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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO REDUCE THE FEE FOR A CONCEALED CARRY
9 LICENSE; TO CREATE A LIFETIME CONCEALED CARRY
10 LICENSE; CONCERNING THE FEES FOR A LICENSE TO CARRY A
11 CONCEALED HANDGUN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 TO REDUCE THE FEE FOR A CONCEALED CARRY
15 LICENSE; TO CREATE A LIFETIME CONCEALED
16 CARRY LICENSE; AND CONCERNING THE FEES
17 FOR A LICENSE TO CARRY A CONCEALED
18 HANDGUN.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-73-301, concerning definitions applicable
25 to concealed handgun licensing, is amended to add an additional subdivision
26 to read as follows:

27 (7) "License to carry a concealed handgun" includes a standard
28 license to carry a concealed handgun and a lifetime license to carry a
29 concealed handgun.
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31 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 5-73-302 is amended to read as follows:
32 5-73-302. Authority to issue license.

33 (a) The Director of the Department of Arkansas State Police may issue
34 a license to carry a concealed handgun to a person qualified as provided in
35 this subchapter.

36 (b)(1) ~~For new licenses issued after July 31, 2007, the~~ A standard



1 license to carry a concealed handgun is valid throughout the state for a
2 period of five (5) years from the date of issuance.

3 ~~(2) After July 31, 2007, upon renewal, an existing valid license~~
4 ~~to carry a concealed handgun shall be issued for a period of five (5) years. A~~
5 lifetime license to carry a concealed handgun is valid throughout the state
6 for the lifetime of the licensee.

7 (c)(1)(A) ~~After July 31, 2007, a~~ A standard license to carry a
8 concealed handgun or renewal of a standard license to carry a concealed
9 handgun issued to a former elected county sheriff or appointed county sheriff
10 ~~of any county~~ of this state shall be issued for a period of five (5) years.

11 (B) ~~The license~~ A license to carry a concealed handgun
12 issued to a former elected county sheriff or appointed county sheriff is
13 revocable on the same grounds as other licenses to carry a concealed handgun.

14 (2)(A) The former elected county sheriff or appointed county
15 sheriff shall meet the same qualifications as all other applicants.

16 (B) However, the former elected county sheriff or
17 appointed county sheriff is exempt from the fee prescribed by § 5-73-
18 311(a)(2) and from the training requirements of § 5-73-309(13) for issuance.

19 (d) A lifetime license to carry a concealed handgun issued under this
20 section:

21 (1) Does not have a renewal requirement; and

22 (2) Is limited to carrying a concealed handgun and for
23 reciprocity recognition in other states.

24 (e) A person issued a standard license to carry a concealed handgun
25 may upgrade his or her standard license to carry a concealed handgun to a
26 lifetime license to carry a concealed handgun at any point during which the
27 person's standard license to carry a concealed handgun is valid by paying the
28 additional fee under § 5-73-311(a)(2)(B).

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30 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 5-73-308, concerning the issuance or denial
31 of a concealed carry license, is amended to add an additional subsection to
32 read as follows:

33 (c) A licensee with a lifetime license to carry a concealed handgun
34 that subsequently becomes revoked or suspended under this section is not
35 eligible to hold a lifetime license to carry a concealed handgun under any
36 circumstances and instead is eligible only to possess a standard license to

1 carry a concealed handgun if the revocation or suspension is reversed or
2 expires.

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4 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 5-73-311(a)(2), concerning the application
5 fee to obtain a concealed handgun license, is amended to read as follows:

6 (2)(A) A nonrefundable license fee of ~~one hundred dollars~~
7 ~~(\$100), except that the nonrefundable license fee is fifty dollars (\$50.00)~~
8 ~~if the applicant is sixty five (65) years of age or older~~ fifty dollars
9 (\$50.00) for an applicant who applies for a standard license to carry a
10 concealed handgun with a paper form provided by the department or if the
11 applicant applies for a standard license to carry a concealed handgun through
12 the department website.

13 (B) If a person is applying for a lifetime license to
14 carry a concealed handgun, the nonrefundable license fee is one hundred fifty
15 dollars (\$150);

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17 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 5-73-311, concerning the application
18 procedure for a concealed carry license, is amended to add an additional
19 subsection to read as follows:

20 (d) The application procedure for a lifetime license to carry a
21 concealed handgun shall not require any information or documentation not
22 required for a standard license to carry a concealed handgun.