HOUSE BILL No. 2042

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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AN ACT concerning firearms; relating to the personal and family protection act; relating to the recognition of licenses issued by another jurisdiction; relating to confidentiality of licensure documents; amending K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 75-7c03 and 75-7c06 and repealing the existing sections.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 75-7c03 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-7c03. (a) The attorney general shall issue licenses to carry concealed handguns to persons who comply with the application and training requirements of this act and who are not disqualified under K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 75-7c04, and amendments thereto. Such licenses shall be valid throughout the state for a period of four years from the date of issuance. The availability of licenses to carry concealed handguns under this act shall not be construed to impose a general prohibition on the carrying of handguns without such license, whether carried openly or concealed, or loaded or unloaded.

- (b) The license shall be a separate card, in a form prescribed by the attorney general, that is approximately the size of a Kansas driver's license and shall bear the licensee's signature, name, address, date of birth and driver's license number or nondriver's identification card number except that the attorney general shall assign a unique number for military applicants or their dependents described in K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 75-7c05(a) (1)(B), and amendments thereto.
- (c) (1) Subject to the provisions of subsection (c)(2), a valid license or permit to carry concealed weapons issued by another jurisdiction shall be recognized in this state, but only while the holder is not a resident of Kansas.
- (2) A valid license or permit that is recognized pursuant to this subsection shall only entitle the lawful holder thereof to carry concealed handguns, as defined by K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 75-7c02, and amendments thereto, in this state and the holder thereof shall otherwise act in accordance with the laws of this state while such holder is present in this state. The recognition of a license or permit pursuant to this subsection shall not be construed to impose a general prohibition on the carrying of handguns without such license, whether carried openly or concealed, or

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1 loaded or unloaded.

- (3) As used in this subsection, the terms "jurisdiction" and "license or permit" shall have the same meanings as provided in K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 75-7c04, and amendments thereto.
- Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 75-7c06 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-7c06. (a) The attorney general shall be the official custodian of all records relating to licenses issued pursuant to the personal and family protection act.
- (b) Except as provided by subsections (c) and (d), records relating to persons issued licenses pursuant to this act, persons applying for licenses pursuant to this act or persons who have had a license denied pursuant to this act shall be confidential and shall not be disclosed pursuant to the Kansas open records act. Any disclosure of a record in violation of this subsection is a class A misdemeanor. The provisions of this subsection shall apply to the office of the attorney general, the department of revenue, any sheriff's office or other law enforcement agency, and all employees, contractors and agents thereof, and any other agency, office, department or other governmental entity, and all employees, contractors and agents thereof, having access to or otherwise privy to any of the records described in this subsection.
- (c) Records of a person whose license has been suspended or revoked pursuant to this act shall be subject to public inspection in accordance with the open records act.
- (d) The attorney general shall maintain an automated listing of license holders and pertinent information, and such information shall be available at all times to all law enforcement agencies in this state, other states and the District of Columbia when requested for a legitimate law enforcement purpose.
- (e) Within 30 days after the changing of a permanent address, or within 30 days after the discovery that a license has been lost or destroyed, the licensee shall notify the attorney general of such change, loss or destruction. The attorney general, upon notice and opportunity for hearing in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas administrative procedure act, may order a licensee to pay a fine of not more than \$100, or may suspend the licensee's license for not more than 180 days, for failure to notify the attorney general pursuant to the provisions of this subsection.
- (f) In the event that a concealed handgun license is lost or destroyed, the license shall be automatically invalid, and the person to whom the license was issued, upon payment of \$15 to the attorney general, may obtain a duplicate, or substitute thereof, upon furnishing a notarized statement to the attorney general that such license has been lost or destroyed.
- Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 75-7c03 and 75-7c06 are hereby repealed.

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Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.