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A BILL

| Го | amend sections 109.69, 109.731, 1547.69, | 1 |
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| | 2923.11, 2923.12, 2923.121, 2923.122, 2923.123, | 2 |
| | 2923.124, 2923.125, 2923.126, 2923.128, | 3 |
| | 2923.129, 2923.1210, 2923.1213, 2923.16, and | 4 |
| | 4749.10 and to enact section 2923.111 of the | 5 |
| | Revised Code to allow a concealed handgun | 6 |
| | licensee to carry concealed all firearms other | 7 |
| | than dangerous ordnance or firearms that state | 8 |
| | or federal law prohibits the person from | 9 |
| | possessing and to provide that a person 21 years | 10 |
| | of age or older and not prohibited by federal | 11 |
| | law from possessing or receiving a firearm does | 12 |
| | not need a concealed handgun license in order to | 13 |
| | carry or have a concealed firearm and is subject | 14 |
| | to the same laws regarding concealed firearm | 15 |
| | carrying as a concealed handgun licensee | 16 |

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

| Section 1. That sections 109.69, 109.731, 1547.69, | 17 |
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| 2923.11, 2923.12, 2923.121, 2923.122, 2923.123, 2923.124, | 18 |
| 2923.125, 2923.126, 2923.128, 2923.129, 2923.1210, 2923.1213, | 19 |
| 2023 16 and 4740 10 he amended and section 2023 111 of the | 20 |

| Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: | 21 |
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| Sec. 109.69. (A) (1) The attorney general shall negotiate | 22 |
| and enter into a reciprocity agreement with any other license- | 23 |
| issuing state under which a concealed handgun license that is | 24 |
| issued by the other state is recognized in this state, except as | 25 |
| provided in division (B) of this section, if the attorney | 26 |
| general determines that both of the following apply: | 27 |
| (a) The eligibility requirements imposed by that license- | 28 |
| issuing state for that license are substantially comparable to | 29 |
| the eligibility requirements for a concealed handgun license | 30 |
| issued under section 2923.125 of the Revised Code. | 31 |
| (b) That license-issuing state recognizes a concealed | 32 |
| handgun license issued under section 2923.125 of the Revised | 33 |
| Code. | 34 |
| (2) A reciprocity agreement entered into under division | 35 |
| (A) (1) of this section also may provide for the recognition in | 36 |
| this state of a concealed handgun license issued on a temporary | 37 |
| or emergency basis by the other license-issuing state, if the | 38 |
| eligibility requirements imposed by that license-issuing state | 39 |
| for the temporary or emergency license are substantially | 40 |
| comparable to the eligibility requirements for a concealed | 41 |
| handgun license issued under section 2923.125 or 2923.1213 of | 42 |
| the Revised Code and if that license-issuing state recognizes a | 43 |
| concealed handgun license issued under section 2923.1213 of the | 44 |
| Revised Code. | 45 |
| (3) The attorney general shall not negotiate any agreement | 46 |
| with any other license-issuing state under which a concealed | 47 |
| handgun license issued by the other state is recognized in this | 48 |
| state other than as provided in divisions (A)(1) and (2) of this | 49 |

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(B) (1) If, on or after the effective date of this-51 amendment March 23, 2015, a person who is a resident of this 52 state has a valid concealed handgun license that was issued by 53 another license-issuing state that has entered into a 54 reciprocity agreement with the attorney general under division 55 (A) (1) of this section or the attorney general determines that 56 the eligibility requirements imposed by that license-issuing 57 state for that license are substantially comparable to the 58 eligibility requirements for a concealed handgun license issued 59 under section 2923.125 of the Revised Code, the license issued 60 by the other license-issuing state shall be recognized in this 61 state, shall be accepted and valid in this state, and grants the 62 person the same right to carry a concealed handgun in this state 63 as a person who was issued a concealed handgun license under 64 section 2923.125 of the Revised Code. 6.5

(2) If, on or after the effective date of this amendment 66 March 23, 2015, a person who is a resident of this state has a 67 valid concealed handgun license that was issued by another 68 license-issuing state that has not entered into a reciprocity 69 agreement with the attorney general under division (A)(1) of 70 this section, the license issued by the other license-issuing 71 state shall be recognized in this state, shall be accepted and 72 valid in this state, and grants the person the same right to 73 carry a concealed handqun in this state as a person who was 74 issued a concealed handqun license under section 2923.125 of the 75 Revised Code for a period of six months after the person became 76 a resident of this state. After that six-month period, if the 77 person wishes to obtain a concealed handgun license, the person 78 shall apply for a concealed handqun license pursuant to section 79 2923.125 of the Revised Code. 80 S. B. No. 142 Page 4
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| (3) If, on or after the effective date of this amendment | 81 |
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| March 23, 2015, a person who is not a resident of this state has | 82 |
| a valid concealed handgun license that was issued by another | 83 |
| license-issuing state, regardless of whether the other license- | 84 |
| issuing state has entered into a reciprocity agreement with the | 85 |
| attorney general under division (A)(1) of this section, and the | 86 |
| person is temporarily in this state, during the time that the | 87 |
| person is temporarily in this state the license issued by the | 88 |
| other license-issuing state shall be recognized in this state, | 89 |
| shall be accepted and valid in this state, and grants the person | 90 |
| the same right to carry a concealed handgun in this state as a | 91 |
| person who was issued a concealed handgun license under section | 92 |
| 2923.125 of the Revised Code. | 93 |
| (C) The attorney general shall publish each determination | 94 |
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| described in division (B)(1) of this section that the attorney | 95 |
| general makes in the same manner that written agreements entered | 96 |
| into under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section are published. | 97 |
| (D) As used in this section: | 98 |
| (1) "Handgun," "firearm," "concealed handgun license," and | 99 |
| "valid concealed handgun license" have the same meanings as in | 100 |
| section 2923.11 of the Revised Code. | 101 |
| (2) "License-issuing state" means a state other than this | 102 |
| state that, pursuant to law, provides for the issuance of a | 103 |
| license to carry a concealed handgun or a license to carry a | 104 |
| concealed firearm. | 105 |
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| Sec. 109.731. (A)(1) The attorney general shall prescribe, | 106 |
| and shall make available to sheriffs an application form that is | 107 |
| to be used under section 2923.125 of the Revised Code by a | 108 |
| person who applies for a concealed handgun license and an | 109 |

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| application form that is to be used under section 2923.125 of | 110 |
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| the Revised Code by a person who applies for the renewal of a | 111 |
| license of that nature. The attorney general shall design the | 112 |
| form to enable applicants to provide the information that is | 113 |
| required by law to be collected, and shall update the form as | 114 |
| necessary. Burdens or restrictions to obtaining a concealed | 115 |
| handgun license that are not expressly prescribed in law shall | 116 |
| not be incorporated into the form. The attorney general shall | 117 |
| post a printable version of the form on the web site of the | 118 |
| attorney general and shall provide the address of the web site | 119 |
| to any person who requests the form. | 120 |
| (2) The Ohio peace officer training commission shall | 121 |
| prescribe, and shall make available to sheriffs, all of the | 122 |
| following: | 123 |
| (a) A form for the concealed handgun license that is to be | 124 |
| issued by sheriffs to persons who qualify for a concealed | 125 |
| handgun license under section 2923.125 of the Revised Code and | 126 |
| that conforms to the following requirements: | 127 |
| (i) It has space for the licensee's full name, residence | 128 |
| address, and date of birth and for a color photograph of the | 129 |
| licensee. | 130 |
| (ii) It has space for the date of issuance of the license, | 131 |
| its expiration date, its county of issuance, the name of the | 132 |
| sheriff who issues the license, and the unique combination of | 133 |
| letters and numbers that identify the county of issuance and the | 134 |
| license given to the licensee by the sheriff in accordance with | 135 |
| division (A)(2)(c) of this section. | 136 |
| (iii) It has space for the signature of the licensee and | 137 |

the signature or a facsimile signature of the sheriff who issues

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| the license. | 139 |
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| (iv) It does not require the licensee to include serial | 140 |
| numbers of handguns firearms, other identification related to | 141 |
| handguns firearms, or similar data that is not pertinent or | 142 |
| relevant to obtaining the license and that could be used as a de | 143 |
| facto means of registration of handguns-firearms owned by the | 144 |
| licensee. | 145 |
| (b) A series of three-letter county codes that identify | 146 |
| each county in this state; | 147 |
| (c) A procedure by which a sheriff shall give each | 148 |
| concealed handgun license, replacement concealed handgun | 149 |
| license, or renewal concealed handgun license and each concealed | 150 |
| handgun license on a temporary emergency basis or replacement | 151 |
| license on a temporary emergency basis the sheriff issues under | 152 |
| section 2923.125 or 2923.1213 of the Revised Code a unique | 153 |
| combination of letters and numbers that identifies the county in | 154 |
| which the license was issued and that uses the county code and a | 155 |
| unique number for each license the sheriff of that county | 156 |
| issues; | 157 |
| (d) A form for a concealed handgun license on a temporary | 158 |
| emergency basis that is to be issued by sheriffs to persons who | 159 |
| qualify for such a license under section 2923.1213 of the | 160 |
| Revised Code, which form shall conform to all the requirements | 161 |
| set forth in divisions (A)(2)(a)(i) to (iv) of this section and | 162 |
| shall additionally conspicuously specify that the license is | 163 |
| issued on a temporary emergency basis and the date of its | 164 |
| issuance. | 165 |
| (B)(1) The Ohio peace officer training commission, in | 166 |
| consultation with the attorney general, shall prepare a pamphlet | 167 |

| that does all of the following, in everyday language: | 168 |
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| (a) Explains the firearms laws of this state; | 169 |
| (b) Instructs the reader in dispute resolution and | 170 |
| explains the laws of this state related to that matter; | 171 |
| (c) Provides information to the reader regarding all | 172 |
| aspects of the use of deadly force with a firearm, including, | 173 |
| but not limited to, the steps that should be taken before | 174 |
| contemplating the use of, or using, deadly force with a firearm, | 175 |
| possible alternatives to using deadly force with a firearm, and | 176 |
| the law governing the use of deadly force with a firearm. | 177 |
| (2) The attorney general shall consult with and assist the | 178 |
| commission in the preparation of the pamphlet described in | 179 |
| division (B)(1) of this section and, as necessary, shall | 180 |
| recommend to the commission changes in the pamphlet to reflect | 181 |
| changes in the law that are relevant to it. The attorney general | 182 |
| shall publish the pamphlet on the web site of the attorney | 183 |
| general and shall provide the address of the web site to any | 184 |
| person who requests the pamphlet. | 185 |
| (3) The attorney general shall create and maintain a | 186 |
| section on the attorney general's web site that provides | 187 |
| information on firearms laws of this state specifically | 188 |
| applicable to members of the armed forces of the United States | 189 |
| and a link to the pamphlet described in division (B)(1) of this | 190 |
| section. | 191 |
| (C) The Ohio peace officer training commission shall | 192 |
| maintain statistics with respect to the issuance, renewal, | 193 |
| suspension, revocation, and denial of concealed handgun licenses | 194 |
| under section 2923.125 of the Revised Code and the suspension of | 195 |
| processing of applications for those licenses, and with respect | 196 |

| to the issuance, suspension, revocation, and denial of concealed | 197 |
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| handgun licenses on a temporary emergency basis under section | 198 |
| 2923.1213 of the Revised Code, as reported by the sheriffs | 199 |
| pursuant to division (C) of section 2923.129 of the Revised | 200 |
| Code. Not later than the first day of March in each year, the | 201 |
| commission shall submit a statistical report to the governor, | 202 |
| the president of the senate, and the speaker of the house of | 203 |
| representatives indicating the number of concealed handgun | 204 |
| licenses that were issued, renewed, suspended, revoked, and | 205 |
| denied under section 2923.125 of the Revised Code in the | 206 |
| previous calendar year, the number of applications for those | 207 |
| licenses for which processing was suspended in accordance with | 208 |
| division (D)(3) of that section in the previous calendar year, | 209 |
| and the number of concealed handgun licenses on a temporary | 210 |
| emergency basis that were issued, suspended, revoked, or denied | 211 |
| under section 2923.1213 of the Revised Code in the previous | 212 |
| calendar year. Nothing in the statistics or the statistical | 213 |
| report shall identify, or enable the identification of, any | 214 |
| individual who was issued or denied a license, for whom a | 215 |
| license was renewed, whose license was suspended or revoked, or | 216 |
| for whom application processing was suspended. The statistics | 217 |
| and the statistical report are public records for the purpose of | 218 |
| section 149.43 of the Revised Code. | 219 |
| (D) As used in this section, "concealed handgun license," | 220 |
| "firearm," and "handgun" have the same meanings as in section | 221 |
| 2923.11 of the Revised Code. | 222 |
| Sec. 1547.69. (A) As used in this section: | 223 |
| (1) "Firearm," "concealed handgun license," "handgun," | 224 |
| <pre>"restricted firearm," "valid concealed handgun license," and</pre> | 225 |
| "active duty" have the same meanings as in section 2923.11 of | 226 |

| the Revised Code. | 227 |
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| (2) "Unloaded" has the same meanings as in divisions (K) | 228 |
| (5) and (6) of section 2923.16 of the Revised Code, except that | 229 |
| all references in the definition in division (K)(5) of that | 230 |
| section to "vehicle" shall be construed for purposes of this | 231 |
| section to be references to "vessel." | 232 |
| (B) No person shall knowingly discharge a firearm while in | 233 |
| or on a vessel. | 234 |
| (C) No person shall knowingly transport or have a loaded | 235 |
| firearm in a vessel in a manner that the firearm is accessible | 236 |
| to the operator or any passenger. | 237 |
| (D) No person shall knowingly transport or have a firearm | 238 |
| in a vessel unless it is unloaded and is carried in one of the | 239 |
| following ways: | 240 |
| (1) In a closed package, box, or case; | 241 |
| (2) In plain sight with the action opened or the weapon | 242 |
| stripped, or, if the firearm is of a type on which the action | 243 |
| will not stay open or that cannot easily be stripped, in plain | 244 |
| sight. | 245 |
| (E) (1) The affirmative defenses authorized in divisions | 246 |
| (D)(1) and (2) of section 2923.12 of the Revised Code are | 247 |
| affirmative defenses to a charge under division (C) or (D) of | 248 |
| this section that involves a firearm other than a handgun <u>if</u> | 249 |
| division (H)(2) of this section does not apply to the person | 250 |
| <u>charged</u> . It is an affirmative defense to a charge under division | 251 |
| (C) or (D) of this section of transporting or having a firearm | 252 |
| of any type, including a handgun, in a vessel that the actor | 253 |
| transported or had the firearm in the vessel for any lawful | 254 |
| purpose and while the vessel was on the actor's own property, | 255 |

| provided that this affirmative defense is not available unless | 256 |
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| the actor, prior to arriving at the vessel on the actor's own | 257 |
| property, did not transport or possess the firearm in the vessel | 258 |
| or in a motor vehicle in a manner prohibited by this section or | 259 |
| division (B) or (C) of section 2923.16 of the Revised Code while | 260 |
| the vessel was being operated on a waterway that was not on the | 261 |
| actor's own property or while the motor vehicle was being | 262 |
| operated on a street, highway, or other public or private | 263 |
| property used by the public for vehicular traffic. | 264 |
| (2) No person who is charged with a violation of division | 265 |
| (C) or (D) of this section shall be required to obtain a license | 266 |
| or temporary emergency license to carry a concealed handgun | 267 |
| under section 2923.125 or 2923.1213 of the Revised Code as a | 268 |
| condition for the dismissal of the charge. | 269 |
| (F) Divisions (B), (C), and (D) of this section do not | 270 |
| apply to the possession or discharge of a United States coast | 271 |
| guard approved signaling device required to be carried aboard a | 272 |
| vessel under section 1547.251 of the Revised Code when the | 273 |
| signaling device is possessed or used for the purpose of giving | 274 |
| a visual distress signal. No person shall knowingly transport or | 275 |
| possess any signaling device of that nature in or on a vessel in | 276 |
| a loaded condition at any time other than immediately prior to | 277 |
| the discharge of the signaling device for the purpose of giving | 278 |
| a visual distress signal. | 279 |
| (G) No person shall operate or permit to be operated any | 280 |
| vessel on the waters in this state in violation of this section. | 281 |
| (H)(1) This section does not apply to any of the | 282 |

(a) An officer, agent, or employee of this or any other

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following:

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| state or of the United States, or to a law enforcement officer, | 285 |
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| when authorized to carry or have loaded or accessible firearms | 286 |
| in a vessel and acting within the scope of the officer's, | 287 |
| agent's, or employee's duties; | 288 |
| (b) Any person who is employed in this state, who is | 289 |
| authorized to carry or have loaded or accessible firearms in a | 290 |
| vessel, and who is subject to and in compliance with the | 291 |
| requirements of section 109.801 of the Revised Code, unless the | 292 |
| appointing authority of the person has expressly specified that | 293 |
| the exemption provided in division (H)(1)(b) of this section | 294 |
| does not apply to the person; | 295 |
| (c) Any person legally engaged in hunting. | 296 |
| (2) Divisions (a) Subject to division (H)(2)(b) of this | 297 |
| section, divisions (C) and (D) of this section do not apply to a | 298 |
| person who transports or possesses $\frac{1}{2}$ handgun—in a vessel \underline{a} | 299 |
| firearm that is not a restricted firearm and who, at the time of | 300 |
| that transportation or possession, either—is carrying a valid | 301 |
| concealed handgun license, is deemed under division (C) of | 302 |
| section 2923.111 of the Revised Code to have been issued a | 303 |
| concealed handgun license under section 2923.125 of the Revised | 304 |
| <pre>Code, or is an active duty member of the armed forces of the</pre> | 305 |
| United States and is carrying a valid military identification | 306 |
| card and documentation of successful completion of firearms | 307 |
| training that meets or exceeds the training requirements | 308 |
| described in division (G)(1) of section 2923.125 of the Revised | 309 |
| Code, unless. | 310 |
| (b) The exemptions specified in division (H)(2)(a) of this | 311 |
| section do not apply to a person if the person, at the time of | 312 |
| the transport or possession in question, knowingly is in a an | 313 |
| unauthorized place on the vessel described specified in division | 314 |

| (B) of section 2923.126 of the Revised Code or knowingly is | 315 |
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| transporting or possessing the firearm in any prohibited manner | 316 |
| listed in that division. | 317 |
| (I) If a law enforcement officer stops a vessel for a | 318 |
| violation of this section or any other law enforcement purpose, | 319 |
| if any person on the vessel surrenders a firearm to the officer, | 320 |
| either voluntarily or pursuant to a request or demand of the | 321 |
| officer, and if the officer does not charge the person with a | 322 |
| violation of this section or arrest the person for any offense, | 323 |
| the person is not otherwise prohibited by law from possessing | 324 |
| the firearm, and the firearm is not contraband, the officer | 325 |
| shall return the firearm to the person at the termination of the | 326 |
| stop. | 327 |
| (J) Division (L) of section 2923.16 of the Revised Code | 328 |
| applies with respect to division (A)(2) of this section, except | 329 |
| that all references in division (L) of section 2923.16 of the | 330 |
| Revised Code to "vehicle," to "this chapter," or to "division | 331 |
| (K)(5)(a) or (b) of this section" shall be construed for | 332 |
| purposes of this section to be, respectively, references to | 333 |
| "vessel," to "section 1547.69 of the Revised Code," and to | 334 |
| <u>"</u> divisions (K)(5)(a) and (b) of section 2923.16 of the Revised | 335 |
| Code as incorporated under the definition of firearm adopted | 336 |
| under division (A)(2) of this section. " | 337 |
| Sec. 2923.11. As used in sections 2923.11 to 2923.24 of | 338 |
| the Revised Code: | 339 |
| (A) "Deadly weapon" means any instrument, device, or thing | 340 |
| capable of inflicting death, and designed or specially adapted | 341 |
| for use as a weapon, or possessed, carried, or used as a weapon. | 342 |
| (B)(1) "Firearm" means any deadly weapon capable of | 343 |

| expelling or propelling one or more projectiles by the action of | 344 |
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| an explosive or combustible propellant. "Firearm" includes an | 345 |
| unloaded firearm, and any firearm that is inoperable but that | 346 |
| can readily be rendered operable. | 347 |
| (2) When determining whether a firearm is capable of | 348 |
| expelling or propelling one or more projectiles by the action of | 349 |
| an explosive or combustible propellant, the trier of fact may | 350 |
| rely upon circumstantial evidence, including, but not limited | 351 |
| to, the representations and actions of the individual exercising | 352 |
| control over the firearm. | 353 |
| (C) "Handgun" means any of the following: | 354 |
| (1) Any firearm that has a short stock and is designed to | 355 |
| be held and fired by the use of a single hand; | 356 |
| (2) Any combination of parts from which a firearm of a | 357 |
| type described in division (C)(1) of this section can be | 358 |
| assembled. | 359 |
| (D) "Semi-automatic firearm" means any firearm designed or | 360 |
| specially adapted to fire a single cartridge and automatically | 361 |
| chamber a succeeding cartridge ready to fire, with a single | 362 |
| function of the trigger. | 363 |
| (E) "Automatic firearm" means any firearm designed or | 364 |
| specially adapted to fire a succession of cartridges with a | 365 |
| single function of the trigger. | 366 |
| (F) "Sawed-off firearm" means a shotgun with a barrel less | 367 |
| than eighteen inches long, or a rifle with a barrel less than | 368 |
| sixteen inches long, or a shotgun or rifle less than twenty-six | 369 |
| inches long overall. | 370 |
| (G) "Zip-gun" means any of the following: | 371 |

| (1) Any firearm of crude and extemporized manufacture; | 372 |
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| (2) Any device, including without limitation a starter's | 373 |
| pistol, that is not designed as a firearm, but that is specially | 374 |
| adapted for use as a firearm; | 375 |
| (3) Any industrial tool, signalling device, or safety | 376 |
| device, that is not designed as a firearm, but that as designed | 377 |
| is capable of use as such, when possessed, carried, or used as a | 378 |
| firearm. | 379 |
| (H) "Explosive device" means any device designed or | 380 |
| specially adapted to cause physical harm to persons or property | 381 |
| by means of an explosion, and consisting of an explosive | 382 |
| substance or agency and a means to detonate it. "Explosive | 383 |
| device" includes without limitation any bomb, any explosive | 384 |
| demolition device, any blasting cap or detonator containing an | 385 |
| explosive charge, and any pressure vessel that has been | 386 |
| knowingly tampered with or arranged so as to explode. | 387 |
| (I) "Incendiary device" means any firebomb, and any device | 388 |
| designed or specially adapted to cause physical harm to persons | 389 |
| or property by means of fire, and consisting of an incendiary | 390 |
| substance or agency and a means to ignite it. | 391 |
| (J) "Ballistic knife" means a knife with a detachable | 392 |
| blade that is propelled by a spring-operated mechanism. | 393 |
| (K) "Dangerous ordnance" means any of the following, | 394 |
| except as provided in division (L) of this section: | 395 |
| (1) Any automatic or sawed-off firearm, zip-gun, or | 396 |
| ballistic knife; | 397 |
| (2) Any explosive device or incendiary device; | 398 |
| (3) Nitroglycerin, nitrocellulose, nitrostarch, PETN, | 399 |

| cyclonite, TNT, picric acid, and other high explosives; amatol, | 400 |
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| tritonal, tetrytol, pentolite, pecretol, cyclotol, and other | 401 |
| high explosive compositions; plastic explosives; dynamite, | 402 |
| blasting gelatin, gelatin dynamite, sensitized ammonium nitrate, | 403 |
| liquid-oxygen blasting explosives, blasting powder, and other | 404 |
| blasting agents; and any other explosive substance having | 405 |
| sufficient brisance or power to be particularly suitable for use | 406 |
| as a military explosive, or for use in mining, quarrying, | 407 |
| excavating, or demolitions; | 408 |
| (4) Any firearm, rocket launcher, mortar, artillery piece, | 409 |
| grenade, mine, bomb, torpedo, or similar weapon, designed and | 410 |
| manufactured for military purposes, and the ammunition for that | 411 |
| weapon; | 412 |
| (5) Any firearm muffler or suppressor; | 413 |
| (6) Any combination of parts that is intended by the owner | 414 |
| for use in converting any firearm or other device into a | 415 |
| dangerous ordnance. | 416 |
| (L) "Dangerous ordnance" does not include any of the | 417 |
| following: | 418 |
| (1) Any firearm, including a military weapon and the | 419 |
| ammunition for that weapon, and regardless of its actual age, | 420 |
| that employs a percussion cap or other obsolete ignition system, | 421 |
| or that is designed and safe for use only with black powder; | 422 |
| (2) Any pistol, rifle, or shotgun, designed or suitable | 423 |
| for sporting purposes, including a military weapon as issued or | 424 |
| as modified, and the ammunition for that weapon, unless the | 425 |
| firearm is an automatic or sawed-off firearm; | 426 |
| (3) Any cannon or other artillery piece that, regardless | 427 |
| of its actual age, is of a type in accepted use prior to 1887, | 428 |

