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A Bill

SENATE BILL 223

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT PERMITTING A VICTIM OF DOMESTIC ABUSE TO APPLY
9 FOR AND RECEIVE AN EXPEDITED AND TEMPORARY LICENSE TO
10 CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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13 PERMITTING A VICTIM OF DOMESTIC ABUSE TO
14 APPLY FOR AND RECEIVE AN EXPEDITED AND
15 TEMPORARY LICENSE TO CARRY A CONCEALED
16 HANDGUN.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 5, Chapter 73, Subchapter 3, is amended
23 to add an additional section to read as follows:

24 5-73-327. Temporary license for victim of domestic abuse.

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

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

30 (c)(1) Before a temporary license to carry a concealed handgun under
31 this section is issued, the Department of Arkansas State Police, upon receipt
32 of a completed application, application fee, and any documentation required
33 under this subchapter, shall conduct a background check required under this
34 subchapter.

35 (2) The training requirement under this subchapter does not
36 apply to a temporary license to carry a concealed handgun issued under this



1 subchapter.

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

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

8 (2) A temporary license to carry a concealed handgun issued
9 under this section that has expired is void and is not valid for any purpose.

10 (f) Within one (1) business day or as soon as practicable after the
11 date of receipt of the completed application for a temporary license to carry
12 a concealed handgun, the department shall either issue the temporary license
13 to carry a concealed handgun or deny the application based solely on the
14 grounds that the applicant fails to qualify under this subchapter.

15 (g)(1) In order to convert a temporary license to carry a concealed
16 handgun issued under this section into a license to possess a concealed
17 handgun issued under this subchapter, the applicant shall meet the training
18 requirement required under this subchapter within the forty-five-day period
19 during which the temporary license to carry a concealed handgun is valid.

20 (2) If the required training under this subchapter is not
21 completed within the forty-five-day period, a new application for a license
22 to possess a concealed handgun is required.

23 (h) If the department denies the application for a temporary license
24 to carry a concealed handgun, the denial is final, but the applicant's
25 application for a license to carry a concealed handgun shall continue to be
26 processed and either issued or denied in accordance with this subchapter.

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

32 (2) A violation of this subsection is a violation with a fine of
33 twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), and court costs shall not be assessed.

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