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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1899

5 By: Representative Bentley  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROCUREMENT OF A LICENSE TO  
9 CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN BY A VICTIM OF DOMESTIC  
10 ABUSE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

12 CONCERNING THE PROCUREMENT OF A LICENSE  
13 TO CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN BY A VICTIM  
14 OF DOMESTIC ABUSE.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 5, Chapter 73, Subchapter 3, is amended  
22 to add an additional section to read as follows:

23 5-73-324. Temporary license for victim of domestic abuse.

24 (a) A petitioner for an order of protection under § 9-15-201 et seq.  
25 may apply for a temporary license to carry a concealed handgun.

26 (b) To request a temporary license to carry a concealed handgun under  
27 this section, a petitioner for an order of protection shall apply for a  
28 license to possess a concealed handgun as required under this subchapter.

29 (c) Before the issuance of a temporary license to carry a concealed  
30 handgun under this section, the Department of Arkansas State Police, upon  
31 receipt of a completed application, application fee, and any documentation  
32 required under this subchapter, shall conduct a background check required  
33 under this subchapter.

34 (d) The department shall issue a temporary license to carry a  
35 concealed handgun under this section if the applicant is not otherwise  
36 disqualified under this subchapter.



1       (e)(1) A temporary license to carry a concealed handgun issued under  
2 this section shall be valid for forty-five (45) days from the date of  
3 issuance and not be subsequently extended or reissued.

4       (2) A temporary license to carry a concealed handgun that has  
5 expired shall be void and shall not be valid for any purpose.

6       (f) Within one (1) business day or as soon as practically possible  
7 after the date of receipt of the completed application, the department shall  
8 either issue the temporary license to carry a concealed handgun or deny the  
9 application based solely on the grounds that the applicant fails to qualify  
10 under this subchapter.

11       (g)(1) In order to convert the temporary license to carry a concealed  
12 handgun issued under this section into a license to possess a concealed  
13 handgun issued under this subchapter, the applicant shall meet the training  
14 requirement required under this subchapter within the forty-five (45) day  
15 period the temporary license to carry a concealed handgun is valid.

16       (2) If the required training is not completed within the forty-  
17 five (45) day temporary license to carry a concealed handgun period, a new  
18 application for a license to possess a concealed handgun shall be required.

19       (h) If the department denies the application for a temporary license  
20 to carry a concealed handgun, that decision shall be final, but the  
21 applicant's application for a license to carry a concealed handgun shall  
22 continue to be processed and either issued or denied in accordance with this  
23 subchapter.

24       (i)(1) A person who possesses a temporary license to carry a concealed  
25 handgun shall carry the license to carry a concealed handgun at all times the  
26 licensee is carrying a concealed handgun and shall display the license to  
27 carry a concealed handgun upon request of a law enforcement officer.

28       (2) A violation of this subsection is a violation with a penalty  
29 of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), but court costs shall not be assessed.

30       (j) The department shall maintain an automated list of licensees with  
31 a temporary license to carry a concealed handgun and pertinent information in  
32 the same manner as under § 5-73-307.

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