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| has no mechanical, hydraulic, pneumatic, or other system for | 429 |
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| absorbing recoil and returning the tube into battery without | 430 |
| displacing the carriage, and is designed and safe for use only | 431 |
| with black powder; | 432 |
| (4) Black powder, priming quills, and percussion caps | 433 |
| possessed and lawfully used to fire a cannon of a type defined | 434 |
| in division (L)(3) of this section during displays, | 435 |
| celebrations, organized matches or shoots, and target practice, | |
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| and smokeless and black powder, primers, and percussion caps | 437 |
| possessed and lawfully used as a propellant or ignition device | 438 |
| in small-arms or small-arms ammunition; | 439 |
| (5) Dangerous ordnance that is inoperable or inert and | 440 |
| cannot readily be rendered operable or activated, and that is | 441 |
| kept as a trophy, souvenir, curio, or museum piece. | 442 |
| (6) Any device that is expressly excepted from the | 443 |
| definition of a destructive device pursuant to the "Gun Control | 444 |
| Act of 1968," 82 Stat. 1213, 18 U.S.C. 921(a)(4), as amended, | 445 |
| and regulations issued under that act. | 446 |
| (M) "Explosive" means any chemical compound, mixture, or | 447 |
| device, the primary or common purpose of which is to function by | 448 |
| explosion. "Explosive" includes all materials that have been | 449 |
| classified as division 1.1, division 1.2, division 1.3, or | 450 |
| division 1.4 explosives by the United States department of | 451 |
| transportation in its regulations and includes, but is not | 452 |
| limited to, dynamite, black powder, pellet powders, initiating | 453 |
| explosives, blasting caps, electric blasting caps, safety fuses, | 454 |
| fuse igniters, squibs, cordeau detonant fuses, instantaneous | 455 |
| fuses, and igniter cords and igniters. "Explosive" does not | 456 |
| include "fireworks," as defined in section 3743.01 of the | 457 |
| Revised Code, or any substance or material otherwise meeting the | 458 |

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definition of explosive set forth in this section that is 459 manufactured, sold, possessed, transported, stored, or used in 460 any activity described in section 3743.80 of the Revised Code, 461 provided the activity is conducted in accordance with all 462 applicable laws, rules, and regulations, including, but not 463 limited to, the provisions of section 3743.80 of the Revised 464 Code and the rules of the fire marshal adopted pursuant to 465 section 3737.82 of the Revised Code. 466

- (N) (1) "Concealed handgun license" or "license to carry a 467 concealed handgun" means, subject to division (N)(2) of this 468 section, a license or temporary emergency license to carry a 469 concealed handgun—issued under section 2923.125 or 2923.1213 of 470 the Revised Code that authorizes the person to whom it is issued 471 to carry a concealed firearm other than a restricted firearm or 472 a license to carry a concealed handgun issued by another state 473 with which the attorney general has entered into a reciprocity 474 agreement under section 109.69 of the Revised Code that 475 authorizes the person to whom it is issued either to carry a 476 concealed handgun or to carry a concealed firearm other than a 477 restricted firearm. 478
- (2) A reference in any provision of the Revised Code to a 479 concealed handgun license issued under section 2923.125 of the 480 Revised Code or a license to carry a concealed handgun issued 481 under section 2923.125 of the Revised Code means only a license 482 of the type that is specified in that section. A reference in 483 any provision of the Revised Code to a concealed handqun license 484 issued under section 2923.1213 of the Revised Code, a license to 485 carry a concealed handgun issued under section 2923.1213 of the 486 Revised Code, or a license to carry a concealed handgun on a 487 temporary emergency basis means only a license of the type that 488 is specified in section 2923.1213 of the Revised Code. A 489

| reference in any provision of the Revised Code to a concealed | 490 |
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| handgun license issued by another state or a license to carry a | 491 |
| concealed handgun issued by another state means only a license | 492 |
| issued by another state with which the attorney general has | 493 |
| entered into a reciprocity agreement under section 109.69 of the | 494 |
| Revised Code. | 495 |
| A reference in any provision of the Revised Code to a | 496 |
| person who is deemed under division (C) of section 2923.111 of | 497 |
| the Revised Code to have been issued a concealed handgun license | 498 |
| under section 2923.125 of the Revised Code means only a person | 499 |
| who is so deemed and does not include a person who has been | 500 |
| issued a license of a type described in division (N)(1) of this | 501 |
| section. | 502 |
| (O) "Valid concealed handgun license" or "valid license to | 503 |
| carry a concealed handgun" means a concealed handgun license | 504 |
| that is currently valid, that is not under a suspension under | 505 |
| division (A)(1) of section 2923.128 of the Revised Code, under | 506 |
| section 2923.1213 of the Revised Code, or under a suspension | 507 |
| provision of the state other than this state in which the | 508 |
| license was issued, and that has not been revoked under division | 509 |
| (B)(1) of section 2923.128 of the Revised Code, under section | 510 |
| 2923.1213 of the Revised Code, or under a revocation provision | 511 |
| of the state other than this state in which the license was | 512 |
| issued. | 513 |
| (P) "Misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for a term | 514 |
| exceeding one year" does not include any of the following: | 515 |
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| (1) Any federal or state offense pertaining to antitrust | 516 |
| violations, unfair trade practices, restraints of trade, or | 517 |
| other similar offenses relating to the regulation of business | 518 |
| practices; | 519 |

| (2) Any misdemeanor offense punishable by a term of | 520 |
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| imprisonment of two years or less. | 521 |
| (Q) "Alien registration number" means the number issued by | 522 |
| the United States citizenship and immigration services agency | 523 |
| that is located on the alien's permanent resident card and may | 524 |
| also be commonly referred to as the "USCIS number" or the "alien | 525 |
| number." | 526 |
| (R) "Active duty" has the same meaning as defined in 10 | 527 |
| U.S.C. 101. | 528 |
| (S) "Restricted firearm" means a firearm that is a | 529 |
| dangerous ordnance or that is a firearm that any law of this | 530 |
| state or the United States prohibits the subject person from | 531 |
| possessing, having, or carrying. | 532 |
| Sec. 2923.111. (A) Notwithstanding any other Revised Code | 533 |
| section to the contrary, subject to the limitations specified in | 534 |
| this division and to division (C)(2) of this section, a person | 535 |
| who is twenty-one years of age or older and is not legally | 536 |
| prohibited from possessing or receiving a firearm under 18 | 537 |
| U.S.C. 922(g)(1) to (9) shall not be required to obtain a | 538 |
| concealed handgun license under section 2923.125 or 2923.1213 of | 539 |
| the Revised Code in order to carry in this state a concealed | 540 |
| firearm that is not a restricted firearm. | 541 |
| Except as provided in divisions (B) and (C) of section | 542 |
| 2923.126 of the Revised Code and regardless of whether the | 543 |
| person has been issued a concealed handgun license under section | 544 |
| 2923.125 or 2923.1213 of the Revised Code or by another state, a | 545 |
| person who is twenty-one years of age or older and is not | 546 |
| legally prohibited from possessing or receiving a firearm under_ | 547 |
| 18 II S C 922(a)(1) to (9) may carry a concealed firearm that is | 548 |

| not a restricted firearm anywhere in this state. The person's | 549 |
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| right to carry a concealed firearm that is not a restricted | 550 |
| firearm that is granted under this division is the same right as | 551 |
| is granted to a person who is issued a concealed handgun license | 552 |
| under section 2923.125 of the Revised Code, and the person | 553 |
| described in this division is subject to the same restrictions | 554 |
| as apply to a person who is issued a license under section | 555 |
| 2923.125 of the Revised Code. | 556 |
| (B) The mere carrying or possession of a firearm that is | 557 |
| not a restricted firearm pursuant to the right described in | 558 |
| division (A) of this section, with or without a concealed | 559 |
| handgun license issued under section 2923.125 or 2923.1213 of | 560 |
| the Revised Code or by another state, does not constitute | 561 |
| grounds for any law enforcement officer or any agent of the | 562 |
| state, a county, a municipal corporation, or a township to | 563 |
| conduct any search, seizure, or detention, no matter how | 564 |
| temporary in duration, of an otherwise law-abiding person. | 565 |
| (C) (1) For purposes of sections 1547.69 and 2923.12 to | 566 |
| 2923.1213 of the Revised Code and any other provision of law | 567 |
| that refers to a concealed handgun license or a concealed | 568 |
| handgun licensee, except when the context clearly indicates | 569 |
| otherwise, a person who is described in division (A) of this | 570 |
| section and is carrying or has, concealed on the person's person | 571 |
| or ready at hand, a firearm that is not a restricted firearm | 572 |
| shall be deemed to have been issued a concealed handgun license | 573 |
| under section 2923.125 of the Revised Code. | 574 |
| (2) The concealed handgun license expiration provisions of | 575 |
| section 2923.125 of the Revised Code and the concealed handgun | 576 |
| license suspension and revocation provisions of section 2923.128 | 577 |
| of the Revised Code do not apply with respect to a person who is | 578 |

| described in division (A) of this section unless the person has | 579 |
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| been issued a concealed handgun license. If a person is | 580 |
| described in division (A) of this section and the person | 581 |
| thereafter comes within any category of persons specified in 18 | 582 |
| U.S.C. 922(g)(1) to (9) so that the person as a result is | 583 |
| legally prohibited under the applicable provision from | 584 |
| possessing or receiving a firearm, both of the following apply | 585 |
| automatically and immediately upon the person coming within that | 586 |
| <pre>category:</pre> | 587 |
| (a) Division (A) of this section and the authority and | 588 |
| right to carry a concealed firearm that are described in that | 589 |
| division do not apply to the person. | 590 |
| (b) Division (C)(1) of this section does not apply to the | 591 |
| person, and the person no longer is deemed to have been issued a | 592 |
| concealed handgun license under section 2923.125 of the Revised | 593 |
| Code as described in that division. | 594 |
| Sec. 2923.12. (A) No person shall knowingly carry or have, | 595 |
| concealed on the person's person or concealed ready at hand, any | 596 |
| of the following: | 597 |
| (1) A deadly weapon other than a handgun; | 598 |
| (2) A handgun other than a dangerous ordnance; | 599 |
| (3) A dangerous ordnance. | 600 |
| (B) No person who has been issued a concealed handgun | 601 |
| license <u>and is carrying a concealed firearm that is not a</u> | 602 |
| restricted firearm or who is deemed under division (C) of | 603 |
| section 2923.111 of the Revised Code to have been issued a | 604 |
| concealed handgun license under section 2923.125 of the Revised | 605 |
| Code and is carrying a concealed firearm that is not a | 606 |
| restricted firearm shall do any of the following: | 607 |

| (1) If the person is stopped for a law enforcement purpose | 608 |
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| and is carrying a concealed handgun, fail to promptly inform any | 609 |
| law enforcement officer who approaches the person after the | 610 |
| person has been stopped that the person has been issued a | 611 |
| concealed handgun license and that the person—then is carrying a | 612 |
| concealed handgun firearm and, if the person has been issued a | 613 |
| concealed handgun license, that the person has been issued the | 614 |
| <pre>license;</pre> | 615 |
| (2) If the person is stopped for a law enforcement purpose | 616 |
| and is carrying a concealed handgun, knowingly fail to keep the | 617 |
| person's hands in plain sight at any time after any law | 618 |
| enforcement officer begins approaching the person while stopped | 619 |
| and before the law enforcement officer leaves, unless the | 620 |
| failure is pursuant to and in accordance with directions given | 621 |
| by a law enforcement officer; | 622 |
| (3) If the person is stopped for a law enforcement | 623 |
| purpose, if the person is carrying a concealed handgun, and if | 624 |
| the person is approached by any law enforcement officer while | 625 |
| stopped, knowingly remove or attempt to remove the loaded | 626 |
| handgun firearm from the holster, pocket, or other place in | 627 |
| which the person is carrying it, knowingly grasp or hold the | 628 |
| loaded handgun firearm, or knowingly have contact with the | 629 |
| loaded handgun-firearm by touching it with the person's hands or | 630 |
| fingers at any time after the law enforcement officer begins | 631 |
| approaching and before the law enforcement officer leaves, | 632 |
| unless the person removes, attempts to remove, grasps, holds, or | 633 |
| has contact with the loaded | |

and is carrying a concealed handgun, knowingly disregard or fail

| to comply with any lawful order of any law enforcement officer | 638 |
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| given while the person is stopped, including, but not limited | 639 |
| to, a specific order to the person to keep the person's hands in | 640 |
| plain sight. | 641 |
| (C)(1) This section does not apply to any of the | 642 |
| following: | 643 |
| (a) An officer, agent, or employee of this or any other | 644 |
| state or the United States, or to a law enforcement officer, who | 645 |
| is authorized to carry concealed weapons or dangerous ordnance | 646 |
| or is authorized to carry handguns and is acting within the | 647 |
| scope of the officer's, agent's, or employee's duties; | 648 |
| (b) Any person who is employed in this state, who is | 649 |
| authorized to carry concealed weapons or dangerous ordnance or | 650 |
| is authorized to carry handguns, and who is subject to and in | 651 |
| compliance with the requirements of section 109.801 of the | 652 |
| Revised Code, unless the appointing authority of the person has | 653 |
| expressly specified that the exemption provided in division (C) | 654 |
| (1) (b) of this section does not apply to the person; | 655 |
| (c) A person's transportation or storage of a firearm, | 656 |
| other than a firearm described in divisions (G) to (M) of | 657 |
| section 2923.11 of the Revised Code, in a motor vehicle for any | 658 |
| lawful purpose if the firearm is not on the actor's person; | 659 |
| (d) A person's storage or possession of a firearm, other | 660 |
| than a firearm described in divisions (G) to (M) of section | 661 |
| 2923.11 of the Revised Code, in the actor's own home for any | 662 |
| lawful purpose. | 663 |
| (2) Division (a) Subject to division (C)(2)(b) of this | 664 |
| section, divisions (A) (1) and (2) of this section does do not | 665 |
| apply to any pareon who with respect to the carrying or | 666 |

| possession of any firearm that is not a restricted firearm if, | 667 |
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| at the time of the alleged carrying or possession of a handgun | 668 |
| the firearm, either the person is carrying a valid concealed | 669 |
| handgun license, is deemed under division (C) of section | 670 |
| 2923.111 of the Revised Code to have been issued a concealed | 671 |
| handgun license under section 2923.125 of the Revised Code, or | 672 |
| is an active duty member of the armed forces of the United | 673 |
| States and is carrying a valid military identification card and | 674 |
| documentation of successful completion of firearms training that | 675 |
| meets or exceeds the training requirements described in division | 676 |
| (G)(1) of section 2923.125 of the Revised Code, unless. | 677 |
| (b) The exemptions specified in division (C)(2)(a) of this | 678 |
| section do not apply to a person if the person, at the time of | 679 |
| the carrying or possession in question, knowingly is in a an | 680 |
| unauthorized place described specified in division (B) of | 681 |
| section 2923.126 of the Revised Code <u>or knowingly is</u> | 682 |
| transporting or possessing the firearm in any prohibited manner | 683 |
| listed in that division. | 684 |
| (D) It is an affirmative defense to a charge under | 685 |
| division (A)(1) of this section of carrying or having control of | 686 |
| a <u>deadly</u> weapon other than a handgun and other than a dangerous | 687 |
| ordnance that neither division (C)(1) nor (2) of this section | 688 |
| applies, that the actor was not otherwise prohibited by law from | 689 |
| having the weapon, and that any of the following applies: | 690 |
| (1) The weapon was carried or kept ready at hand by the | 691 |
| actor for defensive purposes while the actor was engaged in or | 692 |
| was going to or from the actor's lawful business or occupation, | 693 |
| which business or occupation was of a character or was | 694 |
| necessarily carried on in a manner or at a time or place as to | 695 |
| render the actor particularly susceptible to criminal attack, | 696 |

such as would justify a prudent person in going armed.

| (2) The weapon was carried or kept ready at hand by the | 698 |
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| actor for defensive purposes while the actor was engaged in a | 699 |
| lawful activity and had reasonable cause to fear a criminal | 700 |
| attack upon the actor, a member of the actor's family, or the | 701 |
| actor's home, such as would justify a prudent person in going | 702 |
| armed. | 703 |

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- (3) The weapon was carried or kept ready at hand by the actor for any lawful purpose and while in the actor's own home.
- (E) No person who is charged with a violation of this section shall be required to obtain a concealed handgun license as a condition for the dismissal of the charge.
- (F)(1) Whoever violates this section is guilty of carrying 709 concealed weapons. Except as otherwise provided in this division 710 or divisions (F) $\frac{(2), (6), (5)}{(2)}$ and $\frac{(7), (6)}{(6)}$ of this section, 711 carrying concealed weapons in violation of division (A) of this 712 section is a misdemeanor of the first degree. Except as 713 otherwise provided in this division or divisions (F) $\frac{(2)}{(2)}$, 714 (5) and (7) (6) of this section, if the offender previously has 715 been convicted of a violation of this section or of any offense 716 of violence, if the weapon involved is a firearm that is either 717 loaded or for which the offender has ammunition ready at hand, 718 or if the weapon involved is dangerous ordnance, carrying 719 concealed weapons in violation of division (A) of this section 720 is a felony of the fourth degree. Except as otherwise provided 721 in divisions division (F) (2) and (6) (5) of this section, if the 722 offense is committed aboard an aircraft, or with purpose to 723 carry a concealed weapon aboard an aircraft, regardless of the 724 weapon involved, carrying concealed weapons in violation of 725 division (A) of this section is a felony of the third degree. 726

| (2) Except as provided in division (F)(6) of this section, | 727 |
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| if a person being arrested for a violation of division (A)(2) of | 728 |
| this section promptly produces a valid concealed handgun- | 729 |
| license, and if at the time of the violation the person was not- | 730 |
| knowingly in a place described in division (B) of section- | 731 |
| 2923.126 of the Revised Code, the officer shall not arrest the | 732 |
| person for a violation of that division. If the person is not | 733 |
| able to promptly produce any concealed handgun license and if | 734 |
| the person is not in a place described in that section, the | 735 |
| officer may arrest the person for a violation of that division, | 736 |
| and the offender shall be punished as follows: | 737 |
| (a) The offender shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor if | 738 |
| both of the following apply: | 739 |
| (i) Within ten days after the arrest, the offender- | 740 |
| presents a concealed handgun license, which license was valid at | 741 |
| the time of the arrest to the law enforcement agency that | 742 |
| employs the arresting officer. | 743 |
| (ii) At the time of the arrest, the offender was not | 744 |
| knowingly in a place described in division (B) of section- | 745 |
| 2923.126 of the Revised Code. | 746 |
| (b) The offender shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and | 747 |
| shall be fined five hundred dollars if all of the following | 748 |
| apply: | 749 |
| (i) The offender previously had been issued a concealed | 750 |
| handgun license, and that license expired within the two years | 751 |
| immediately preceding the arrest. | 752 |
| (ii) Within forty-five days after the arrest, the offender | 753 |
| presents a concealed handgun license to the law enforcement | 754 |
| agency that employed the arresting officer, and the offender | 755 |

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| waives in writing the offender's right to a speedy trial on the | 756 |
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| charge of the violation that is provided in section 2945.71 of | 757 |
| the Revised Code. | 758 |
| (iii) At the time of the commission of the offense, the | 759 |
| offender was not knowingly in a place described in division (B) | 760 |
| of section 2923.126 of the Revised Code. | 761 |
| (c) If divisions (F)(2)(a) and (b) and (F)(6) of this | 762 |
| section do not apply, the offender shall be punished under | 763 |
| division (F)(1) or (7) of this section. | 764 |
| (3) Except as otherwise provided in this division, | 765 |
| carrying concealed weapons in violation of division (B)(1) of | 766 |
| this section is a misdemeanor of the first degree, and, in | 767 |
| addition to any other penalty or sanction imposed for a | 768 |
| violation of division (B)(1) of this section, if the offender | 769 |
| has been issued a concealed handgun license, the offender's | 770 |
| concealed handgun license shall be suspended pursuant to | 771 |
| division (A)(2) of section 2923.128 of the Revised Code. If, at | 772 |
| the time of the stop of the offender for a law enforcement | 773 |
| purpose that was the basis of the violation, any law enforcement | 774 |
| officer involved with the stop had actual knowledge that the | 775 |
| offender has been issued a concealed handgun license or that the | 776 |
| offender is deemed under division (C) of section 2923.111 of the | 777 |
| Revised Code to have been issued a concealed handgun license | 778 |
| under section 2923.125 of the Revised Code, carrying concealed | 779 |
| weapons in violation of division (B)(1) of this section is a | 780 |
| minor misdemeanor, and <u>if the offender has been issued a</u> | 781 |
| concealed handgun license, the offender's concealed handgun | 782 |
| license shall not be suspended pursuant to division (A)(2) of | 783 |
| section 2923.128 of the Revised Code. | 784 |

(4)—(3) Carrying concealed weapons in violation of

| division (B)(2) or (4) of this section is a misdemeanor of the | 786 |
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| first degree or, if the offender previously has been convicted | 787 |
| of or pleaded guilty to a violation of division (B)(2) or (4) of | 788 |
| this section, a felony of the fifth degree. In addition to any | 789 |
| other penalty or sanction imposed for a misdemeanor violation of | 790 |
| division (B)(2) or (4) of this section, if the offender has been | 791 |
| issued a concealed handgun license, the offender's concealed | 792 |
| handgun-license shall be suspended pursuant to division (A)(2) | 793 |
| of section 2923.128 of the Revised Code. | 794 |
| (5) (4) Carrying concealed weapons in violation of | 795 |

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division (B)(3) of this section is a felony of the fifth degree.

