of the applicant;

(C) A properly completed and dated certificate from a concealed handgun carry training instructor who is registered with the department;

~~(D) A live fire qualification issued or granted by a branch of the United States Armed Forces or, in lieu of a live fire qualification, a letter dated and personally signed by a commanding officer or his or her designee stating that the applicant:~~

~~(i) Is a current member of the National Guard or a reserve component of the United States Armed Forces or an active duty member of the United States Armed Forces;~~

~~(ii) Is of good character and sound judgment; and~~

~~(iii) Has met the military qualification requirements for issuance and operation of a handgun within one (1) year of the application date~~ A form designated as a DD214 or its equivalent that shows that the person has been honorably discharged;

(E) A copy of the face or photograph side of a current United States Uniformed Services identification card, if the applicant is a member of the United States Armed Forces; and

(F) An electronic passport-style photo of the applicant, if the applicant does not hold an Arkansas driver's license or identification card; and

(3) Submits any required fees.

1 (b) Except as otherwise specifically stated in this section, the
2 license issued under this section is subject to ~~the provisions of~~ this
3 subchapter and any rules promulgated under § 5-73-317.

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