 $\frac{(6)}{(5)}$ (5) If a person being arrested for a violation of 797 division (A)(1) or (2) of this section based on carrying a 798 concealed firearm that is not a restricted firearm is an active 799 duty member of the armed forces of the United States and is 800 carrying a valid military identification card and documentation 801 of successful completion of firearms training that meets or 802 exceeds the training requirements described in division (G)(1) 803 of section 2923.125 of the Revised Code, and if at the time of 804 805 the violation the person was not knowingly in a an unauthorized place described specified in division (B) of section 2923.126 of 806 the Revised Code or knowingly carrying or having the firearm in 807 any prohibited manner listed in that division, the officer shall 808 not arrest the person for a violation of that division (A) (1) or 809 (2) of this section. If the person is not able to promptly 810 produce a valid military identification card and documentation 811 of successful completion of firearms training that meets or 812 exceeds the training requirements described in division (G)(1) 813 of section 2923.125 of the Revised Code and if the person at the 814 time of the violation is not knowingly in a-an unauthorized 815 place described specified in division (B) of section 2923.126 of 816

| the Revised Code or knowingly carrying or having the firearm in | 817 |
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| any prohibited manner listed in that division, the officer shall | 818 |
| issue a citation and the offender shall be assessed a civil | 819 |
| penalty of not more than five hundred dollars. The citation | 820 |
| shall be automatically dismissed and the civil penalty shall not | 821 |
| be assessed if both of the following apply: | 822 |
| (a) Within ten days after the issuance of the citation, | 823 |
| the offender presents a valid military identification card and | 824 |
| documentation of successful completion of firearms training that | 825 |
| meets or exceeds the training requirements described in division | 826 |
| (G)(1) of section 2923.125 of the Revised Code, which were both | 827 |
| valid at the time of the issuance of the citation to the law | 828 |
| enforcement agency that employs the citing officer. | 829 |
| (b) At the time of the citation, the offender was not | 830 |
| knowingly in <u>a_any unauthorized_place described_specified_in</u> | 831 |
| division (B) of section 2923.126 of the Revised Code <u>or</u> | 832 |
| knowingly carrying or having the firearm in any prohibited | 833 |
| manner listed in that division. | 834 |
| $\frac{(7)}{(6)}$ If a person being arrested for a violation of | 835 |
| division (A) (1) or (2) of this section <u>based on carrying a</u> | 836 |
| <pre>concealed firearm that is not a restricted firearm is knowingly</pre> | 837 |
| in $\frac{1}{2}$ any unauthorized place described in division (B) (5) of | 838 |
| section 2923.126 of the Revised Code and is not authorized to | 839 |
| carry a <u>handgun-firearm</u> or have a <u>handgun-firearm</u> concealed on | 840 |
| the person's person or concealed ready at hand under that | 841 |
| division, the penalty shall be as follows: | 842 |
| (a) Except as otherwise provided in this division, if the | 843 |
| person produces a valid concealed handgun license within ten | 844 |
| days after the arrest and has not previously been convicted or | 845 |
| pleaded guilty to a violation of division (A) (2) of this section | 846 |

| (F)(6)(b), (c), or (d) of this section, the person is guilty of | 847 |
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| a minor misdemeanor; | 848 |
| (b) Except as otherwise provided in this division (F)(6) | 849 |
| (c) or (d) of this section, if the person has previously been | 850 |
| convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation of division (A) (1) | 851 |
| or (2) of this section, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of | 852 |
| the fourth degree; | 853 |
| (c) Except as otherwise provided in this division (F)(6) | 854 |
| (d) of this section, if the person has previously been convicted | 855 |
| of or pleaded guilty to two violations of division (A) $\underline{\text{(1)}}$ or $\underline{\text{(2)}}$ | 856 |
| of this section, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the | 857 |
| third degree; | 858 |
| (d) Except as otherwise provided in this division, if If | 859 |
| the person has previously been convicted of or pleaded guilty to | 860 |
| three or more violations of division (A) (1) or (2) of this | 861 |
| section, or convicted of or pleaded guilty to any offense of | 862 |
| violence, if the weapon involved is a firearm that is either | 863 |
| loaded or for which the offender has ammunition ready at hand, | 864 |
| or if the weapon involved is a dangerous ordnance, the person is | 865 |
| guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree. | 866 |
| (G) If a law enforcement officer stops a person to | 867 |
| question the person regarding a possible violation of this | 868 |
| section, for a traffic stop, or for any other law enforcement | 869 |
| purpose, if the person surrenders a firearm to the officer, | 870 |
| either voluntarily or pursuant to a request or demand of the | 871 |
| officer, and if the officer does not charge the person with a | 872 |
| violation of this section or arrest the person for any offense, | 873 |
| the person is not otherwise prohibited by law from possessing | 874 |
| the firearm, and the firearm is not contraband, the officer | 875 |
| shall return the firearm to the person at the termination of the | 876 |

| stop. If a court orders a law enforcement officer to return a | 877 |
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| firearm to a person pursuant to the requirement set forth in | 878 |
| this division, division (B) of section 2923.163 of the Revised | 879 |
| Code applies. | 880 |
| Sec. 2923.121. (A) No person shall possess a firearm in | 881 |
| any room in which any person is consuming beer or intoxicating | 882 |
| liquor in a premises for which a D permit has been issued under | 883 |
| Chapter 4303. of the Revised Code or in an open air arena for | 884 |
| which a permit of that nature has been issued. | 885 |
| (B)(1) This section does not apply to any of the | 886 |
| following: | 887 |
| (a) An officer, agent, or employee of this or any other | 888 |
| state or the United States, or to a law enforcement officer, who | 889 |
| is authorized to carry firearms and is acting within the scope | 890 |
| of the officer's, agent's, or employee's duties; | 891 |
| (b) Any person who is employed in this state, who is | 892 |
| authorized to carry firearms, and who is subject to and in | 893 |
| compliance with the requirements of section 109.801 of the | 894 |
| Revised Code, unless the appointing authority of the person has | 895 |
| expressly specified that the exemption provided in division (B) | 896 |
| (1) (b) of this section does not apply to the person; | 897 |
| (c) Any room used for the accommodation of guests of a | 898 |
| hotel, as defined in section 4301.01 of the Revised Code; | 899 |
| (d) The principal holder of a D permit issued for a | 900 |
| premises or an open air arena under Chapter 4303. of the Revised | 901 |
| Code while in the premises or open air arena for which the | 902 |
| permit was issued if the principal holder of the D permit also | 903 |
| possesses a valid concealed handgun license or is deemed under | 904 |
| division (C) of section 2923.111 of the Revised Code to have | 905 |

| been issued a concealed handgun license under section 2923.125 | 906 |
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| of the Revised Code and as long as the firearm is not a | 907 |
| restricted firearm and the principal holder is not consuming | 908 |
| beer or intoxicating liquor or under the influence of alcohol or | 909 |
| a drug of abuse, or any agent or employee of that holder who | 910 |
| also is a peace officer, as defined in section 2151.3515 of the | 911 |
| Revised Code, who is off duty, and who otherwise is authorized | 912 |
| to carry firearms while in the course of the officer's official | 913 |
| duties and while in the premises or open air arena for which the | 914 |
| permit was issued and as long as the firearm is not a restricted | 915 |
| firearm and the agent or employee of that holder is not | 916 |
| consuming beer or intoxicating liquor or under the influence of | 917 |
| alcohol or a drug of abuse. | 918 |
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- (e) Any person who is carrying a valid concealed handgun 919 license, any person who is deemed under division (C) of section 920 2923.111 of the Revised Code to have been issued a concealed 921 handqun license under section 2923.125 of the Revised Code, or 922 any person who is an active duty member of the armed forces of 923 the United States and is carrying a valid military 924 identification card and documentation of successful completion 925 of firearms training that meets or exceeds the training 926 requirements described in division (G)(1) of section 2923.125 of 927 the Revised Code, as long as the <u>firearm is not a restricted</u> 928 firearm and the person is not consuming beer or intoxicating 929 liquor or under the influence of alcohol or a drug of abuse. 930
- (2) This section does not prohibit any person who is a 931 member of a veteran's organization, as defined in section 932 2915.01 of the Revised Code, from possessing a rifle in any room 933 in any premises owned, leased, or otherwise under the control of 934 the veteran's organization, if the rifle is not loaded with live 935 ammunition and if the person otherwise is not prohibited by law 936

from having the rifle.

| (3) This section does not apply to any person possessing | 938 |
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| or displaying firearms in any room used to exhibit unloaded | 939 |
| firearms for sale or trade in a soldiers' memorial established | 940 |
| pursuant to Chapter 345. of the Revised Code, in a convention | 941 |
| center, or in any other public meeting place, if the person is | 942 |
| an exhibitor, trader, purchaser, or seller of firearms and is | 943 |
| not otherwise prohibited by law from possessing, trading, | 944 |
| purchasing, or selling the firearms. | 945 |
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- (C) It is an affirmative defense to a charge under this

 section of illegal possession of a firearm in a liquor permit

 premises that involves involving the possession of a firearm

 other than a handgun, that neither division (B)(1)(d) nor (e) of

 this section applies, that the actor was not otherwise

 prohibited by law from having the firearm, and that any of the

 following apply:

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- (1) The firearm was carried or kept ready at hand by the actor for defensive purposes, while the actor was engaged in or was going to or from the actor's lawful business or occupation, which business or occupation was of such character or was necessarily carried on in such manner or at such a time or place as to render the actor particularly susceptible to criminal attack, such as would justify a prudent person in going armed.
- (2) The firearm was carried or kept ready at hand by the actor for defensive purposes, while the actor was engaged in a lawful activity, and had reasonable cause to fear a criminal attack upon the actor or a member of the actor's family, or upon the actor's home, such as would justify a prudent person in going armed.

| (D) No person who is charged with a violation of this | 966 |
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| section shall be required to obtain a concealed handgun license | 967 |
| as a condition for the dismissal of the charge. | 968 |
| (E) Whoever violates this section is guilty of illegal | 969 |
| possession of a firearm in a liquor permit premises. Except as | 970 |
| otherwise provided in this division, illegal possession of a | 971 |
| firearm in a liquor permit premises is a felony of the fifth | 972 |
| degree. If the offender commits the violation of this section by | 973 |
| knowingly carrying or having the firearm concealed on the | 974 |
| offender's person or concealed ready at hand, illegal possession | 975 |
| of a firearm in a liquor permit premises is a felony of the | 976 |
| third degree. | 977 |
| (F) As used in this section, "beer" and "intoxicating | 978 |
| liquor" have the same meanings as in section 4301.01 of the | 979 |
| Revised Code. | 980 |
| Sec. 2923.122. (A) No person shall knowingly convey, or | 981 |
| attempt to convey, a deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance into a | 982 |
| school safety zone. | 983 |
| (B) No person shall knowingly possess a deadly weapon or | 984 |
| dangerous ordnance in a school safety zone. | 985 |
| (C) No person shall knowingly possess an object in a | 986 |
| school safety zone if both of the following apply: | 987 |
| (1) The object is indistinguishable from a firearm, | 988 |
| whether or not the object is capable of being fired. | 989 |
| (2) The person indicates that the person possesses the | 990 |
| object and that it is a firearm, or the person knowingly | 991 |
| displays or brandishes the object and indicates that it is a | 992 |
| firearm. | 993 |

| (D)(1) This section does not apply to any of the | 994 |
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| following: | 995 |
| (a) An officer, agent, or employee of this or any other | 996 |
| state or the United States who is authorized to carry deadly | 997 |
| weapons or dangerous ordnance and is acting within the scope of | 998 |
| the officer's, agent's, or employee's duties, a law enforcement | 999 |
| officer who is authorized to carry deadly weapons or dangerous | 1000 |
| ordnance, a security officer employed by a board of education or | 1001 |
| governing body of a school during the time that the security | 1002 |
| officer is on duty pursuant to that contract of employment, or | 1003 |
| any other person who has written authorization from the board of | 1004 |
| education or governing body of a school to convey deadly weapons | 1005 |
| or dangerous ordnance into a school safety zone or to possess a | 1006 |
| deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance in a school safety zone and | 1007 |
| who conveys or possesses the deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance | 1008 |
| in accordance with that authorization; | 1009 |
| (b) Any person who is employed in this state, who is | 1010 |
| authorized to carry deadly weapons or dangerous ordnance, and | 1011 |
| who is subject to and in compliance with the requirements of | 1012 |
| section 109.801 of the Revised Code, unless the appointing | 1013 |
| authority of the person has expressly specified that the | 1014 |
| exemption provided in division (D)(1)(b) of this section does | 1015 |
| not apply to the person. | 1016 |
| (2) Division (C) of this section does not apply to | 1017 |
| premises upon which home schooling is conducted. Division (C) of | 1018 |
| this section also does not apply to a school administrator, | 1019 |
| teacher, or employee who possesses an object that is | 1020 |
| indistinguishable from a firearm for legitimate school purposes | 1021 |
| during the course of employment, a student who uses an object | 1022 |
| that is indistinguishable from a firearm under the direction of | 1023 |

| a school administrator, teacher, or employee, or any other | 1024 |
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| person who with the express prior approval of a school | 1025 |
| administrator possesses an object that is indistinguishable from | 1026 |
| a firearm for a legitimate purpose, including the use of the | 1027 |
| object in a ceremonial activity, a play, reenactment, or other | 1028 |
| dramatic presentation, school safety training, or a ROTC | 1029 |
| activity or another similar use of the object. | 1030 |
| (3) This section does not apply to a person who conveys or | 1031 |
| attempts to convey a handgun-firearm that is not a restricted | 1032 |
| <pre>firearm into, or possesses a handgun firearm that is not a</pre> | 1033 |
| <pre>restricted firearm in, a school safety zone if, at both of the</pre> | 1034 |
| <pre>following apply:</pre> | 1035 |
| (a) At the time of that conveyance, attempted conveyance, | 1036 |
| or possession of the <u>handgun</u> <u>firearm that is not a restricted</u> | 1037 |
| firearm, all the person is carrying a valid concealed handgun | 1038 |
| license, the person is deemed under division (C) of section | 1039 |
| 2923.111 of the Revised Code to have been issued a concealed | 1040 |
| handgun license under section 2923.125 of the Revised Code, or | 1041 |
| the person is an active duty member of the armed forces of the | 1042 |
| United States and is carrying a valid military identification | 1043 |
| card and documentation of successful completion of firearms | 1044 |
| training that meets or exceeds the training requirements | 1045 |
| described in division (G)(1) of section 2923.125 of the Revised | 1046 |
| Code. | 1047 |
| (b) Either of the following applies: | 1048 |
| (a)(i) The person does not enter into a school building or | 1049 |
| onto school premises and is not at a school activity. | 1050 |
| (b) The person is carrying a valid concealed handgun | 1051 |
| license or the person is an active duty member of the armed | 1052 |

| forces of the United States and is carrying a valid military | 1053 |
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| identification card and documentation of successful completion | 1054 |
| of firearms training that meets or exceeds the training | 1055 |
| requirements described in division (G) (1) of section 2923.125 of | 1056 |
| the Revised Code. | 1057 |
| (c) The person is in the school safety zone in | 1058 |
| accordance with 18 U.S.C. 922(q)(2)(B) \div | 1059 |
| (d) The , and the person is not knowingly in a an | 1060 |
| unauthorized place described specified in division (B)(1) or (B) | 1061 |
| (3) to (8) of section 2923.126 of the Revised Code and is not | 1062 |
| knowingly conveying, attempting to convey, or possessing the | 1063 |
| firearm in any prohibited manner specified in any of those | 1064 |
| divisions. | 1065 |
| (4) This section does not apply to a person who conveys or | 1066 |
| attempts to convey a handgun into, or possesses a handgun in, a | 1067 |
| school safety zone if at the time of that conveyance, attempted | 1068 |
| conveyance, or possession of the handgun all of the following- | 1069 |
| apply: | 1070 |
| (a) The person is carrying a valid concealed handgun | 1071 |
| license or the person is an active duty member of the armed- | 1072 |
| forces of the United States and is carrying a valid military | 1073 |
| identification card and documentation of successful completion- | 1074 |
| of firearms training that meets or exceeds the training- | 1075 |
| requirements described in division (G) (1) of section 2923.125 of | 1076 |
| the Revised Code. | 1077 |
| $\frac{\text{(b)}(\text{ii})}{\text{(ii)}}$ The person leaves the handgun in a motor vehicle. | 1078 |
| (c) The handgun does not leave the motor vehicle. | 1079 |
| (d) If , and, if the person exits the motor vehicle, the | 1080 |
| person locks the motor vehicle. | 1081 |

| (E)(1) Whoever violates division (A) or (B) of this | 1082 |
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| section is guilty of illegal conveyance or possession of a | 1083 |
| deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance in a school safety zone. | 1084 |
| Except as otherwise provided in this division, illegal | 1085 |
| conveyance or possession of a deadly weapon or dangerous | 1086 |
| ordnance in a school safety zone is a felony of the fifth | 1087 |
| degree. If the offender previously has been convicted of a | 1088 |
| violation of this section, illegal conveyance or possession of a | 1089 |
| deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance in a school safety zone is a | 1090 |
| felony of the fourth degree. | 1091 |

- (2) Whoever violates division (C) of this section is 1092 quilty of illegal possession of an object indistinguishable from 1093 a firearm in a school safety zone. Except as otherwise provided 1094 in this division, illegal possession of an object 1095 indistinguishable from a firearm in a school safety zone is a 1096 misdemeanor of the first degree. If the offender previously has 1097 been convicted of a violation of this section, illegal 1098 possession of an object indistinguishable from a firearm in a 1099 school safety zone is a felony of the fifth degree. 1100
- (F)(1) In addition to any other penalty imposed upon a 1101 person who is convicted of or pleads guilty to a violation of 1102 this section and subject to division (F)(2) of this section, if 1103 the offender has not attained nineteen years of age, regardless 1104 of whether the offender is attending or is enrolled in a school 1105 operated by a board of education or for which the state board of 1106 education prescribes minimum standards under section 3301.07 of 1107 the Revised Code, the court shall impose upon the offender a 1108 class four suspension of the offender's probationary driver's 1109 license, restricted license, driver's license, commercial 1110 driver's license, temporary instruction permit, or probationary 1111 commercial driver's license that then is in effect from the 1112

| range specified in division (A)(4) of section 4510.02 of the | 1113 |
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| Revised Code and shall deny the offender the issuance of any | 1114 |
| permit or license of that type during the period of the | 1115 |
| suspension. | 1116 |
| If the offender is not a resident of this state, the court | 1117 |
| shall impose a class four suspension of the nonresident | 1118 |
| operating privilege of the offender from the range specified in | 1119 |
| division (A)(4) of section 4510.02 of the Revised Code. | 1120 |
| (2) If the offender shows good cause why the court should | 1121 |
| not suspend one of the types of licenses, permits, or privileges | 1122 |
| specified in division (F)(1) of this section or deny the | 1123 |
| issuance of one of the temporary instruction permits specified | 1124 |
| in that division, the court in its discretion may choose not to | 1125 |
| impose the suspension, revocation, or denial required in that | 1126 |
| division, but the court, in its discretion, instead may require | 1127 |
| the offender to perform community service for a number of hours | 1128 |
| determined by the court. | 1129 |
| (G) As used in this section, "object that is | 1130 |
| indistinguishable from a firearm" means an object made, | 1131 |
| constructed, or altered so that, to a reasonable person without | 1132 |
| specialized training in firearms, the object appears to be a | 1133 |
| firearm. | 1134 |
| Sec. 2923.123. (A) No person shall knowingly convey or | 1135 |
| attempt to convey a deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance into a | 1136 |
| courthouse or into another building or structure in which a | 1137 |
| courtroom is located. | 1138 |
| (B) No person shall knowingly possess or have under the | 1139 |
| person's control a deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance in a | 1140 |
| courthouse or in another building or structure in which a | 11/1 |

| courtroom is located. | 1142 |
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| (C) This section does not apply to any of the following: | 1143 |
| (1) Except as provided in division (E) of this section, a | 1144 |
| judge of a court of record of this state or a magistrate; | 1145 |
| (2) A peace officer, officer of a law enforcement agency, | 1146 |
| or person who is in either of the following categories: | 1147 |
| (a) Except as provided in division (E) of this section, a | 1148 |
| peace officer, or an officer of a law enforcement agency of | 1149 |
| another state, a political subdivision of another state, or the | 1150 |
| United States, who is authorized to carry a deadly weapon or | 1151 |
| dangerous ordnance, who possesses or has under that individual's | 1152 |
| control a deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance as a requirement | 1153 |
| of that individual's duties, and who is acting within the scope | 1154 |
| of that individual's duties at the time of that possession or | 1155 |
| control; | 1156 |
| (b) Except as provided in division (E) of this section, a | 1157 |
| person who is employed in this state, who is authorized to carry | 1158 |
| a deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance, who possesses or has | 1159 |
| under that individual's control a deadly weapon or dangerous | 1160 |
| ordnance as a requirement of that person's duties, and who is | 1161 |
| subject to and in compliance with the requirements of section | 1162 |
| 109.801 of the Revised Code, unless the appointing authority of | 1163 |
| the person has expressly specified that the exemption provided | 1164 |
| in division (C)(2)(b) of this section does not apply to the | 1165 |
| person. | 1166 |
| (3) A person who conveys, attempts to convey, possesses, | 1167 |
| or has under the person's control a deadly weapon or dangerous | 1168 |
| ordnance that is to be used as evidence in a pending criminal or | 1169 |
| civil action or proceeding; | 1170 |

| (4) Except as provided in division (E) of this section, a | 1171 |
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| bailiff or deputy bailiff of a court of record of this state who | 1172 |
| is authorized to carry a firearm pursuant to section 109.77 of | 1173 |
| the Revised Code, who possesses or has under that individual's | 1174 |
| control a firearm as a requirement of that individual's duties, | 1175 |
| and who is acting within the scope of that individual's duties | 1176 |
| at the time of that possession or control; | 1177 |
| (5) Except as provided in division (E) of this section, a | 1178 |
| prosecutor, or a secret service officer appointed by a county | 1179 |
| prosecuting attorney, who is authorized to carry a deadly weapon | 1180 |
| or dangerous ordnance in the performance of the individual's | 1181 |
| duties, who possesses or has under that individual's control a | 1182 |
| deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance as a requirement of that | 1183 |
| individual's duties, and who is acting within the scope of that | 1184 |
| individual's duties at the time of that possession or control; | 1185 |
| (6) (a) Except as provided in division (E) of this section, | 1186 |
| a person who conveys or attempts to convey a <u>handgun-firearm</u> | 1187 |
| that is not a restricted firearm into a courthouse or into | 1188 |
| another building or structure in which a courtroom is located, | 1189 |
| or who, possesses or has under the person's control a firearm | 1190 |
| that is not a restricted firearm in a courthouse or such a | 1191 |
| building or structure, if both of the following apply with | 1192 |
| respect to the person: | 1193 |
| (i) The person, at the time of the conveyance or, attempt, | 1194 |
| either possession, or control, is carrying a valid concealed | 1195 |
| handgun license, is deemed under division (C) of section | 1196 |
| 2923.111 of the Revised Code to have been issued a concealed | 1197 |
| handgun license under section 2923.125 of the Revised Code, or | 1198 |
| is an active duty member of the armed forces of the United | 1199 |
| States and is carrying a valid military identification card and | 1200 |

| documentation of successful completion of firearms training that | 1201 |
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| meets or exceeds the training requirements described in division | 1202 |
| (G)(1) of section 2923.125 of the Revised Code, and who. | 1203 |
| (ii) The person transfers possession of the handgun | 1204 |
| firearm that is not a restricted firearm to the officer or | 1205 |
| officer's designee who has charge of the courthouse or building. | 1206 |
| (b) The officer described in division (C)(6)(a)(ii) of | 1207 |
| this section shall secure the handgun firearm that is not a | 1208 |
| <u>restricted firearm</u> until the licensee is prepared to leave the | 1209 |
| premises. The exemption described in $\frac{\text{this}}{\text{division}}$ division $\frac{\text{(C) (6) (a) of}}{\text{(C) (C) (C) (C)}}$ | 1210 |
| this section applies only if the officer who has charge of the | 1211 |
| courthouse or building provides services of the nature described | 1212 |
| in this division (C)(6)(a)(ii) of this section. An officer who | 1213 |
| has charge of the courthouse or building is not required to | 1214 |
| offer services of the nature described in this division (C)(6) | 1215 |
| (a) (ii) of this section. | 1216 |
| (D)(1) Whoever violates division (A) of this section is | 1217 |
| guilty of illegal conveyance of a deadly weapon or dangerous | 1218 |
| ordnance into a courthouse. Except as otherwise provided in this | 1219 |
| division, illegal conveyance of a deadly weapon or dangerous | 1220 |
| ordnance into a courthouse is a felony of the fifth degree. If | 1221 |
| the offender previously has been convicted of a violation of | 1222 |
| division (A) or (B) of this section, illegal conveyance of a | 1223 |
| deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance into a courthouse is a | 1224 |
| felony of the fourth degree. | 1225 |
| (2) Whoever violates division (B) of this section is | 1226 |
| guilty of illegal possession or control of a deadly weapon or | 1227 |
| dangerous ordnance in a courthouse. Except as otherwise provided | 1228 |
| in this division, illegal possession or control of a deadly | |
| in this division, lilegal possession of control of a dedal, | 1229 |

| fifth degree. If the offender previously has been convicted of a | 1231 |
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| violation of division (A) or (B) of this section, illegal | 1232 |
| possession or control of a deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance | 1233 |
| in a courthouse is a felony of the fourth degree. | 1234 |
| (E) The exemptions described in divisions (C)(1), (2)(a), | 1235 |
| (2)(b), (4), (5), and (6) of this section do not apply to any | 1236 |
| judge, magistrate, peace officer, officer of a law enforcement | 1237 |
| agency, bailiff, deputy bailiff, prosecutor, secret service | 1238 |
| officer, or other person described in any of those divisions if | 1239 |
| a rule of superintendence or another type of rule adopted by the | 1240 |
| supreme court pursuant to Article IV, Ohio Constitution, or an | 1241 |
| applicable local rule of court prohibits all persons from | 1242 |
| conveying or attempting to convey a deadly weapon or dangerous | 1243 |
| ordnance into a courthouse or into another building or structure | 1244 |
| in which a courtroom is located or from possessing or having | 1245 |
| under one's control a deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance in a | 1246 |
| courthouse or in another building or structure in which a | 1247 |
| courtroom is located. | 1248 |
| (F) As used in this section: | 1249 |
| (1) "Magistrate" means an individual who is appointed by a | 1250 |
| court of record of this state and who has the powers and may | 1251 |
| perform the functions specified in Civil Rule 53, Criminal Rule | 1252 |
| 19, or Juvenile Rule 40. | 1253 |
| (2) "Peace officer" and "prosecutor" have the same | 1254 |
| meanings as in section 2935.01 of the Revised Code. | 1255 |
| Sec. 2923.124. As used in sections 2923.124 to 2923.1213 | 1256 |
| of the Revised Code: | 1257 |

(A) "Application form" means the application form

prescribed pursuant to division (A)(1) of section 109.731 of the

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| Revised Code and includes a copy of that form. | 1260 |
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| (B) "Competency certification" and "competency | 1261 |
| certificate" mean a document of the type described in division | 1262 |
| (B)(3) of section 2923.125 of the Revised Code. | 1263 |
| (C) "Detention facility" has the same meaning as in | 1264 |
| section 2921.01 of the Revised Code. | 1265 |
| (D) "Licensee" means a person to whom a concealed handgun | 1266 |
| license has been issued under section 2923.125 of the Revised | 1267 |
| Code and, except when the context clearly indicates otherwise, | 1268 |
| includes a person to whom a concealed handgun license on a | 1269 |
| temporary emergency basis has been issued under section | 1270 |
| 2923.1213 of the Revised Code—and, a person to whom a concealed | 1271 |
| handgun license has been issued by another state, and a person | 1272 |
| who is deemed under division (C) of section 2923.111 of the | 1273 |
| Revised Code to have been issued a concealed handgun license | 1274 |
| under section 2923.125 of the Revised Code. | 1275 |
| (E) "License fee" or "license renewal fee" means the fee | 1276 |
| for a concealed handgun license or the fee to renew that license | 1277 |
| that is to be paid by an applicant for a license of that type. | 1278 |
| (F) "Peace officer" has the same meaning as in section | 1279 |
| 2935.01 of the Revised Code. | 1280 |
| (G) "State correctional institution" has the same meaning | 1281 |
| as in section 2967.01 of the Revised Code. | 1282 |
| (H) "Civil protection order" means a protection order | 1283 |
| issued, or consent agreement approved, under section 2903.214 or | 1284 |
| 3113.31 of the Revised Code. | 1285 |
| (I) "Temporary protection order" means a protection order | 1286 |
| issued under section 2903.213 or 2919.26 of the Revised Code. | 1287 |

| (J) "Protection order issued by a court of another state" | 1288 |
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| has the same meaning as in section 2919.27 of the Revised Code. | 1289 |
| (K) "Child day-care center," "type A family day-care home" | 1290 |
| and "type B family day-care home" have the same meanings as in | 1291 |
| section 5104.01 of the Revised Code. | 1292 |
| (L) "Foreign air transportation," "interstate air | 1293 |
| transportation," and "intrastate air transportation" have the | 1294 |
| same meanings as in 49 U.S.C. 40102, as now or hereafter | 1295 |
| amended. | 1296 |
| (M) "Commercial motor vehicle" has the same meaning as in | 1297 |
| division (A) of section 4506.25 of the Revised Code. | 1298 |
| (N) "Motor carrier enforcement unit" has the same meaning | 1299 |
| as in section 2923.16 of the Revised Code. | 1300 |
| Sec. 2923.125. It is the intent of the general assembly | 1301 |
| that Ohio concealed handgun license law be compliant with the | 1302 |
| national instant criminal background check system, that the | 1303 |
| bureau of alcohol, tobacco, firearms, and explosives is able to | 1304 |
| determine that Ohio law is compliant with the national instant | 1305 |
| criminal background check system, and that no person shall be | 1306 |
| eligible to receive a concealed handgun license permit under | 1307 |
| section 2923.125 or 2923.1213 of the Revised Code unless the | 1308 |
| person is eligible lawfully to receive or possess a firearm in | 1309 |
| the United States. | 1310 |
| (A) This section applies with respect to the application | 1311 |
| for and issuance by this state of concealed handgun licenses | 1312 |
| other than concealed handgun licenses on a temporary emergency | 1313 |
| basis that are issued under section 2923.1213 of the Revised | 1314 |
| Code. Upon the request of a person who wishes to obtain a | 1315 |
| concealed handgun license with respect to which this section | 1316 |

| applies or to renew a concealed handgun license with respect to | 1317 |
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| which this section applies, a sheriff, as provided in division | 1318 |
| (I) of this section, shall provide to the person free of charge | 1319 |
| an application form and the web site address at which a | 1320 |
| printable version of the application form that can be downloaded | 1321 |
| and the pamphlet described in division (B) of section 109.731 of | 1322 |
| the Revised Code may be found. A sheriff shall accept a | 1323 |
| completed application form and the fee, items, materials, and | 1324 |
| information specified in divisions (B)(1) to (5) of this section | 1325 |
| at the times and in the manners described in division (I) of | 1326 |
| this section. | 1327 |
| (B) An applicant for a concealed handgun license who is a | 1328 |
| resident of this state shall submit a completed application form | 1329 |
| and all of the material and information described in divisions | 1330 |
| (B)(1) to (6) of this section to the sheriff of the county in | 1331 |
| which the applicant resides or to the sheriff of any county | 1332 |
| adjacent to the county in which the applicant resides. An | 1333 |
| applicant for a license who resides in another state shall | 1334 |
| submit a completed application form and all of the material and | 1335 |
| information described in divisions (B)(1) to (7) of this section | 1336 |
| to the sheriff of the county in which the applicant is employed | 1337 |
| or to the sheriff of any county adjacent to the county in which | 1338 |
| the applicant is employed: | 1339 |
| (1) (a) A nonrefundable license fee as described in either | 1340 |
| of the following: | 1341 |
| (i) For an applicant who has been a resident of this state | 1342 |
| for five or more years, a fee of sixty-seven dollars; | 1343 |
| (ii) For an applicant who has been a resident of this | 1344 |
| state for less than five years or who is not a resident of this | 1345 |
| state, but who is employed in this state, a fee of sixty-seven | 1346 |

| dollars plus the actual cost of having a background check | 1347 |
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| performed by the federal bureau of investigation. | 1348 |
| (b) No sheriff shall require an applicant to pay for the | 1349 |
| cost of a background check performed by the bureau of criminal | 1350 |
| identification and investigation. | 1351 |
| (c) A sheriff shall waive the payment of the license fee | 1352 |
| described in division (B)(1)(a) of this section in connection | 1353 |
| with an initial or renewal application for a license that is | 1354 |
| submitted by an applicant who is a retired peace officer, a | 1355 |
| retired person described in division (B)(1)(b) of section 109.77 | 1356 |
| of the Revised Code, or a retired federal law enforcement | 1357 |
| officer who, prior to retirement, was authorized under federal | 1358 |
| law to carry a firearm in the course of duty, unless the retired | 1359 |
| peace officer, person, or federal law enforcement officer | 1360 |
| retired as the result of a mental disability. | 1361 |
| (d) The sheriff shall deposit all fees paid by an | 1362 |
| applicant under division (B)(1)(a) of this section into the | 1363 |
| sheriff's concealed handgun license issuance fund established | 1364 |
| pursuant to section 311.42 of the Revised Code. The county shall | 1365 |
| distribute the fees in accordance with section 311.42 of the | 1366 |
| Revised Code. | 1367 |
| (2) A color photograph of the applicant that was taken | 1368 |
| within thirty days prior to the date of the application; | 1369 |
| (3) One or more of the following competency | 1370 |
| certifications, each of which shall reflect that, regarding a | 1371 |
| certification described in division (B)(3)(a), (b), (c), (e), or | 1372 |
| (f) of this section, within the three years immediately | 1373 |
| preceding the application the applicant has performed that to | 1374 |
| which the competency certification relates and that, regarding a | 1375 |

| certification described in division (B)(3)(d) of this section, | 1376 |
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| the applicant currently is an active or reserve member of the | 1377 |
| armed forces of the United States or within the ten years | 1378 |
| immediately preceding the application the honorable discharge or | 1379 |
| retirement to which the competency certification relates | 1380 |
| occurred: | 1381 |
| (a) An original or photocopy of a certificate of | 1382 |
| completion of a firearms safety, training, or requalification or | 1383 |
| firearms safety instructor course, class, or program that was | 1384 |
| offered by or under the auspices of a national gun advocacy | 1385 |
| organization and that complies with the requirements set forth | 1386 |
| in division (G) of this section; | 1387 |
| (b) An original or photocopy of a certificate of | 1388 |
| completion of a firearms safety, training, or requalification or | 1389 |
| firearms safety instructor course, class, or program that | 1390 |
| satisfies all of the following criteria: | 1391 |
| (i) It was open to members of the general public. | 1392 |
| (ii) It utilized qualified instructors who were certified | 1393 |
| by a national gun advocacy organization, the executive director | 1394 |
| of the Ohio peace officer training commission pursuant to | 1395 |
| section 109.75 or 109.78 of the Revised Code, or a governmental | 1396 |
| official or entity of another state. | 1397 |
| (iii) It was offered by or under the auspices of a law | 1398 |
| enforcement agency of this or another state or the United | 1399 |
| States, a public or private college, university, or other | 1400 |
| similar postsecondary educational institution located in this or | 1401 |
| another state, a firearms training school located in this or | 1402 |
| another state, or another type of public or private entity or | 1403 |
| organization located in this or another state | 1 / 0 / |

| (iv) It complies with the requirements set forth in | 1405 |
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| division (G) of this section. | 1406 |
| (c) An original or photocopy of a certificate of | 1407 |
| completion of a state, county, municipal, or department of | 1408 |
| natural resources peace officer training school that is approved | 1409 |
| by the executive director of the Ohio peace officer training | 1410 |
| commission pursuant to section 109.75 of the Revised Code and | 1411 |
| that complies with the requirements set forth in division (G) of | 1412 |
| this section, or the applicant has satisfactorily completed and | 1413 |
| been issued a certificate of completion of a basic firearms | 1414 |
| training program, a firearms requalification training program, | 1415 |
| or another basic training program described in section 109.78 or | 1416 |
| 109.801 of the Revised Code that complies with the requirements | 1417 |
| set forth in division (G) of this section; | 1418 |
| (d) A document that evidences both of the following: | 1419 |
| (i) That the applicant is an active or reserve member of | 1420 |
| the armed forces of the United States, has retired from or was | 1421 |
| honorably discharged from military service in the active or | 1422 |
| reserve armed forces of the United States, is a retired trooper | 1423 |
| of the state highway patrol, or is a retired peace officer or | 1424 |
| federal law enforcement officer described in division (B)(1) of | 1425 |
| this section or a retired person described in division (B)(1)(b) | 1426 |
| of section 109.77 of the Revised Code and division (B)(1) of | 1427 |
| this section; | 1428 |
| (ii) That, through participation in the military service | 1429 |
| or through the former employment described in division (B)(3)(d) | 1430 |
| (i) of this section, the applicant acquired experience with | 1431 |
| handling handguns or other firearms, and the experience so | 1432 |
| acquired was equivalent to training that the applicant could | 1433 |

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have acquired in a course, class, or program described in

| division (B)(3)(a), (b), or (c) of this section. | 1435 |
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| (e) A certificate or another similar document that | 1436 |
| evidences satisfactory completion of a firearms training, | 1437 |
| safety, or requalification or firearms safety instructor course, | 1438 |
| class, or program that is not otherwise described in division | 1439 |
| (B)(3)(a), (b), (c), or (d) of this section, that was conducted | 1440 |
| by an instructor who was certified by an official or entity of | 1441 |
| the government of this or another state or the United States or | 1442 |
| by a national gun advocacy organization, and that complies with | 1443 |
| the requirements set forth in division (G) of this section; | 1444 |
| (f) An affidavit that attests to the applicant's | 1445 |
| satisfactory completion of a course, class, or program described | 1446 |
| in division (B)(3)(a), (b), (c), or (e) of this section and that | 1447 |
| is subscribed by the applicant's instructor or an authorized | 1448 |
| representative of the entity that offered the course, class, or | 1449 |
| program or under whose auspices the course, class, or program | 1450 |
| was offered; | 1451 |
| (g) A document that evidences that the applicant has | 1452 |
| successfully completed the Ohio peace officer training program | 1453 |
| described in section 109.79 of the Revised Code. | 1454 |
| (4) A certification by the applicant that the applicant | 1455 |
| has read the pamphlet prepared by the Ohio peace officer | 1456 |
| training commission pursuant to section 109.731 of the Revised | 1457 |
| Code that reviews firearms, dispute resolution, and use of | 1458 |
| deadly force matters. | 1459 |
| (5) A set of fingerprints of the applicant provided as | 1460 |
| described in section 311.41 of the Revised Code through use of | 1461 |
| an electronic fingerprint reading device or, if the sheriff to | 1462 |
| whom the application is submitted does not possess and does not | 1463 |

| have ready access to the use of such a reading device, on a | 1464 |
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| standard impression sheet prescribed pursuant to division (C)(2) | 1465 |
| of section 109.572 of the Revised Code. | 1466 |
| (6) If the applicant is not a citizen or national of the | 1467 |
| United States, the name of the applicant's country of | 1468 |
| citizenship and the applicant's alien registration number issued | 1469 |
| by the United States citizenship and immigration services | 1470 |
| agency. | 1471 |
| (7) If the applicant resides in another state, adequate | 1472 |
| proof of employment in Ohio. | 1473 |
| (C) Upon receipt of the completed application form, | 1474 |
| supporting documentation, and, if not waived, license fee of an | 1475 |
| applicant under this section, a sheriff, in the manner specified | 1476 |
| in section 311.41 of the Revised Code, shall conduct or cause to | 1477 |
| be conducted the criminal records check and the incompetency | 1478 |
| records check described in section 311.41 of the Revised Code. | 1479 |
| (D)(1) Except as provided in division (D)(3) of this | 1480 |
| section, within forty-five days after a sheriff's receipt of an | 1481 |
| applicant's completed application form for a concealed handgun | 1482 |
| license under this section, the supporting documentation, and, | 1483 |
| if not waived, the license fee, the sheriff shall make available | 1484 |
| through the law enforcement automated data system in accordance | 1485 |
| with division (H) of this section the information described in | 1486 |
| that division and, upon making the information available through | 1487 |
| the system, shall issue to the applicant a concealed handgun | 1488 |
| license that shall expire as described in division (D)(2)(a) of | 1489 |
| this section if all of the following apply: | 1490 |

(a) The applicant is legally living in the United States.

For purposes of division (D)(1)(a) of this section, if a person

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is absent from the United States in compliance with military or

naval orders as an active or reserve member of the armed forces

of the United States and if prior to leaving the United States

the person was legally living in the United States, the person,

solely by reason of that absence, shall not be considered to

have lost the person's status as living in the United States.

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- (b) The applicant is at least twenty-one years of age.
- (c) The applicant is not a fugitive from justice.
- (d) The applicant is not under indictment for or otherwise 1501 charged with a felony; an offense under Chapter 2925., 3719., or 1502 4729. of the Revised Code that involves the illegal possession, 1503 use, sale, administration, or distribution of or trafficking in 1504 a drug of abuse; a misdemeanor offense of violence; or a 1505 violation of section 2903.14 or 2923.1211 of the Revised Code. 1506
- (e) Except as otherwise provided in division (D)(4) or (5) 1507 of this section, the applicant has not been convicted of or 1508 pleaded quilty to a felony or an offense under Chapter 2925., 1509 3719., or 4729. of the Revised Code that involves the illegal 1510 possession, use, sale, administration, or distribution of or 1511 1512 trafficking in a drug of abuse; has not been adjudicated a delinquent child for committing an act that if committed by an 1513 adult would be a felony or would be an offense under Chapter 1514 2925., 3719., or 4729. of the Revised Code that involves the 1515 illegal possession, use, sale, administration, or distribution 1516 of or trafficking in a drug of abuse; has not been convicted of, 1517 pleaded guilty to, or adjudicated a delinquent child for 1518 committing a violation of section 2903.13 of the Revised Code 1519 when the victim of the violation is a peace officer, regardless 1520 of whether the applicant was sentenced under division (C)(4) of 1521 that section; and has not been convicted of, pleaded guilty to, 1522

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or adjudicated a delinquent child for committing any other 1523 offense that is not previously described in this division that 1524 is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding 1525 one year.

- (f) Except as otherwise provided in division (D)(4) or (5) 1527 of this section, the applicant, within three years of the date 1528 of the application, has not been convicted of or pleaded guilty 1529 to a misdemeanor offense of violence other than a misdemeanor 1530 violation of section 2921.33 of the Revised Code or a violation 1531 of section 2903.13 of the Revised Code when the victim of the 1532 violation is a peace officer, or a misdemeanor violation of 1533 section 2923.1211 of the Revised Code; and has not been 1534 adjudicated a delinquent child for committing an act that if 1535 committed by an adult would be a misdemeanor offense of violence 1536 other than a misdemeanor violation of section 2921.33 of the 1537 Revised Code or a violation of section 2903.13 of the Revised 1538 Code when the victim of the violation is a peace officer or for 1539 committing an act that if committed by an adult would be a 1540 misdemeanor violation of section 2923.1211 of the Revised Code. 1541
- (g) Except as otherwise provided in division (D)(1)(e) of 1542 this section, the applicant, within five years of the date of 1543 the application, has not been convicted of, pleaded guilty to, 1544 or been adjudicated a delinquent child for committing two or 1545 more violations of section 2903.13 or 2903.14 of the Revised 1546 Code.
- (h) Except as otherwise provided in division (D)(4) or (5)

 of this section, the applicant, within ten years of the date of

 the application, has not been convicted of, pleaded guilty to,

 or been adjudicated a delinquent child for committing a

 violation of section 2921.33 of the Revised Code.

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| (i) The applicant has not been adjudicated as a mental | 1553 |
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| defective, has not been committed to any mental institution, is | 1554 |
| not under adjudication of mental incompetence, has not been | 1555 |
| found by a court to be a mentally ill person subject to court | 1556 |
| order, and is not an involuntary patient other than one who is a | 1557 |
| patient only for purposes of observation. As used in this | 1558 |
| division, "mentally ill person subject to court order" and | 1559 |
| "patient" have the same meanings as in section 5122.01 of the | 1560 |
| Revised Code. | 1561 |
| (j) The applicant is not currently subject to a civil | 1562 |
| protection order, a temporary protection order, or a protection | 1563 |
| order issued by a court of another state. | 1564 |
| (k) The applicant certifies that the applicant desires a | 1565 |
| legal means to carry a concealed <u>handgun_firearm</u> for defense of | 1566 |
| the applicant or a member of the applicant's family while | 1567 |
| engaged in lawful activity. | 1568 |
| (1) The applicant submits a competency certification of | 1569 |
| the type described in division (B)(3) of this section and | 1570 |
| submits a certification of the type described in division (B)(4) | 1571 |
| of this section regarding the applicant's reading of the | 1572 |
| pamphlet prepared by the Ohio peace officer training commission | 1573 |
| pursuant to section 109.731 of the Revised Code. | 1574 |
| (m) The applicant currently is not subject to a suspension | 1575 |
| imposed under division (A)(2) of section 2923.128 of the Revised | 1576 |
| Code of a concealed handgun license that previously was issued | 1577 |
| to the applicant under this section or section 2923.1213 of the | 1578 |
| Revised Code or a similar suspension imposed by another state | 1579 |
| regarding a concealed handgun license issued by that state. | 1580 |

(n) If the applicant resides in another state, the

| applicant is employed in this state. | 1582 |
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| (o) The applicant certifies that the applicant is not an | 1583 |
| unlawful user of or addicted to any controlled substance as | 1584 |
| defined in 21 U.S.C. 802. | 1585 |
| (p) If the applicant is not a United States citizen, the | 1586 |
| applicant is an alien and has not been admitted to the United | 1587 |
| States under a nonimmigrant visa, as defined in the "Immigration | 1588 |
| and Nationality Act," 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(26). | 1589 |
| (q) The applicant has not been discharged from the armed | 1590 |
| forces of the United States under dishonorable conditions. | 1591 |
| (r) The applicant certifies that the applicant has not | 1592 |
| renounced the applicant's United States citizenship, if | 1593 |
| applicable. | 1594 |
| (s) The applicant has not been convicted of, pleaded | 1595 |
| guilty to, or adjudicated a delinquent child for committing a | 1596 |
| violation of section 2919.25 of the Revised Code or a similar | 1597 |
| violation in another state. | 1598 |
| (2)(a) A concealed handgun license that a sheriff issues | 1599 |
| under division (D)(1) of this section shall expire five years | 1600 |
| after the date of issuance. | 1601 |
| If a sheriff issues a license under this section, the | 1602 |
| sheriff shall place on the license a unique combination of | 1603 |
| letters and numbers identifying the license in accordance with | 1604 |
| the procedure prescribed by the Ohio peace officer training | 1605 |
| commission pursuant to section 109.731 of the Revised Code. | 1606 |
| (b) If a sheriff denies an application under this section | 1607 |
| because the applicant does not satisfy the criteria described in | 1608 |
| division (D)(1) of this section, the sheriff shall specify the | 1609 |

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- (c) If the court in an appeal under section 119.12 of the 1622 Revised Code and division (D)(2)(b) of this section enters a 1623 judgment sustaining the sheriff's refusal to grant to the 1624 applicant a concealed handgun license, the applicant may file a 1625 new application beginning one year after the judgment is 1626 entered. If the court enters a judgment in favor of the 1627 applicant, that judgment shall not restrict the authority of a 1628 sheriff to suspend or revoke the license pursuant to section 1629 2923.128 or 2923.1213 of the Revised Code or to refuse to renew 1630 the license for any proper cause that may occur after the date 1631 the judgment is entered. In the appeal, the court shall have 1632 full power to dispose of all costs. 1633
- (3) If the sheriff with whom an application for a 1634 concealed handgun license was filed under this section becomes 1635 aware that the applicant has been arrested for or otherwise 1636 charged with an offense that would disqualify the applicant from 1637 holding the license, the sheriff shall suspend the processing of 1638 the application until the disposition of the case arising from 1639 the arrest or charge.

| (4) If an applicant has been convicted of or pleaded | 1641 |
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| guilty to an offense identified in division (D)(1)(e), (f), or | 1642 |
| (h) of this section or has been adjudicated a delinquent child | 1643 |
| for committing an act or violation identified in any of those | 1644 |
| divisions, and if a court has ordered the sealing or expungement | 1645 |
| of the records of that conviction, guilty plea, or adjudication | 1646 |
| pursuant to sections 2151.355 to 2151.358, sections 2953.31 to | 1647 |
| 2953.36, or section 2953.37 of the Revised Code or the applicant | 1648 |
| has been relieved under operation of law or legal process from | 1649 |
| the disability imposed pursuant to section 2923.13 of the | 1650 |
| Revised Code relative to that conviction, guilty plea, or | 1651 |
| adjudication, the sheriff with whom the application was | 1652 |
| submitted shall not consider the conviction, guilty plea, or | 1653 |
| adjudication in making a determination under division (D)(1) or | 1654 |
| (F) of this section or, in relation to an application for a | 1655 |
| concealed handgun license on a temporary emergency basis | 1656 |
| submitted under section 2923.1213 of the Revised Code, in making | 1657 |
| a determination under division (B)(2) of that section. | 1658 |
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- (5) If an applicant has been convicted of or pleaded 1659 guilty to a minor misdemeanor offense or has been adjudicated a 1660 delinquent child for committing an act or violation that is a 1661 minor misdemeanor offense, the sheriff with whom the application 1662 was submitted shall not consider the conviction, quilty plea, or 1663 adjudication in making a determination under division (D)(1) or 1664 (F) of this section or, in relation to an application for a 1665 concealed handgun license on a temporary basis submitted under 1666 section 2923.1213 of the Revised Code, in making a determination 1667 under division (B)(2) of that section. 1668
- (E) If a concealed handgun license issued under this 1669 section is lost or is destroyed, the licensee may obtain from 1670 the sheriff who issued that license a duplicate license upon the 1671

payment of a fee of fifteen dollars and the submission of an 1672 affidavit attesting to the loss or destruction of the license. 1673 The sheriff, in accordance with the procedures prescribed in 1674 section 109.731 of the Revised Code, shall place on the 1675 replacement license a combination of identifying numbers 1676 different from the combination on the license that is being 1677 replaced.

- (F)(1)(a) Except as provided in division (F)(1)(b) of this 1679 section, a licensee who wishes to renew a concealed handgun 1680 license issued under this section shall do so not earlier than 1681 ninety days before the expiration date of the license or at any 1682 time after the expiration date of the license by filing with the 1683 sheriff of the county in which the applicant resides or with the 1684 sheriff of an adjacent county, or in the case of a an applicant 1685 who resides in another state with the sheriff of the county that 1686 issued the applicant's previous concealed handqun license an 1687 application for renewal of the license obtained pursuant to 1688 division (D) of this section, a certification by the applicant 1689 that, subsequent to the issuance of the license, the applicant 1690 has reread the pamphlet prepared by the Ohio peace officer 1691 training commission pursuant to section 109.731 of the Revised 1692 Code that reviews firearms, dispute resolution, and use of 1693 deadly force matters, and a nonrefundable license renewal fee in 1694 an amount determined pursuant to division (F)(4) of this section 1695 unless the fee is waived. 1696
- (b) A person on active duty in the armed forces of the 1697
 United States or in service with the peace corps, volunteers in 1698
 service to America, or the foreign service of the United States 1699
 is exempt from the license requirements of this section for the 1700
 period of the person's active duty or service and for six months 1701
 thereafter, provided the person was a licensee under this 1702

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section at the time the person commenced the person's active 1703 duty or service or had obtained a license while on active duty 1704 or service. The spouse or a dependent of any such person on 1705 active duty or in service also is exempt from the license 1706 requirements of this section for the period of the person's 1707 active duty or service and for six months thereafter, provided 1708 the spouse or dependent was a licensee under this section at the 1709 time the person commenced the active duty or service or had 1710 obtained a license while the person was on active duty or 1711 service, and provided further that the person's active duty or 1712 service resulted in the spouse or dependent relocating outside 1713 of this state during the period of the active duty or service. 1714 This division does not prevent such a person or the person's 1715 spouse or dependent from making an application for the renewal 1716 of a concealed handgun license during the period of the person's 1717 active duty or service. 1718

(2) A sheriff shall accept a completed renewal 1719 application, the license renewal fee, and the information 1720 specified in division (F)(1) of this section at the times and in 1721 the manners described in division (I) of this section. Upon 1722 receipt of a completed renewal application, of certification 1723 that the applicant has reread the specified pamphlet prepared by 1724 the Ohio peace officer training commission, and of a license 1725 renewal fee unless the fee is waived, a sheriff, in the manner 1726 specified in section 311.41 of the Revised Code shall conduct or 1727 cause to be conducted the criminal records check and the 1728 incompetency records check described in section 311.41 of the 1729 Revised Code. The sheriff shall renew the license if the sheriff 1730 determines that the applicant continues to satisfy the 1731 requirements described in division (D)(1) of this section, 1732 except that the applicant is not required to meet the 1733

requirements of division (D)(1)(1) of this section. A renewed 1734 license shall expire five years after the date of issuance. A 1735 renewed license is subject to division (E) of this section and 1736 sections 2923.126 and 2923.128 of the Revised Code. A sheriff 1737 shall comply with divisions (D)(2) and (3) of this section when 1738 the circumstances described in those divisions apply to a 1739 requested license renewal. If a sheriff denies the renewal of a 1740 concealed handgun license, the applicant may appeal the denial, 1741 or challenge the criminal record check results that were the 1742 basis of the denial if applicable, in the same manner as 1743 specified in division (D)(2)(b) of this section and in section 1744 2923.127 of the Revised Code, regarding the denial of a license 1745 under this section. 1746

- (3) A renewal application submitted pursuant to division 1747 (F) of this section shall only require the licensee to list on 1748 the application form information and matters occurring since the 1749 date of the licensee's last application for a license pursuant 1750 to division (B) or (F) of this section. A sheriff conducting the 1751 criminal records check and the incompetency records check 1752 described in section 311.41 of the Revised Code shall conduct 1753 the check only from the date of the licensee's last application 1754 for a license pursuant to division (B) or (F) of this section 1755 through the date of the renewal application submitted pursuant 1756 to division (F) of this section. 1757
- (4) An applicant for a renewal concealed handgun license 1758 under this section shall submit to the sheriff of the county in 1759 which the applicant resides or to the sheriff of any county 1760 adjacent to the county in which the applicant resides, or in the 1761 case of an applicant who resides in another state to the sheriff 1762 of the county that issued the applicant's previous concealed 1763 handgun license, a nonrefundable license fee as described in 1764

| either of the following: | 1765 |
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| (a) For an applicant who has been a resident of this state | 1766 |
| for five or more years, a fee of fifty dollars; | 1767 |
| (b) For an applicant who has been a resident of this state | 1768 |
| for less than five years or who is not a resident of this state | 1769 |
| but who is employed in this state, a fee of fifty dollars plus | 1770 |
| the actual cost of having a background check performed by the | 1771 |
| federal bureau of investigation. | 1772 |
| (5) The concealed handgun license of a licensee who is no | 1773 |
| longer a resident of this state or no longer employed in this | 1774 |
| state, as applicable, is valid until the date of expiration on | 1775 |
| the license, and the licensee is prohibited from renewing the | 1776 |
| concealed handgun license. | 1777 |
| (G)(1) Each course, class, or program described in | 1778 |
| division (B)(3)(a), (b), (c), or (e) of this section shall | 1779 |
| provide to each person who takes the course, class, or program | 1780 |
| the web site address at which the pamphlet prepared by the Ohio | 1781 |
| peace officer training commission pursuant to section 109.731 of | 1782 |
| the Revised Code that reviews firearms, dispute resolution, and | 1783 |
| use of deadly force matters may be found. Each such course, | 1784 |
| class, or program described in one of those divisions shall | 1785 |
| include at least eight hours of training in the safe handling | 1786 |
| and use of a firearm that shall include training, provided as | 1787 |
| described in division (G) (3) of this section, on all of the | 1788 |
| following: | 1789 |
| (a) The ability to name, explain, and demonstrate the | 1790 |
| rules for safe handling of a handgun-firearm and proper storage | 1791 |
| practices for handguns-firearms and ammunition; | 1792 |

(b) The ability to demonstrate and explain how to handle

| ammunition in a safe manner; | 1794 |
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| (c) The ability to demonstrate the knowledge, skills, and | 1795 |
| attitude necessary to shoot a <pre>handgun_firearm_in a safe manner;</pre> | 1796 |
| (d) Gun handling training; | 1797 |
| (e) A minimum of two hours of in-person training that | 1798 |
| consists of range time and live-fire training. | 1799 |
| (2) To satisfactorily complete the course, class, or | 1800 |
| program described in division (B)(3)(a), (b), (c), or (e) of | 1801 |
| this section, the applicant shall pass a competency examination | 1802 |
| that shall include both of the following: | 1803 |
| (a) A written section, provided as described in division | 1804 |
| (G)(3) of this section, on the ability to name and explain the | 1805 |
| rules for the safe handling of a handgun-firearm and proper | 1806 |
| storage practices for handguns-firearms and ammunition; | 1807 |
| (b) An in-person physical demonstration of competence in | 1808 |
| the use of a <u>handgun-firearm</u> and in the rules for safe handling | 1809 |
| and storage of a hand a physical demonstration of | 1810 |
| the attitude necessary to shoot a handgun-firearm in a safe | 1811 |
| manner. | 1812 |
| (3)(a) Except as otherwise provided in this division, the | 1813 |
| training specified in division (G)(1)(a) of this section shall | 1814 |
| be provided to the person receiving the training in person by an | 1815 |
| instructor. If the training specified in division (G)(1)(a) of | 1816 |
| this section is provided by a course, class, or program | 1817 |
| described in division (B)(3)(a) of this section, or it is | 1818 |
| provided by a course, class, or program described in division | 1819 |
| (B)(3)(b), (c), or (e) of this section and the instructor is a | 1820 |
| qualified instructor certified by a national gun advocacy | 1821 |
| organization, the training so specified, other than the training | 1822 |
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| that requires the person receiving the training to demonstrate | 1823 |
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| handling abilities, may be provided online or as a combination | 1824 |
| of in-person and online training, as long as the online training | 1825 |
| includes an interactive component that regularly engages the | 1826 |
| person. | 1827 |

- (b) Except as otherwise provided in this division, the 1828 written section of the competency examination specified in 1829 division (G)(2)(a) of this section shall be administered to the 1830 person taking the competency examination in person by an 1831 1832 instructor. If the training specified in division (G)(1)(a) of this section is provided to the person receiving the training by 1833 a course, class, or program described in division (B)(3)(a) of 1834 this section, or it is provided by a course, class, or program 1835 described in division (B)(3)(b), (c), or (e) of this section and 1836 the instructor is a qualified instructor certified by a national 1837 qun advocacy organization, the written section of the competency 1838 examination specified in division (G)(2)(a) of this section may 1839 be administered online, as long as the online training includes 1840 an interactive component that regularly engages the person. 1841
- (4) The competency certification described in division (B)

 (3) (a), (b), (c), or (e) of this section shall be dated and

 shall attest that the course, class, or program the applicant

 successfully completed met the requirements described in

 division (G) (1) of this section and that the applicant passed

 the competency examination described in division (G) (2) of this

 section.
- (H) Upon deciding to issue a concealed handgun license,

 deciding to issue a replacement concealed handgun license, or

 deciding to renew a concealed handgun license pursuant to this

 section, and before actually issuing or renewing the license,

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the sheriff shall make available through the law enforcement 1853 automated data system all information contained on the license. 1854 If the license subsequently is suspended under division (A)(1) 1855 or (2) of section 2923.128 of the Revised Code, revoked pursuant 1856 to division (B)(1) of section 2923.128 of the Revised Code, or 1857 lost or destroyed, the sheriff also shall make available through 1858 the law enforcement automated data system a notation of that 1859 fact. The superintendent of the state highway patrol shall 1860 ensure that the law enforcement automated data system is so 1861 configured as to permit the transmission through the system of 1862 the information specified in this division. 1863

(I) A sheriff shall accept a completed application form or 1864 renewal application, and the fee, items, materials, and 1865 information specified in divisions (B)(1) to (5) or division (F) 1866 of this section, whichever is applicable, and shall provide an 1867 application form or renewal application to any person during at 1868 least fifteen hours a week and shall provide the web site 1869 address at which a printable version of the application form 1870 that can be downloaded and the pamphlet described in division 1871 (B) of section 109.731 of the Revised Code may be found at any 1872 time, upon request. The sheriff shall post notice of the hours 1873 during which the sheriff is available to accept or provide the 1874 information described in this division. 1875

Sec. 2923.126. (A) A concealed handgun license that is 1876 issued under section 2923.125 of the Revised Code shall expire 1877 five years after the date of issuance. A licensee who has been 1878 issued a license under that section shall be granted a grace 1879 period of thirty days after the licensee's license expires 1880 during which the licensee's license remains valid. Except as 1881 provided in divisions (B) and (C) of this section, a licensee 1882 who has been issued a concealed handgun license under section 1883

| 2923.125 or 2923.1213 of the Revised Code, regardless of whether | 1884 |
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| the license was issued prior to, on, or after the effective date | 1885 |
| of this amendment, may carry a concealed handgun-firearm that is | 1886 |
| <pre>not a restricted firearm anywhere in this state if the licensee</pre> | 1887 |
| also carries a valid license and valid identification when the | 1888 |
| licensee is in actual possession of <u>a-the</u> concealed-handgun- | 1889 |
| firearm. The A licensee who has been issued a concealed handgun | 1890 |
| license under section 2923.125 or 2923.1213 of the Revised Code | 1891 |
| shall give notice of any change in the licensee's residence | 1892 |
| address to the sheriff who issued the license within forty-five | 1893 |
| days after that change. | 1894 |

If a licensee is the driver or an occupant of a motor 1895 vehicle that is stopped as the result of a traffic stop or a 1896 stop for another law enforcement purpose and if the licensee is 1897 transporting or has a loaded handgun_firearm that is not a 1898 restricted firearm in the motor vehicle at that time, the 1899 licensee shall promptly inform any law enforcement officer who 1900 approaches the vehicle while stopped that the licensee has been 1901 issued a concealed handgun license and that the licensee-1902 currently possesses or has a loaded handgun firearm and, if the 1903 licensee has been issued a concealed handqun license, that the 1904 licensee has been issued the license; the licensee shall not 1905 knowingly disregard or fail to comply with lawful orders of a 1906 law enforcement officer given while the motor vehicle is 1907 stopped, knowingly fail to remain in the motor vehicle while 1908 stopped, or knowingly fail to keep the licensee's hands in plain 1909 sight after any law enforcement officer begins approaching the 1910 licensee while stopped and before the officer leaves, unless 1911 directed otherwise by a law enforcement officer; and the 1912 licensee shall not knowingly have contact with the loaded 1913 handgun firearm by touching it with the licensee's hands or 1914

| fingers, in any manner in violation of division (E) of section | 1915 |
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| 2923.16 of the Revised Code, after any law enforcement officer | 1916 |
| begins approaching the licensee while stopped and before the | 1917 |
| officer leaves. Additionally, if a licensee is the driver or an | 1918 |
| occupant of a commercial motor vehicle that is stopped by an | 1919 |
| employee of the motor carrier enforcement unit for the purposes | 1920 |
| defined in section 5503.34 of the Revised Code and if the | 1921 |
| licensee is transporting or has a loaded handgun-firearm in the | 1922 |
| commercial motor vehicle at that time, the licensee shall | 1923 |
| promptly inform the employee of the unit who approaches the | 1924 |
| vehicle while stopped that the licensee has been issued a- | 1925 |
| concealed handgun license and that the licensee—currently | 1926 |
| possesses or has a loaded-handgun firearm and, if the licensee | 1927 |
| has been issued a concealed handgun license, that the licensee | 1928 |
| has been issued the license. | 1929 |

If a licensee is stopped for a law enforcement purpose and 1930 if the licensee is carrying a concealed handgun-firearm that is 1931 not a restricted firearm at the time the officer approaches, the 1932 licensee shall promptly inform any law enforcement officer who 1933 approaches the licensee while stopped that the licensee has been 1934 issued a concealed handgun license and that the licensee 1935 currently is carrying a concealed handgun firearm and, if the 1936 licensee has been issued a concealed handgun license, that the 1937 licensee has been issued the license; the licensee shall not 1938 knowingly disregard or fail to comply with lawful orders of a 1939 law enforcement officer given while the licensee is stopped or 1940 knowingly fail to keep the licensee's hands in plain sight after 1941 any law enforcement officer begins approaching the licensee 1942 while stopped and before the officer leaves, unless directed 1943 otherwise by a law enforcement officer; and the licensee shall 1944 not knowingly remove, attempt to remove, grasp, or hold the 1945

| loaded handgun firearm or knowingly have contact with the loaded | 1946 |
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| handgun firearm by touching it with the licensee's hands or | 1947 |
| fingers, in any manner in violation of division (B) of section | 1948 |
| 2923.12 of the Revised Code, after any law enforcement officer | 1949 |
| begins approaching the licensee while stopped and before the | 1950 |
| officer leaves. | 1951 |
| (B) A valid The right to carry a concealed firearm that is | 1952 |
| granted under division (A) of this section to a licensee who has | 1953 |
| been issued a concealed handgun license, or that is granted | 1954 |
| under division (A) of section 2923.111 of the Revised Code to a | 1955 |
| licensee who is deemed under division (C) of that section to | 1956 |
| have been issued a concealed handgun license under section | 1957 |
| 2923.125 of the Revised Code, does not authorize the licensee to | 1958 |
| carry any restricted firearm, does not authorize the licensee to | 1959 |
| carry a <u>firearm or a concealed handgun firearm in any manner</u> | 1960 |
| prohibited under division (B) of section 2923.12 of the Revised | 1961 |
| Code or in any manner prohibited under section <u>1547.69</u> , <u>2921.36</u> , | 1962 |
| 2923.12, 2923.121, 2923.122, 2923.123, 2923.13, 2923.131, | 1963 |
| 2923.15, or 2923.16 of the Revised Code. A valid license, and | 1964 |
| does not authorize the licensee to carry a concealed handgun- | 1965 |
| <pre>firearm into any of the following places:</pre> | 1966 |
| (1) A police station, sheriff's office, or state highway | 1967 |
| patrol station, premises controlled by the bureau of criminal | 1968 |
| identification and investigation; a state correctional | 1969 |
| institution, jail, workhouse, or other detention facility; any | 1970 |
| area of an airport passenger terminal that is beyond a passenger | 1971 |
| or property screening checkpoint or to which access is | 1972 |
| restricted through security measures by the airport authority or | 1973 |
| a public agency; or an institution that is maintained, operated, | 1974 |
| managed, and governed pursuant to division (A) of section | 1975 |

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5119.14 of the Revised Code or division (A)(1) of section

| 5123.03 of the Revised Code; | 1977 |
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| (2) A school safety zone if the licensee's carrying the | 1978 |
| concealed handgun firearm is in violation of section 2923.122 of | 1979 |
| the Revised Code; | 1980 |
| (3) A courthouse or another building or structure in which | 1981 |
| a courtroom is located, if the licensee's carrying the concealed | 1982 |
| <u>firearm is in violation of section 2923.123 of the Revised Code;</u> | 1983 |
| (4) Any premises or open air arena for which a D permit | 1984 |
| has been issued under Chapter 4303. of the Revised Code if the | 1985 |
| licensee's carrying the concealed handgun_firearm is in | 1986 |
| violation of section 2923.121 of the Revised Code; | 1987 |
| (5) Any premises owned or leased by any public or private | 1988 |
| college, university, or other institution of higher education, | 1989 |
| unless the $\frac{\text{handgun-firearm}}{\text{firearm}}$ is in a locked motor vehicle $\frac{\text{-or}_{L}}{\text{c}}$ the | 1990 |
| licensee is in the immediate process of placing the handgun- | 1991 |
| $\underline{\text{firearm}}$ in a locked motor vehicle, or $\underline{\text{unless}}$ the licensee is | 1992 |
| carrying the concealed handgun firearm pursuant to a written | 1993 |
| policy, rule, or other authorization that is adopted by the | 1994 |
| institution's board of trustees or other governing body and that | 1995 |
| authorizes specific individuals or classes of individuals to | 1996 |
| carry a concealed handgun-firearm on the premises; | 1997 |
| (6) Any church, synagogue, mosque, or other place of | 1998 |
| worship, unless the church, synagogue, mosque, or other place of | 1999 |
| worship posts or permits otherwise; | 2000 |
| (7) Any building that is a government facility of this | 2001 |
| state or a political subdivision of this state and that is not a | 2002 |
| building that is used primarily as a shelter, restroom, parking | 2003 |
| facility for motor vehicles, or rest facility and is not a | 2004 |
| courthouse or other building or structure in which a courtroom | 2005 |

is located that is subject to division (B)(3) of this section, 2006 unless the governing body with authority over the building has 2007 enacted a statute, ordinance, or policy that permits a licensee 2008 to carry a concealed handgun—firearm into the building; 2009 (8) A place in which federal law prohibits the carrying of 2010 handguns firearms. 2011 (C)(1) Nothing in this section or section 2923.111 of the 2012 2013 Revised Code shall negate or restrict a rule, policy, or practice of a private employer that is not a private college, 2014 university, or other institution of higher education concerning 2015 or prohibiting the presence of firearms on the private 2016 employer's premises or property, including motor vehicles owned 2017 by the private employer. Nothing in this section or section 2018 2923.111 of the Revised Code shall require a private employer of 2019 that nature to adopt a rule, policy, or practice concerning or 2020 prohibiting the presence of firearms on the private employer's 2021 premises or property, including motor vehicles owned by the 2022 private employer. 2023 (2)(a) A private employer shall be immune from liability 2024 in a civil action for any injury, death, or loss to person or 2025 property that allegedly was caused by or related to a licensee 2026 bringing a handgun-firearm onto the premises or property of the 2027 private employer, including motor vehicles owned by the private 2028

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employer, unless the private employer acted with malicious

purpose. A private employer is immune from liability in a civil

allegedly was caused by or related to the private employer's

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decision to permit a licensee to bring, or prohibit a licensee

from bringing, a handgun-firearm onto the premises or property

action for any injury, death, or loss to person or property that

| (b) A political subdivision shall be immune from liability | 2036 |
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| in a civil action, to the extent and in the manner provided in | 2037 |
| Chapter 2744. of the Revised Code, for any injury, death, or | 2038 |
| loss to person or property that allegedly was caused by or | 2039 |
| related to a licensee bringing a handgun <u>firearm</u> onto any | 2040 |
| premises or property owned, leased, or otherwise under the | 2041 |
| control of the political subdivision. As used in this division, | 2042 |
| "political subdivision" has the same meaning as in section | 2043 |
| 2744.01 of the Revised Code. | 2044 |

- (c) An institution of higher education shall be immune 2045 from liability in a civil action for any injury, death, or loss 2046 to person or property that allegedly was caused by or related to 2047 a licensee bringing a handgun firearm onto the premises of the 2048 institution, including motor vehicles owned by the institution, 2049 unless the institution acted with malicious purpose. An 2050 institution of higher education is immune from liability in a 2051 civil action for any injury, death, or loss to person or 2052 property that allegedly was caused by or related to the 2053 institution's decision to permit a licensee or class of 2054 licensees to bring a handgun-firearm onto the premises of the 2055 institution. 2056
- (3) (a) Except as provided in division (C) (3) (b) of this 2057 section, the owner or person in control of private land or 2058 premises, and a private person or entity leasing land or 2059 premises owned by the state, the United States, or a political 2060 subdivision of the state or the United States, may post a sign 2061 in a conspicuous location on that land or on those premises 2062 prohibiting persons from carrying firearms or concealed firearms 2063 on or onto that land or those premises. Except as otherwise 2064 provided in this division, a person who knowingly violates a 2065 posted prohibition of that nature is guilty of criminal trespass 2066

| in violation of division (A)(4) of section 2911.21 of the | 2067 |
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| Revised Code and is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth | 2068 |
| degree. If a person knowingly violates a posted prohibition of | 2069 |
| that nature and the posted land or premises primarily was a | 2070 |
| parking lot or other parking facility, the person is not guilty | 2071 |
| of criminal trespass under section 2911.21 of the Revised Code | 2072 |
| or under any other criminal law of this state or criminal law, | 2073 |
| ordinance, or resolution of a political subdivision of this | 2074 |
| state, and instead is subject only to a civil cause of action | 2075 |
| for trespass based on the violation. | 2076 |

If a person knowingly violates a posted prohibition of the 2077 nature described in this division and the posted land or 2078 premises is a child day-care center, type A family day-care 2079 home, or type B family day-care home, unless the person is a 2080 licensee who resides in a type A family day-care home or type B 2081 family day-care home, the person is quilty of aggravated 2082 trespass in violation of section 2911.211 of the Revised Code. 2083 Except as otherwise provided in this division, the offender is 2084 quilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the person-2085 offender previously has been convicted of a violation of this 2086 division or of any offense of violence, if the weapon involved 2087 is a firearm that is either loaded or for which the offender has 2088 ammunition ready at hand, or if the weapon involved is dangerous 2089 ordnance, the offender is guilty of a felony of the fourth 2090 degree. 2091

(b) A landlord may not prohibit or restrict a tenant who 2092 is a licensee and who on or after September 9, 2008, enters into 2093 a rental agreement with the landlord for the use of residential 2094 premises, and the tenant's guest while the tenant is present, 2095 from lawfully carrying or possessing a handgun on those 2096 residential premises. A landlord may not prohibit or restrict a 2097

| tenant who is a licensee and who on or after the effective date | 2098 |
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| of this amendment enters into a rental agreement with the | 2099 |
| landlord for the use of residential premises and the tenant's | 2100 |
| guest while the tenant is present from lawfully carrying or | 2101 |
| possessing a firearm that is not a restricted firearm on those | 2102 |
| premises. | 2103 |
| (c) As used in division (C)(3) of this section: | 2104 |
| (i) "Residential premises" has the same meaning as in | 2105 |
| section 5321.01 of the Revised Code, except "residential | 2106 |
| premises" does not include a dwelling unit that is owned or | 2107 |
| operated by a college or university. | 2108 |
| (ii) "Landlord," "tenant," and "rental agreement" have the | 2109 |
| same meanings as in section 5321.01 of the Revised Code. | 2110 |
| (D) A person who holds a valid concealed handgun license | 2111 |
| issued by another state that is recognized by the attorney | 2112 |
| general pursuant to a reciprocity agreement entered into | 2113 |
| pursuant to section 109.69 of the Revised Code— $\mathrm{or}_{\boldsymbol{L}}$ a person who | 2114 |
| holds a valid concealed handgun license under the circumstances | 2115 |
| described in division (B) of section 109.69 of the Revised Code | 2116 |
| or a person who is deemed under division (C) of section 2923.111 | 2117 |
| of the Revised Code to have been issued a concealed handgun | 2118 |
| license under section 2923.125 of the Revised Code has the same | 2119 |
| right to carry a concealed handgun firearm that is not a | 2120 |
| restricted firearm in this state as a person who was issued a | 2121 |
| concealed handgun license under section 2923.125 of the Revised | 2122 |
| Code and is subject to the same restrictions that apply to a | 2123 |
| person who carries a license issued under that section. | 2124 |
| (E)(1) A peace officer has the same right to carry a | 2125 |
| concealed handgun firearm that is not a restricted firearm in | 2126 |

| this state as a person who was issued a concealed handgun | 2127 |
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| license under section 2923.125 of the Revised Code. For purposes | 2128 |
| of reciprocity with other states, a peace officer shall be | 2129 |
| considered to be a licensee in this state who has been issued | 2130 |
| such a license under that section. | 2131 |
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| (2) An active duty member of the armed forces of the | 2132 |
| United States who is carrying a valid military identification | 2133 |
| card and documentation of successful completion of firearms | 2134 |
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that is not a restricted firearm in this state as a person who
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described in division (G)(1) of section 2923.125 of the Revised

was issued a concealed handgun license under section 2923.125 of 2139

the Revised Code and is subject to the same restrictions as 2140 specified in this section. 2141

(F)(1) A qualified retired peace officer who possesses a 2142 retired peace officer identification card issued pursuant to 2143 division (F)(2) of this section and a valid firearms 2144 requalification certification issued pursuant to division (F)(3) 2145 2146 of this section has the same right to carry a concealed handgunfirearm that is not a restricted firearm in this state as a 2147 2148 person who was issued a concealed handqun license under section 2923.125 of the Revised Code and is subject to the same 2149 restrictions that apply to a person who carries a license issued 2150 under that section. For purposes of reciprocity with other 2151 states, a qualified retired peace officer who possesses a 2152 retired peace officer identification card issued pursuant to 2153 division (F)(2) of this section and a valid firearms 2154 requalification certification issued pursuant to division (F)(3) 2155 of this section shall be considered to be a licensee in this 2156 state who has been issued a concealed handgun license under 2157

| section 2923.125 of the Revised Code. | 2158 |
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| (2)(a) Each public agency of this state or of a political | 2159 |
| subdivision of this state that is served by one or more peace | 2160 |
| officers shall issue a retired peace officer identification card | 2161 |
| to any person who retired from service as a peace officer with | 2162 |
| that agency, if the issuance is in accordance with the agency's | 2163 |
| policies and procedures and if the person, with respect to the | 2164 |
| person's service with that agency, satisfies all of the | 2165 |
| following: | 2166 |
| (i) The person retired in good standing from service as a | 2167 |
| peace officer with the public agency, and the retirement was not | 2168 |
| for reasons of mental instability. | 2169 |
| (ii) Before retiring from service as a peace officer with | 2170 |
| that agency, the person was authorized to engage in or supervise | 2171 |
| the prevention, detection, investigation, or prosecution of, or | 2172 |
| the incarceration of any person for, any violation of law and | 2173 |
| the person had statutory powers of arrest. | 2174 |
| (iii) At the time of the person's retirement as a peace | 2175 |
| officer with that agency, the person was trained and qualified | 2176 |
| to carry firearms in the performance of the peace officer's | 2177 |
| duties. | 2178 |
| (iv) Before retiring from service as a peace officer with | 2179 |
| that agency, the person was regularly employed as a peace | 2180 |
| officer for an aggregate of fifteen years or more, or, in the | 2181 |
| alternative, the person retired from service as a peace officer | 2182 |
| with that agency, after completing any applicable probationary | 2183 |
| period of that service, due to a service-connected disability, | 2184 |
| as determined by the agency. | 2185 |
| (b) A retired peace officer identification card issued to | 2186 |

| a person under division (F)(2)(a) of this section shall identify | 2187 |
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| the person by name, contain a photograph of the person, identify | 2188 |
| the public agency of this state or of the political subdivision | 2189 |
| of this state from which the person retired as a peace officer | 2190 |
| and that is issuing the identification card, and specify that | 2191 |
| the person retired in good standing from service as a peace | 2192 |
| officer with the issuing public agency and satisfies the | 2193 |
| criteria set forth in divisions (F)(2)(a)(i) to (iv) of this | 2194 |
| section. In addition to the required content specified in this | 2195 |
| division, a retired peace officer identification card issued to | 2196 |
| a person under division (F)(2)(a) of this section may include | 2197 |
| the firearms requalification certification described in division | 2198 |
| (F)(3) of this section, and if the identification card includes | 2199 |
| that certification, the identification card shall serve as the | 2200 |
| firearms requalification certification for the retired peace | 2201 |
| officer. If the issuing public agency issues credentials to | 2202 |
| active law enforcement officers who serve the agency, the agency | 2203 |
| may comply with division (F)(2)(a) of this section by issuing | 2204 |
| the same credentials to persons who retired from service as a | 2205 |
| peace officer with the agency and who satisfy the criteria set | 2206 |
| forth in divisions $(F)(2)(a)(i)$ to (iv) of this section, | 2207 |
| provided that the credentials so issued to retired peace | 2208 |
| officers are stamped with the word "RETIRED." | 2209 |

- (c) A public agency of this state or of a political subdivision of this state may charge persons who retired from service as a peace officer with the agency a reasonable fee for issuing to the person a retired peace officer identification card pursuant to division (F)(2)(a) of this section.
- (3) If a person retired from service as a peace officer2215with a public agency of this state or of a political subdivisionof this state and the person satisfies the criteria set forth in2217

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| divisions (F)(2)(a)(i) to (iv) of this section, the public | 2218 |
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| agency may provide the retired peace officer with the | 2219 |
| opportunity to attend a firearms requalification program that is | 2220 |
| approved for purposes of firearms requalification required under | 2221 |
| section 109.801 of the Revised Code. The retired peace officer | 2222 |
| may be required to pay the cost of the course. | 2223 |

If a retired peace officer who satisfies the criteria set 2224 forth in divisions (F)(2)(a)(i) to (iv) of this section attends 2225 a firearms requalification program that is approved for purposes 2226 of firearms requalification required under section 109.801 of 2227 2228 the Revised Code, the retired peace officer's successful completion of the firearms requalification program requalifies 2229 the retired peace officer for purposes of division (F) of this 2230 section for five years from the date on which the program was 2231 successfully completed, and the requalification is valid during 2232 that five-year period. If a retired peace officer who satisfies 2233 the criteria set forth in divisions (F)(2)(a)(i) to (iv) of this 2234 section satisfactorily completes such a firearms requalification 2235 program, the retired peace officer shall be issued a firearms 2236 requalification certification that identifies the retired peace 2237 2238 officer by name, identifies the entity that taught the program, specifies that the retired peace officer successfully completed 2239 the program, specifies the date on which the course was 2240 successfully completed, and specifies that the requalification 2241 is valid for five years from that date of successful completion. 2242 The firearms requalification certification for a retired peace 2243 officer may be included in the retired peace officer 2244 identification card issued to the retired peace officer under 2245 division (F)(2) of this section. 2246

A retired peace officer who attends a firearms 2247 regualification program that is approved for purposes of 2248

| firearms requalification required under section 109.801 of the | 2249 |
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| Revised Code may be required to pay the cost of the program. | 2250 |
| (G) As used in this section: | 2251 |
| (1) "Qualified retired peace officer" means a person who | 2252 |
| satisfies all of the following: | 2253 |
| (a) The person satisfies the criteria set forth in | 2254 |
| divisions (F)(2)(a)(i) to (v) of this section. | 2255 |
| (b) The person is not under the influence of alcohol or | 2256 |
| another intoxicating or hallucinatory drug or substance. | 2257 |
| (c) The person is not prohibited by federal law from | 2258 |
| receiving firearms. | 2259 |
| (2) "Retired peace officer identification card" means an | 2260 |
| identification card that is issued pursuant to division (F)(2) | 2261 |
| of this section to a person who is a retired peace officer. | 2262 |
| (3) "Government facility of this state or a political | 2263 |
| subdivision of this state" means any of the following: | 2264 |
| (a) A building or part of a building that is owned or | 2265 |
| leased by the government of this state or a political | 2266 |
| subdivision of this state and where employees of the government | 2267 |
| of this state or the political subdivision regularly are present | 2268 |
| for the purpose of performing their official duties as employees | 2269 |
| of the state or political subdivision; | 2270 |
| (b) The office of a deputy registrar serving pursuant to | 2271 |
| Chapter 4503. of the Revised Code that is used to perform deputy | 2272 |
| registrar functions. | 2273 |
| (4) "Governing body" has the same meaning as in section | 2274 |
| 154.01 of the Revised Code. | 2275 |

Sec. 2923.128. (A) (1) (a) If a licensee holding a valid 2276 concealed handgun license is arrested for or otherwise charged 2277 with an offense described in division (D)(1)(d) of section 2278 2923.125 of the Revised Code or with a violation of section 2279 2923.15 of the Revised Code or becomes subject to a temporary 2280 protection order or to a protection order issued by a court of 2281 another state that is substantially equivalent to a temporary 2282 protection order, the sheriff who issued the license shall 2283 suspend it and shall comply with division (A)(3) of this section 2284 upon becoming aware of the arrest, charge, or protection order. 2285 Upon suspending the license, the sheriff also shall comply with 2286 division (H) of section 2923.125 of the Revised Code. 2287

- (b) A suspension under division (A)(1)(a) of this section 2288 shall be considered as beginning on the date that the licensee 2289 is arrested for or otherwise charged with an offense described 2290 in that division or on the date the appropriate court issued the 2291 protection order described in that division, irrespective of 2292 when the sheriff notifies the licensee under division (A)(3) of 2293 this section. The suspension shall end on the date on which the 2294 charges are dismissed or the licensee is found not quilty of the 2295 offense described in division (A)(1)(a) of this section or, 2296 subject to division (B) of this section, on the date the 2297 appropriate court terminates the protection order described in 2298 that division. If the suspension so ends, the sheriff shall 2299 return the license or temporary emergency license to the 2300 licensee. 2301
- (2) (a) If a licensee holding a valid concealed handgun

 license is convicted of or pleads guilty to a misdemeanor

 violation of division (B) (1), (2), or (4) of section 2923.12 of

 the Revised Code or of division (E) (1), (2), (3), or (5) of

 section 2923.16 of the Revised Code, except as provided in

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division (A)(2)(c) of this section and subject to division (C) 2307 of this section, the sheriff who issued the license shall 2308 suspend it and shall comply with division (A)(3) of this section 2309 upon becoming aware of the conviction or guilty plea. Upon 2310 suspending the license, the sheriff also shall comply with 2311 division (H) of section 2923.125 of the Revised Code. 2312 (b) A suspension under division (A)(2)(a) of this section 2313 shall be considered as beginning on the date that the licensee 2314 is convicted of or pleads quilty to the offense described in 2315 that division, irrespective of when the sheriff notifies the 2316 licensee under division (A)(3) of this section. If the 2317 suspension is imposed for a misdemeanor violation of division 2318 (B)(1) or (2) of section 2923.12 of the Revised Code or of 2319 division (E)(1), (2), or (3) of section 2923.16 of the Revised 2320 Code, it shall end on the date that is one year after the date 2321 that the licensee is convicted of or pleads quilty to that 2322 violation. If the suspension is imposed for a misdemeanor 2323 violation of division (B)(4) of section 2923.12 of the Revised 2324 Code or of division (E)(5) of section 2923.16 of the Revised 2325 Code, it shall end on the date that is two years after the date 2326 that the licensee is convicted of or pleads guilty to that 2327 violation. If the licensee's license was issued under section 2328 2923.125 of the Revised Code and the license remains valid after 2329 the suspension ends as described in this division, when the 2330 suspension ends, the sheriff shall return the license to the 2331 licensee. If the licensee's license was issued under section 2332

2923.125 of the Revised Code and the license expires before the

license under section 2923.125 or 2923.1213 of the Revised Code

suspension ends as described in this division, or if the

licensee's license was issued under section 2923.1213 of the

Revised Code, the licensee is not eligible to apply for a new

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or to renew the license under section 2923.125 of the Revised 2338 Code until after the suspension ends as described in this 2339 division.

- (c) The license of a licensee who is convicted of or 2341 pleads guilty to a violation of division (B)(1) of section 2342 2923.12 or division (E)(1) or (2) of section 2923.16 of the 2343 Revised Code shall not be suspended pursuant to division (A)(2) 2344 (a) of this section if, at the time of the stop of the licensee 2345 for a law enforcement purpose, for a traffic stop, or for a 2346 purpose defined in section 5503.34 of the Revised Code that was 2347 the basis of the violation, any law enforcement officer involved 2348 with the stop or the employee of the motor carrier enforcement 2349 unit who made the stop had actual knowledge of the licensee's 2350 status as a licensee. 2351
- (3) Upon becoming aware of an arrest, charge, or 2352 protection order described in division (A)(1)(a) of this section 2353 with respect to a licensee who was issued a concealed handgun 2354 license, or a conviction of or plea of guilty to a misdemeanor 2355 offense described in division (A)(2)(a) of this section with 2356 respect to a licensee who was issued a concealed handgun license 2357 and with respect to which division (A)(2)(c) of this section 2358 2359 does not apply, subject to division (C) of this section, the sheriff who issued the licensee's license shall notify the 2360 licensee, by certified mail, return receipt requested, at the 2361 licensee's last known residence address that the license has 2362 been suspended and that the licensee is required to surrender 2363 the license at the sheriff's office within ten days of the date 2364 on which the notice was mailed. If the suspension is pursuant to 2365 division (A)(2) of this section, the notice shall identify the 2366 date on which the suspension ends. 2367

| (B)(1) A sheriff who issues a concealed handgun license to | 2368 |
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| a licensee shall revoke the license in accordance with division | 2369 |
| (B)(2) of this section upon becoming aware that the licensee | 2370 |
| satisfies any of the following: | 2371 |
| (a) The licensee is under twenty-one years of age. | 2372 |
| (b) Subject to division (C) of this section, at the time | 2373 |
| of the issuance of the license, the licensee did not satisfy the | 2374 |
| eligibility requirements of division (D)(1)(c), (d), (e), (f), | 2375 |
| (g), or (h) of section 2923.125 of the Revised Code. | 2376 |
| (c) Subject to division (C) of this section, on or after | 2377 |
| the date on which the license was issued, the licensee is | 2378 |
| convicted of or pleads guilty to a violation of section 2923.15 | 2379 |
| of the Revised Code or an offense described in division (D)(1) | 2380 |
| (e), (f), (g), or (h) of section 2923.125 of the Revised Code. | 2381 |
| (d) On or after the date on which the license was issued, | 2382 |
| the licensee becomes subject to a civil protection order or to a | 2383 |
| protection order issued by a court of another state that is | 2384 |
| substantially equivalent to a civil protection order. | 2385 |
| (e) The licensee knowingly carries a concealed handgun- | 2386 |
| <u>firearm</u> into a place that the licensee knows is an unauthorized | 2387 |
| place specified in division (B) of section 2923.126 of the | 2388 |
| Revised Code, knowingly carries a concealed firearm in any | 2389 |
| prohibited manner listed in that division, or knowingly carries | 2390 |
| under alleged authority as a licensee a concealed restricted | 2391 |
| firearm. | 2392 |
| (f) On or after the date on which the license was issued, | 2393 |
| the licensee is adjudicated as a mental defective or is | 2394 |
| committed to a mental institution. | 2395 |
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(g) At the time of the issuance of the license, the

licensee did not meet the residency requirements described in

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division (D)(1) of section 2923.125 of the Revised Code and

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currently does not meet the residency requirements described in

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that division.

- (h) Regarding a license issued under section 2923.125 of2401the Revised Code, the competency certificate the licensee2402submitted was forged or otherwise was fraudulent.
- 2404 (2) Upon becoming aware of any circumstance listed in division (B)(1) of this section that applies to a particular 2405 licensee who was issued a concealed handqun license, subject to 2406 division (C) of this section, the sheriff who issued the license 2407 to the licensee shall notify the licensee, by certified mail, 2408 return receipt requested, at the licensee's last known residence 2409 address that the license is subject to revocation and that the 2410 licensee may come to the sheriff's office and contest the 2411 sheriff's proposed revocation within fourteen days of the date 2412 on which the notice was mailed. After the fourteen-day period 2413 and after consideration of any information that the licensee 2414 provides during that period, if the sheriff determines on the 2415 basis of the information of which the sheriff is aware that the 2416 licensee is described in division (B)(1) of this section and no 2417 longer satisfies the requirements described in division (D)(1) 2418 of section 2923.125 of the Revised Code that are applicable to 2419 the licensee's type of license, the sheriff shall revoke the 2420 license, notify the licensee of that fact, and require the 2421 licensee to surrender the license. Upon revoking the license, 2422 the sheriff also shall comply with division (H) of section 2423 2923.125 of the Revised Code. 2424
- (C) If a sheriff who issues a concealed handgun license to 2425 a licensee becomes aware that at the time of the issuance of the 2426

| license the licensee had been convicted of or pleaded guilty to | 2427 |
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| an offense identified in division (D)(1)(e), (f), or (h) of | 2428 |
| section 2923.125 of the Revised Code or had been adjudicated a | 2429 |
| delinquent child for committing an act or violation identified | 2430 |
| in any of those divisions or becomes aware that on or after the | 2431 |
| date on which the license was issued the licensee has been | 2432 |
| convicted of or pleaded guilty to an offense identified in | 2433 |
| division (A)(2)(a) or (B)(1)(c) of this section, the sheriff | 2434 |
| shall not consider that conviction, guilty plea, or adjudication | 2435 |
| as having occurred for purposes of divisions (A)(2), (A)(3), (B) | 2436 |
| (1), and (B)(2) of this section if a court has ordered the | 2437 |
| sealing or expungement of the records of that conviction, guilty | 2438 |
| plea, or adjudication pursuant to sections 2151.355 to 2151.358 | 2439 |
| or sections 2953.31 to 2953.36 of the Revised Code or the | 2440 |
| licensee has been relieved under operation of law or legal | 2441 |
| process from the disability imposed pursuant to section 2923.13 | 2442 |
| of the Revised Code relative to that conviction, guilty plea, or | 2443 |
| adjudication. | 2444 |
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(D) As used in this section, "motor carrier enforcement 2445 unit" has the same meaning as in section 2923.16 of the Revised 2446 Code. 2447

Sec. 2923.129. (A) (1) If a sheriff, the superintendent of 2448 the bureau of criminal identification and investigation, the 2449 employees of the bureau, the Ohio peace officer training 2450 commission, or the employees of the commission make a good faith 2451 effort in performing the duties imposed upon the sheriff, the 2452 superintendent, the bureau's employees, the commission, or the 2453 commission's employees by sections 109.731, 311.41, and 2923.124 2454 to 2923.1213 of the Revised Code, in addition to the personal 2455 immunity provided by section 9.86 of the Revised Code or 2456 division (A)(6) of section 2744.03 of the Revised Code and the 2457

| governmental immunity of sections 2744.02 and 2744.03 of the | 2458 |
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| Revised Code and in addition to any other immunity possessed by | 2459 |
| the bureau, the commission, and their employees, the sheriff, | 2460 |
| the sheriff's office, the county in which the sheriff has | 2461 |
| jurisdiction, the bureau, the superintendent of the bureau, the | 2462 |
| bureau's employees, the commission, and the commission's | 2463 |
| employees are immune from liability in a civil action for | 2464 |
| injury, death, or loss to person or property that allegedly was | 2465 |
| caused by or related to any of the following: | 2466 |
| (a) The issuance, renewal, suspension, or revocation of a | 2467 |
| concealed handgun license; | 2468 |
| (b) The failure to issue, renew, suspend, or revoke a | 2469 |
| concealed handgun license; | 2470 |
| (c) Any action or misconduct with a handgun-firearm | 2471 |
| committed by a licensee. | 2472 |
| (2) Any action of a sheriff relating to the issuance, | 2473 |
| renewal, suspension, or revocation of a concealed handgun | 2474 |
| license shall be considered to be a governmental function for | 2475 |
| purposes of Chapter 2744. of the Revised Code. | 2476 |
| (3) An entity that or instructor who provides a competency | 2477 |
| certification of a type described in division (B)(3) of section | 2478 |
| 2923.125 of the Revised Code is immune from civil liability that | 2479 |
| might otherwise be incurred or imposed for any death or any | 2480 |
| injury or loss to person or property that is caused by or | 2481 |
| related to a person to whom the entity or instructor has issued | 2482 |
| the competency certificate if all of the following apply: | 2483 |
| (a) The alleged liability of the entity or instructor | 2484 |
| relates to the training provided in the course, class, or | 2485 |
| program covered by the competency certificate | 2486 |

| (b) The entity or instructor makes a good faith effort in | 2487 |
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| determining whether the person has satisfactorily completed the | 2488 |
| course, class, or program and makes a good faith effort in | 2489 |
| assessing the person in the competency examination conducted | 2490 |
| pursuant to division (G)(2) of section 2923.125 of the Revised | 2491 |
| Code. | 2492 |
| (c) The entity or instructor did not issue the competency | 2493 |
| certificate with malicious purpose, in bad faith, or in a wanton | 2494 |
| or reckless manner. | 2495 |
| (4) An entity that or instructor who, prior to March 27, | 2496 |
| 2013, provides a renewed competency certification of a type | 2497 |
| described in division (G)(4) of section 2923.125 of the Revised | 2498 |
| Code as it existed prior to March 27, 2013, is immune from civil | 2499 |
| liability that might otherwise be incurred or imposed for any | 2500 |
| death or any injury or loss to person or property that is caused | 2501 |
| by or related to a person to whom the entity or instructor has | 2502 |
| issued the renewed competency certificate if all of the | 2503 |
| following apply: | 2504 |
| (a) The entity or instructor makes a good faith effort in | 2505 |
| assessing the person in the physical demonstrations or the | 2506 |
| competency examination conducted pursuant to division (G)(4) of | 2507 |
| section 2923.125 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to | 2508 |
| March 27, 2013. | 2509 |
| (b) The entity or instructor did not issue the renewed | 2510 |
| competency certificate with malicious purpose, in bad faith, or | 2511 |
| in a wanton or reckless manner. | 2512 |
| (5) A law enforcement agency that employs a peace officer | 2513 |

is immune from liability in a civil action to recover damages

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caused by any act of that peace officer if the act occurred 2516 while the peace officer carried a concealed handgun-firearm and 2517 was off duty and if the act allegedly involved the peace 2518 officer's use of the concealed handgun firearm. Sections 9.86 2519 and 9.87, and Chapter 2744., of the Revised Code apply to any 2520 civil action involving a peace officer's use of a concealed 2521 2522 handgun-firearm in the performance of the peace officer's official duties while the peace officer is off duty. 2523

- (B) Notwithstanding section 149.43 of the Revised Code, 2524 2525 the records that a sheriff keeps relative to the issuance, 2526 renewal, suspension, or revocation of a concealed handgun license, including, but not limited to, completed applications 2527 for the issuance or renewal of a license, completed affidavits 2528 submitted regarding an application for a license on a temporary 2529 emergency basis, reports of criminal records checks and 2530 incompetency records checks under section 311.41 of the Revised 2531 Code, and applicants' social security numbers and fingerprints 2532 that are obtained under division (A) of section 311.41 of the 2533 Revised Code, are confidential and are not public records. No 2534 person shall release or otherwise disseminate records that are 2535 confidential under this division unless required to do so 2536 pursuant to a court order. 2537
- (C) Each sheriff shall report to the Ohio peace officer 2538 training commission the number of concealed handgun licenses 2539 that the sheriff issued, renewed, suspended, revoked, or denied 2540 under section 2923.125 of the Revised Code during the previous 2541 quarter of the calendar year, the number of applications for 2542 those licenses for which processing was suspended in accordance 2543 with division (D)(3) of section 2923.125 of the Revised Code 2544 during the previous quarter of the calendar year, and the number 2545 of concealed handgun licenses on a temporary emergency basis 2546

| that the sheriff issued, suspended, revoked, or denied under | 2547 |
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| section 2923.1213 of the Revised Code during the previous | 2548 |
| quarter of the calendar year. The sheriff shall not include in | 2549 |
| the report the name or any other identifying information of an | 2550 |
| applicant or licensee. The sheriff shall report that information | 2551 |
| in a manner that permits the commission to maintain the | 2552 |
| statistics described in division (C) of section 109.731 of the | 2553 |
| Revised Code and to timely prepare the statistical report | 2554 |
| described in that division. The information that is received by | 2555 |
| the commission under this division is a public record kept by | 2556 |
| the commission for the purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised | 2557 |
| Code. | 2558 |

- (D) Law enforcement agencies may use the information a 2559 sheriff makes available through the use of the law enforcement 2560 automated data system pursuant to division (H) of section 2561 2923.125 or division (B)(2) or (D) of section 2923.1213 of the 2562 Revised Code for law enforcement purposes only. The information 2563 is confidential and is not a public record. A person who 2564 releases or otherwise disseminates this information obtained 2565 through the law enforcement automated data system in a manner 2566 not described in this division is quilty of a violation of 2567 section 2913.04 of the Revised Code. 2568
- (E) Whoever violates division (B) of this section is 2569 guilty of illegal release of confidential concealed handgun 2570 license records, a felony of the fifth degree. In addition to 2571 any penalties imposed under Chapter 2929. of the Revised Code 2572 for a violation of division (B) of this section or a violation 2573 of section 2913.04 of the Revised Code described in division (D) 2574 of this section, if the offender is a sheriff, an employee of a 2575 sheriff, or any other public officer or employee, and if the 2576 violation was willful and deliberate, the offender shall be 2577

| subject to a civil fine of one thousand dollars. Any person who | 2578 |
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| is harmed by a violation of division (B) or (C) of this section | 2579 |
| or a violation of section 2913.04 of the Revised Code described | 2580 |
| in division (D) of this section has a private cause of action | 2581 |
| against the offender for any injury, death, or loss to person or | 2582 |
| property that is a proximate result of the violation and may | 2583 |
| recover court costs and attorney's fees related to the action. | 2584 |
| Sec. 2923.1210. (A) A business entity, property owner, or | 2585 |
| public or private employer may not establish, maintain, or | 2586 |
| enforce a policy or rule that prohibits or has the effect of | 2587 |
| prohibiting a person who has been issued a valid concealed | 2588 |
| handgun license, or a person who is deemed under division (C) of | 2589 |
| section 2923.111 of the Revised Code to have been issued a | 2590 |
| concealed handgun license under section 2923.125 of the Revised | 2591 |
| <pre>Code, from transporting or storing a firearm or ammunition when</pre> | 2592 |
| both of the following conditions are met: | 2593 |
| (1) Each firearm and all of the ammunition remains inside | 2594 |
| the person's privately owned motor vehicle while the person is | 2595 |
| physically present inside the motor vehicle, or each firearm and | 2596 |
| all of the ammunition is locked within the trunk, glove box, or | 2597 |
| other enclosed compartment or container within or on the | 2598 |
| person's privately owned motor vehicle; | 2599 |
| (2) The vehicle is in a location where it is otherwise | 2600 |
| permitted to be. | 2601 |
| (B) No business entity, property owner, or public or | 2602 |
| private employer shall be held liable in any civil action for | 2603 |
| damages, injuries, or death resulting from or arising out of | 2604 |
| another person's actions involving a firearm or ammunition | 2605 |
| transported or stored pursuant to division (A) of this section $\underline{\hspace{0.5cm}}$ | 2606 |
| including the theft of a firearm from an employee's or invitee's | 2607 |

| automobile, unless the business entity, property owner, or | 2608 |
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| public or private employer intentionally solicited or procured | 2609 |
| the other person's injurious actions. | 2610 |
| Sec. 2923.1213. (A) As used in this section: | 2611 |
| (1) "Evidence of imminent danger" means any of the | 2612 |
| following: | 2613 |
| (a) A statement sworn by the person seeking to carry a | 2614 |
| concealed handgun firearm other than a restricted firearm that | 2615 |
| is made under threat of perjury and that states that the person | 2616 |
| has reasonable cause to fear a criminal attack upon the person | 2617 |
| or a member of the person's family, such as would justify a | 2618 |
| prudent person in going armed; | 2619 |
| (b) A written document prepared by a governmental entity | 2620 |
| or public official describing the facts that give the person | 2621 |
| seeking to carry a concealed <u>handgun</u> <u>firearm other than a</u> | 2622 |
| restricted firearm reasonable cause to fear a criminal attack | 2623 |
| upon the person or a member of the person's family, such as | 2624 |
| would justify a prudent person in going armed. Written documents | 2625 |
| of this nature include, but are not limited to, any temporary | 2626 |
| protection order, civil protection order, protection order | 2627 |
| issued by another state, or other court order, any court report, | 2628 |
| and any report filed with or made by a law enforcement agency or | 2629 |
| prosecutor. | 2630 |
| (2) "Prosecutor" has the same meaning as in section | 2631 |
| 2935.01 of the Revised Code. | 2632 |
| (B)(1) A person seeking a concealed handgun license on a | 2633 |
| temporary emergency basis shall submit to the sheriff of the | 2634 |
| county in which the person resides or, if the person usually | 2635 |
| resides in another state, to the sheriff of the county in which | 2636 |

the person is temporarily staying, all of the following: 2637 (a) Evidence of imminent danger to the person or a member 2638 of the person's family; 2639 (b) A sworn affidavit that contains all of the information 2640 2641 required to be on the license and attesting that the person is legally living in the United States; is at least twenty-one 2642 years of age; is not a fugitive from justice; is not under 2643 indictment for or otherwise charged with an offense identified 2644 in division (D)(1)(d) of section 2923.125 of the Revised Code; 2645 has not been convicted of or pleaded guilty to an offense, and 2646 has not been adjudicated a delinquent child for committing an 2647 act, identified in division (D)(1)(e) of that section and to 2648 which division (B)(3) of this section does not apply; within 2649 three years of the date of the submission, has not been 2650 convicted of or pleaded guilty to an offense, and has not been 2651 adjudicated a delinquent child for committing an act, identified 2652 in division (D)(1)(f) of that section and to which division (B) 2653 (3) of this section does not apply; within five years of the 2654 date of the submission, has not been convicted of, pleaded 2655 quilty, or adjudicated a delinquent child for committing two or 2656 more violations identified in division (D)(1)(g) of that 2657 section; within ten years of the date of the submission, has not 2658 been convicted of, pleaded guilty, or adjudicated a delinquent 2659 child for committing a violation identified in division (D)(1) 2660 (h) of that section and to which division (B)(3) of this section 2661 does not apply; has not been adjudicated as a mental defective, 2662 has not been committed to any mental institution, is not under 2663 adjudication of mental incompetence, has not been found by a 2664 court to be a mentally ill person subject to court order, and is 2665 not an involuntary patient other than one who is a patient only 2666

for purposes of observation, as described in division (D)(1)(i)

| of that section; is not currently subject to a civil protection | 2668 |
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| order, a temporary protection order, or a protection order | 2669 |
| issued by a court of another state, as described in division (D) | 2670 |
| (1)(j) of that section; is not currently subject to a suspension | 2671 |
| imposed under division (A)(2) of section 2923.128 of the Revised | 2672 |
| Code of a concealed handgun license that previously was issued | 2673 |
| to the person or a similar suspension imposed by another state | 2674 |
| regarding a concealed handgun license issued by that state; is | 2675 |
| not an unlawful user of or addicted to any controlled substance | 2676 |
| as defined in 21 U.S.C. 802; if applicable, is an alien and has | 2677 |
| not been admitted to the United States under a nonimmigrant | 2678 |
| visa, as defined in the "Immigration and Nationality Act," 8 | 2679 |
| J.S.C. 1101(a)(26); has not been discharged from the armed | 2680 |
| forces of the United States under dishonorable conditions; if | 2681 |
| applicable, has not renounced the applicant's United States | 2682 |
| citizenship; and has not been convicted of, pleaded guilty to, | 2683 |
| or been adjudicated a delinquent child for committing a | 2684 |
| violation identified in division (D)(1)(s) of section 2923.125 | 2685 |
| of the Revised Code; | 2686 |
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- (c) A nonrefundable temporary emergency license fee as described in either of the following:
- (i) For an applicant who has been a resident of this state 2689 for five or more years, a fee of fifteen dollars plus the actual 2690 cost of having a background check performed by the bureau of 2691 criminal identification and investigation pursuant to section 2692 311.41 of the Revised Code; 2693

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(ii) For an applicant who has been a resident of this 2694 state for less than five years or who is not a resident of this 2695 state, but is temporarily staying in this state, a fee of 2696 fifteen dollars plus the actual cost of having background checks 2697

performed by the federal bureau of investigation and the bureau 2698 of criminal identification and investigation pursuant to section 2699 311.41 of the Revised Code. 2700

- (d) A set of fingerprints of the applicant provided as 2701 described in section 311.41 of the Revised Code through use of 2702 an electronic fingerprint reading device or, if the sheriff to 2703 whom the application is submitted does not possess and does not 2704 have ready access to the use of an electronic fingerprint 2705 reading device, on a standard impression sheet prescribed 2706 2707 pursuant to division (C)(2) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code. If the fingerprints are provided on a standard impression 2708 sheet, the person also shall provide the person's social 2709 security number to the sheriff. 2710
- (2) A sheriff shall accept the evidence of imminent 2711 danger, the sworn affidavit, the fee, and the set of 2712 fingerprints required under division (B)(1) of this section at 2713 the times and in the manners described in division (I) of this 2714 section. Upon receipt of the evidence of imminent danger, the 2715 sworn affidavit, the fee, and the set of fingerprints required 2716 under division (B)(1) of this section, the sheriff, in the 2717 manner specified in section 311.41 of the Revised Code, 2718 immediately shall conduct or cause to be conducted the criminal 2719 records check and the incompetency records check described in 2720 section 311.41 of the Revised Code. Immediately upon receipt of 2721 the results of the records checks, the sheriff shall review the 2722 information and shall determine whether the criteria set forth 2723 in divisions (D)(1)(a) to (j) and (m) to (s) of section 2923.1252724 of the Revised Code apply regarding the person. If the sheriff 2725 determines that all of <u>the</u> criteria set forth in divisions (D) 2726 (1) (a) to (j) and (m) to (s) of section 2923.125 of the Revised 2727 Code apply regarding the person, the sheriff shall immediately 2728

| make available through the law enforcement automated data system | 2729 |
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| all information that will be contained on the temporary | 2730 |
| emergency license for the person if one is issued, and the | 2731 |
| superintendent of the state highway patrol shall ensure that the | 2732 |
| system is so configured as to permit the transmission through | 2733 |
| the system of that information. Upon making that information | 2734 |
| available through the law enforcement automated data system, the | 2735 |
| sheriff shall immediately issue to the person a concealed | 2736 |
| handgun license on a temporary emergency basis. | 2737 |

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If the sheriff denies the issuance of a license on a temporary emergency basis to the person, the sheriff shall specify the grounds for the denial in a written notice to the person. The person may appeal the denial, or challenge criminal records check results that were the basis of the denial if applicable, in the same manners specified in division (D)(2) of section 2923.125 and in section 2923.127 of the Revised Code, regarding the denial of an application for a concealed handgun license under that section.

The license on a temporary emergency basis issued under

this division shall be in the form, and shall include all of the

information, described in divisions (A)(2)(a) and (d) of section

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109.731 of the Revised Code, and also shall include a unique

combination of identifying letters and numbers in accordance

with division (A)(2)(c) of that section.

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The license on a temporary emergency basis issued under

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this division is valid for ninety days and may not be renewed. A

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person who has been issued a license on a temporary emergency

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basis under this division shall not be issued another license on

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a temporary emergency basis unless at least four years has

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expired since the issuance of the prior license on a temporary

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emergency basis. 2759

- (3) If a person seeking a concealed handgun license on a 2760 temporary emergency basis has been convicted of or pleaded 2761 quilty to an offense identified in division (D)(1)(e), (f), or 2762 (h) of section 2923.125 of the Revised Code or has been 2763 adjudicated a delinguent child for committing an act or 2764 violation identified in any of those divisions, and if a court 2765 has ordered the sealing or expungement of the records of that 2766 conviction, guilty plea, or adjudication pursuant to sections 2767 2151.355 to 2151.358 or sections 2953.31 to 2953.36 of the 2768 Revised Code or the applicant has been relieved under operation 2769 of law or legal process from the disability imposed pursuant to 2770 section 2923.13 of the Revised Code relative to that conviction, 2771 quilty plea, or adjudication, the conviction, guilty plea, or 2772 adjudication shall not be relevant for purposes of the sworn 2773 affidavit described in division (B)(1)(b) of this section, and 2774 the person may complete, and swear to the truth of, the 2775 affidavit as if the conviction, quilty plea, or adjudication 2776 never had occurred. 2777
- (4) The sheriff shall waive the payment pursuant to 2778 division (B)(1)(c) of this section of the license fee in 2779 connection with an application that is submitted by an applicant 2780 who is a retired peace officer, a retired person described in 2781 division (B)(1)(b) of section 109.77 of the Revised Code, or a 2782 retired federal law enforcement officer who, prior to 2783 retirement, was authorized under federal law to carry a firearm 2784 in the course of duty, unless the retired peace officer, person, 2785 or federal law enforcement officer retired as the result of a 2786 mental disability. 2787

The sheriff shall deposit all fees paid by an applicant

under division (B)(1)(c) of this section into the sheriff's 2789 concealed handgun license issuance fund established pursuant to 2790 section 311.42 of the Revised Code. 2791

- (C) A person who holds a concealed handgun license on a 2792 temporary emergency basis, regardless of whether the license was 2793 issued prior to, on, or after the effective date of this 2794 amendment, has the same right to carry a concealed handgun-2795 firearm that is not a restricted firearm as a person who was 2796 issued a concealed handgun license under section 2923.125 of the 2797 2798 Revised Code, and any exceptions to the prohibitions contained in section 1547.69 and sections 2923.12 to 2923.16 of the 2799 Revised Code for a licensee under section 2923.125 of the 2800 2801 Revised Code apply to a licensee under this section. The person is subject to the same restrictions, and to all other 2802 procedures, duties, and sanctions, that apply to a person who 2803 carries a license issued under section 2923.125 of the Revised 2804 Code, other than the license renewal procedures set forth in 2805 that section. 2806
- (D) A sheriff who issues a concealed handgun license on a 2807 temporary emergency basis under this section shall not require a 2808 person seeking to carry a concealed handgun_firearm that is not_ 2809 2810 a restricted firearm in accordance with this section to submit a competency certificate as a prerequisite for issuing the license 2811 and shall comply with division (H) of section 2923.125 of the 2812 Revised Code in regards to the license. The sheriff shall 2813 suspend or revoke the license in accordance with section 2814 2923.128 of the Revised Code. In addition to the suspension or 2815 revocation procedures set forth in section 2923.128 of the 2816 Revised Code, the sheriff may revoke the license upon receiving 2817 information, verifiable by public documents, that the person is 2818 not eligible to possess a firearm under either the laws of this 2819

| state or of the United States or that the person committed | 2820 |
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| perjury in obtaining the license; if the sheriff revokes a | 2821 |
| license under this additional authority, the sheriff shall | 2822 |
| notify the person, by certified mail, return receipt requested, | 2823 |
| at the person's last known residence address that the license | 2824 |
| has been revoked and that the person is required to surrender | 2825 |
| the license at the sheriff's office within ten days of the date | 2826 |
| on which the notice was mailed. Division (H) of section 2923.125 | 2827 |
| of the Revised Code applies regarding any suspension or | 2828 |
| revocation of a concealed handgun license on a temporary | 2829 |
| emergency basis. | 2830 |

- (E) A sheriff who issues a concealed handgun license on a 2831 temporary emergency basis under this section shall retain, for 2832 the entire period during which the license is in effect, the 2833 evidence of imminent danger that the person submitted to the 2834 sheriff and that was the basis for the license, or a copy of 2835 that evidence, as appropriate.
- (F) If a concealed handgun license on a temporary 2837 emergency basis issued under this section is lost or is 2838 destroyed, the licensee may obtain from the sheriff who issued 2839 that license a duplicate license upon the payment of a fee of 2840 fifteen dollars and the submission of an affidavit attesting to 2841 the loss or destruction of the license. The sheriff, in 2842 accordance with the procedures prescribed in section 109.731 of 2843 the Revised Code, shall place on the replacement license a 2844 combination of identifying numbers different from the 2845 combination on the license that is being replaced. 2846
- (G) The attorney general shall prescribe, and shall make 2847 available to sheriffs, a standard form to be used under division 2848 (B) of this section by a person who applies for a concealed 2849

| handgun license on a temporary emergency basis on the basis of | 2850 |
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| imminent danger of a type described in division (A)(1)(a) of | 2851 |
| this section. The attorney general shall design the form to | 2852 |
| enable applicants to provide the information that is required by | 2853 |
| law to be collected, and shall update the form as necessary. | 2854 |
| Burdens or restrictions to obtaining a concealed handgun license | 2855 |
| that are not expressly prescribed in law shall not be | 2856 |
| incorporated into the form. The attorney general shall post a | 2857 |
| printable version of the form on the web site of the attorney | 2858 |
| general and shall provide the address of the web site to any | 2859 |
| person who requests the form. | 2860 |

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- (H) A sheriff who receives any fees paid by a person under this section shall deposit all fees so paid into the sheriff's concealed handgun license issuance expense fund established under section 311.42 of the Revised Code.
- (I) A sheriff shall accept evidence of imminent danger, a 2865 sworn affidavit, the fee, and the set of fingerprints specified 2866 2867 in division (B)(1) of this section at any time during normal business hours. In no case shall a sheriff require an 2868 appointment, or designate a specific period of time, for the 2869 submission or acceptance of evidence of imminent danger, a sworn 2870 affidavit, the fee, and the set of fingerprints specified in 2871 division (B)(1) of this section, or for the provision to any 2872 person of a standard form to be used for a person to apply for a 2873 concealed handgun license on a temporary emergency basis. 2874
- Sec. 2923.16. (A) No person shall knowingly discharge a firearm while in or on a motor vehicle.
- (B) No person shall knowingly transport or have a loaded 2877 firearm in a motor vehicle in such a manner that the firearm is 2878 accessible to the operator or any passenger without leaving the 2879

| vehicle. | 2880 |
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| (C) No person shall knowingly transport or have a firearm | 2881 |
| in a motor vehicle, unless the person may lawfully possess that | 2882 |
| firearm under applicable law of this state or the United States, | 2883 |
| the firearm is unloaded, and the firearm is carried in one of | 2884 |
| the following ways: | 2885 |
| (1) In a closed package, box, or case; | 2886 |
| (2) In a compartment that can be reached only by leaving | 2887 |
| the vehicle; | 2888 |
| (3) In plain sight and secured in a rack or holder made | 2889 |
| for the purpose; | 2890 |
| (4) If the firearm is at least twenty-four inches in | 2891 |
| overall length as measured from the muzzle to the part of the | 2892 |
| stock furthest from the muzzle and if the barrel is at least | 2893 |
| eighteen inches in length, either in plain sight with the action | 2894 |
| open or the weapon stripped, or, if the firearm is of a type on | 2895 |
| which the action will not stay open or which cannot easily be | 2896 |
| stripped, in plain sight. | 2897 |
| (D) No person shall knowingly transport or have a loaded | 2898 |
| <pre>handgun_firearm in a motor vehicle if, at the time of that</pre> | 2899 |
| transportation or possession, any of the following applies: | 2900 |
| (1) The person is under the influence of alcohol, a drug | 2901 |
| of abuse, or a combination of them. | 2902 |
| (2) The person's whole blood, blood serum or plasma, | 2903 |
| breath, or urine contains a concentration of alcohol, a listed | 2904 |
| controlled substance, or a listed metabolite of a controlled | 2905 |
| substance prohibited for persons operating a vehicle, as | 2906 |
| specified in division (A) of section 4511.19 of the Revised | 2907 |

Code, regardless of whether the person at the time of the 2908 transportation or possession as described in this division is 2909 the operator of or a passenger in the motor vehicle. 2910

- (E) No person who has been issued a concealed handgun 2911 license, who is deemed under division (C) of section 2923.111 of 2912 the Revised Code to have been issued a concealed handgun license 2913 under section 2923.125 of the Revised Code, or who is an active 2914 duty member of the armed forces of the United States and is 2915 carrying a valid military identification card and documentation 2916 2917 of successful completion of firearms training that meets or exceeds the training requirements described in division (G)(1) 2918 of section 2923.125 of the Revised Code, who is the driver or an 2919 occupant of a motor vehicle that is stopped as a result of a 2920 traffic stop or a stop for another law enforcement purpose or is 2921 the driver or an occupant of a commercial motor vehicle that is 2922 stopped by an employee of the motor carrier enforcement unit for 2923 the purposes defined in section 5503.34 of the Revised Code, and 2924 who is transporting or has a loaded handgun firearm that is not 2925 a restricted firearm in the motor vehicle or commercial motor 2926 vehicle in any manner, shall do any of the following: 2927
- (1) Fail to promptly inform any law enforcement officer 2928 who approaches the vehicle while stopped that the person then 2929 possesses or has a loaded firearm in the motor vehicle and that 2930 the person has been issued a concealed handgun license, is 2931 deemed under division (C) of section 2923.111 of the Revised 2932 <u>Code to have been issued a concealed handgun license,</u> or is 2933 authorized to carry a concealed handgun firearm as an active 2934 duty member of the armed forces of the United States and that 2935 the person then possesses or has a loaded handgun in the motor-2936 2937 vehicle;

| (2) Fail to promptly inform the employee of the unit who | 2938 |
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| approaches the vehicle while stopped that the person then | 2939 |
| possesses or has a loaded firearm in the motor vehicle and that | 2940 |
| the person has been issued a concealed handgun license, is | 2941 |
| deemed under division (C) of section 2923.111 of the Revised | 2942 |
| Code to have been issued a concealed handgun license, or is | 2943 |
| authorized to carry a concealed handgun firearm as an active | 2944 |
| duty member of the armed forces of the United States-and that | 2945 |
| the person then possesses or has a loaded handgun in the | 2946 |
| commercial motor vehicle; | 2947 |
| (3) Knowingly fail to remain in the motor vehicle while | 2948 |
| stopped or knowingly fail to keep the person's hands in plain | 2949 |
| sight at any time after any law enforcement officer begins | 2950 |
| approaching the person while stopped and before the law | 2951 |
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(4) Knowingly have contact with the loaded handgun_firearm 2955

by touching it with the person's hands or fingers in the motor 2956

vehicle at any time after the law enforcement officer begins 2957

approaching and before the law enforcement officer leaves, 2958

unless the person has contact with the loaded handgun_firearm 2959

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enforcement officer; 2961

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enforcement officer leaves, unless the failure is pursuant to

and in accordance with directions given by a law enforcement

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- (5) Knowingly disregard or fail to comply with any lawful 2962 order of any law enforcement officer given while the motor 2963 vehicle is stopped, including, but not limited to, a specific 2964 order to the person to keep the person's hands in plain sight. 2965
- (F)(1) Divisions (A), (B), (C), and (E) of this section do 2966 not apply to any of the following: 2967

| (a) An officer, agent, or employee of this or any other | 2968 |
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| state or the United States, or a law enforcement officer, when | 2969 |
| authorized to carry or have loaded or accessible firearms in | 2970 |
| motor vehicles and acting within the scope of the officer's, | 2971 |
| agent's, or employee's duties; | 2972 |
| (b) Any person who is employed in this state, who is | 2973 |
| authorized to carry or have loaded or accessible firearms in | 2974 |
| motor vehicles, and who is subject to and in compliance with the | 2975 |
| requirements of section 109.801 of the Revised Code, unless the | 2976 |
| appointing authority of the person has expressly specified that | 2977 |
| the exemption provided in division (F)(1)(b) of this section | 2978 |
| does not apply to the person. | 2979 |
| (2) Division (7) of this costion does not apply to a | 2980 |
| (2) Division (A) of this section does not apply to a | |
| person if all of the following circumstances apply: | 2981 |
| (a) The person discharges a firearm from a motor vehicle | 2982 |
| at a coyote or groundhog, the discharge is not during the deer | 2983 |
| gun hunting season as set by the chief of the division of | 2984 |
| wildlife of the department of natural resources, and the | 2985 |
| discharge at the coyote or groundhog, but for the operation of | 2986 |
| this section, is lawful. | 2987 |
| (b) The motor vehicle from which the person discharges the | 2988 |
| firearm is on real property that is located in an unincorporated | 2989 |
| area of a township and that either is zoned for agriculture or | 2990 |
| is used for agriculture. | 2991 |
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| (c) The person owns the real property described in | 2992 |
| division (F)(2)(b) of this section, is the spouse or a child of | 2993 |
| another person who owns that real property, is a tenant of | 2994 |
| another person who owns that real property, or is the spouse or | 2995 |

a child of a tenant of another person who owns that real

| property. | 2997 |
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| (d) The person does not discharge the firearm in any of | 2998 |
| the following manners: | 2999 |
| (i) While under the influence of alcohol, a drug of abuse, | 3000 |
| or alcohol and a drug of abuse; | 3001 |
| (ii) In the direction of a street, highway, or other | 3002 |
| public or private property used by the public for vehicular | 3003 |
| traffic or parking; | 3004 |
| (iii) At or into an occupied structure that is a permanent | 3005 |
| or temporary habitation; | 3006 |
| (iv) In the commission of any violation of law, including, | 3007 |
| but not limited to, a felony that includes, as an essential | 3008 |
| element, purposely or knowingly causing or attempting to cause | 3009 |
| the death of or physical harm to another and that was committed | 3010 |
| by discharging a firearm from a motor vehicle. | 3011 |
| (3) Division (A) of this section does not apply to a | 3012 |
| person if all of the following apply: | 3013 |
| (a) The person possesses a valid electric-powered all- | 3014 |
| purpose vehicle permit issued under section 1533.103 of the | 3015 |
| Revised Code by the chief of the division of wildlife. | 3016 |
| (b) The person discharges a firearm at a wild quadruped or | 3017 |
| game bird as defined in section 1531.01 of the Revised Code | 3018 |
| during the open hunting season for the applicable wild quadruped | 3019 |
| or game bird. | 3020 |
| (c) The person discharges a firearm from a stationary | 3021 |
| electric-powered all-purpose vehicle as defined in section | 3022 |
| 1531.01 of the Revised Code or a motor vehicle that is parked on | 3023 |
| a road that is owned or administered by the division of | 3024 |

| wildlife, provided that the road is identified by an electric- | 3025 |
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| powered all-purpose vehicle sign. | 3026 |
| (d) The person does not discharge the firearm in any of | 3027 |
| the following manners: | 3028 |
| (i) While under the influence of alcohol, a drug of abuse, | 3029 |
| or alcohol and a drug of abuse; | 3030 |
| (ii) In the direction of a street, a highway, or other | 3031 |
| public or private property that is used by the public for | 3032 |
| vehicular traffic or parking; | 3033 |
| (iii) At or into an occupied structure that is a permanent | 3034 |
| or temporary habitation; | 3035 |
| (iv) In the commission of any violation of law, including, | 3036 |
| but not limited to, a felony that includes, as an essential | 3037 |
| element, purposely or knowingly causing or attempting to cause | 3038 |
| the death of or physical harm to another and that was committed | 3039 |
| by discharging a firearm from a motor vehicle. | 3040 |
| (4) Divisions (B) and (C) of this section do not apply to | 3041 |
| a person if all of the following circumstances apply: | 3042 |
| (a) At the time of the alleged violation of either of | 3043 |
| those divisions, the person is the operator of or a passenger in | 3044 |
| a motor vehicle. | 3045 |
| (b) The motor vehicle is on real property that is located | 3046 |
| in an unincorporated area of a township and that either is zoned | 3047 |
| for agriculture or is used for agriculture. | 3048 |
| (c) The person owns the real property described in | 3049 |
| division (D)(4)(b) of this section, is the spouse or a child of | 3050 |
| another person who owns that real property, is a tenant of | 3051 |
| another person who owns that real property, or is the spouse or | 3052 |

| a child of a tenant of another person who owns that real | 3053 |
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| property. | 3054 |
| (d) The person, prior to arriving at the real property | 3055 |
| described in division (D)(4)(b) of this section, did not | 3056 |
| transport or possess a firearm in the motor vehicle in a manner | 3057 |
| prohibited by division (B) or (C) of this section while the | 3058 |
| motor vehicle was being operated on a street, highway, or other | 3059 |
| public or private property used by the public for vehicular | 3060 |
| traffic or parking. | 3061 |
| (5) Divisions (B) and (C) of this section do not apply to | 3062 |
| a person who transports or possesses a handgun-firearm that is | 3063 |
| not a restricted firearm in a motor vehicle if, at the time of | 3064 |
| that transportation or possession, both of the following apply: | 3065 |
| (a) The person transporting or possessing the handgun- | 3066 |
| firearm is either carrying a valid concealed handgun license, is | 3067 |
| deemed under division (C) of section 2923.111 of the Revised | 3068 |
| Code to have been issued a concealed handgun license under | 3069 |
| section 2923.125 of the Revised Code, or is an active duty | 3070 |
| member of the armed forces of the United States and is carrying | 3071 |
| a valid military identification card and documentation of | 3072 |
| successful completion of firearms training that meets or exceeds | 3073 |
| the training requirements described in division (G)(1) of | 3074 |
| section 2923.125 of the Revised Code. | 3075 |
| (b) The person transporting or possessing the handgun- | 3076 |
| firearm is not knowingly in a an unauthorized place described | 3077 |
| specified in division (B) of section 2923.126 of the Revised | 3078 |
| Code and is not knowingly transporting or possessing the firearm | 3079 |
| in any prohibited manner listed in that division. | 3080 |

(6) Divisions (B) and (C) of this section do not apply to

| a person if all of the following apply: | 3082 |
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| (a) The person possesses a valid electric-powered all- | 3083 |
| purpose vehicle permit issued under section 1533.103 of the | 3084 |
| Revised Code by the chief of the division of wildlife. | 3085 |
| (b) The person is on or in an electric-powered all-purpose | 3086 |
| vehicle as defined in section 1531.01 of the Revised Code or a | 3087 |
| motor vehicle during the open hunting season for a wild | 3088 |
| quadruped or game bird. | 3089 |
| (c) The person is on or in an electric-powered all-purpose | 3090 |
| vehicle as defined in section 1531.01 of the Revised Code or a | 3091 |
| motor vehicle that is parked on a road that is owned or | 3092 |
| administered by the division of wildlife, provided that the road | 3093 |
| is identified by an electric-powered all-purpose vehicle sign. | 3094 |
| (7) Nothing in this section prohibits or restricts a | 3095 |
| person from possessing, storing, or leaving a firearm in a | 3096 |
| locked motor vehicle that is parked in the state underground | 3097 |
| parking garage at the state capitol building or in the parking | 3098 |
| garage at the Riffe center for government and the arts in | 3099 |
| Columbus, if the person's transportation and possession of the | 3100 |
| firearm in the motor vehicle while traveling to the premises or | 3101 |
| facility was not in violation of division (A), (B), (C), (D), or | 3102 |
| (E) of this section or any other provision of the Revised Code. | 3103 |
| (G)(1) The affirmative defenses authorized in divisions | 3104 |
| (D)(1) and (2) of section 2923.12 of the Revised Code are | 3105 |
| affirmative defenses to a charge under division (B) or (C) of | 3106 |
| this section that involves a firearm other than a handgun if | 3107 |
| division (E)(5) of this section does not apply to the person | 3108 |
| charged. | 3109 |
| (2) It is an affirmative defense to a charge under | 3110 |

| division (B) or (C) of this section of improperly handling | 3111 |
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| firearms in a motor vehicle that the actor transported or had | 3112 |
| the firearm in the motor vehicle for any lawful purpose and | 3113 |
| while the motor vehicle was on the actor's own property, | 3114 |
| provided that this affirmative defense is not available unless | 3115 |
| the person, immediately prior to arriving at the actor's own | 3116 |
| property, did not transport or possess the firearm in a motor | 3117 |
| vehicle in a manner prohibited by division (B) or (C) of this | 3118 |
| section while the motor vehicle was being operated on a street, | 3119 |
| highway, or other public or private property used by the public | 3120 |
| for vehicular traffic. | 3121 |
| (H)(1) No person who is charged with a violation of | 3122 |
| division (B), (C), or (D) of this section shall be required to | 3123 |
| obtain a concealed handgun license as a condition for the | 3124 |
| dismissal of the charge. | 3125 |

(2) (a) If a person is convicted of, was convicted of, 3126 pleads guilty to, or has pleaded guilty to a violation of 3127 division (E) of this section as it existed prior to September 3128 30, 2011, and if the conduct that was the basis of the violation 3129 no longer would be a violation of division (E) of this section 3130 on or after September 30, 2011, the person may file an 3131 application under section 2953.37 of the Revised Code requesting 3132 the expungement of the record of conviction. 3133

If a person is convicted of, was convicted of, pleads

guilty to, or has pleaded guilty to a violation of division (B)

or (C) of this section as the division existed prior to

September 30, 2011, and if the conduct that was the basis of the

violation no longer would be a violation of division (B) or (C)

of this section on or after September 30, 2011, due to the

application of division (F) (5) of this section as it exists on

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and after September 30, 2011, the person may file an application 3141 under section 2953.37 of the Revised Code requesting the 3142 expungement of the record of conviction. 3143

- (b) The attorney general shall develop a public media 3144 advisory that summarizes the expungement procedure established 3145 under section 2953.37 of the Revised Code and the offenders 3146 identified in division (H)(2)(a) of this section who are 3147 authorized to apply for the expungement. Within thirty days 3148 after September 30, 2011, the attorney general shall provide a 3149 3150 copy of the advisory to each daily newspaper published in this state and each television station that broadcasts in this state. 3151 The attorney general may provide the advisory in a tangible 3152 form, an electronic form, or in both tangible and electronic 3153 forms. 3154
- (I) Whoever violates this section is quilty of improperly 3155 handling firearms in a motor vehicle. Violation of division (A) 3156 of this section is a felony of the fourth degree. Violation of 3157 division (C) of this section is a misdemeanor of the fourth 3158 degree. A violation of division (D) of this section is a felony 3159 of the fifth degree or, if the loaded handgun is concealed on 3160 the person's person, a felony of the fourth degree. Except as 3161 otherwise provided in this division, a violation of division (E) 3162 (1) or (2) of this section is a misdemeanor of the first degree, 3163 and, in addition to any other penalty or sanction imposed for 3164 the violation, if the offender has been issued a concealed 3165 handqun license, the offender's concealed handqun license shall 3166 be suspended pursuant to division (A)(2) of section 2923.128 of 3167 the Revised Code. If at the time of the stop of the offender for 3168 a traffic stop, for another law enforcement purpose, or for a 3169 purpose defined in section 5503.34 of the Revised Code that was 3170 the basis of the violation any law enforcement officer involved 3171

| with the stop or the employee of the motor carrier enforcement | 3172 |
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| unit who made the stop had actual knowledge of that the | 3173 |
| offender's status as a licensee offender has been issued a | 3174 |
| concealed handgun license or that the offender is deemed under | 3175 |
| division (C) of section 2923.111 of the Revised Code to have | 3176 |
| been issued a concealed handgun license under section 2923.125 | 3177 |
| of the Revised Code, a violation of division (E)(1) or (2) of | 3178 |
| this section is a minor misdemeanor, and if the offender has | 3179 |
| been issued a concealed handgun license, the offender's | 3180 |
| concealed handgun-license shall not be suspended pursuant to | 3181 |
| division (A)(2) of section 2923.128 of the Revised Code. A | 3182 |
| violation of division (E)(4) of this section is a felony of the | 3183 |
| fifth degree. A violation of division (E)(3) or (5) of this | 3184 |
| section is a misdemeanor of the first degree or, if the offender | 3185 |
| previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a | 3186 |
| violation of division (E)(3) or (5) of this section, a felony of | 3187 |
| the fifth degree. In addition to any other penalty or sanction | 3188 |
| imposed for a misdemeanor violation of division (E)(3) or (5) of | 3189 |
| this section, <u>if the offender has been issued a concealed</u> | 3190 |
| <u>handgun license</u> , the offender's concealed handgun license shall | 3191 |
| be suspended pursuant to division (A)(2) of section 2923.128 of | 3192 |
| the Revised Code. A violation of division (B) of this section is | 3193 |
| a felony of the fourth degree. | 3194 |
| (J) If a law enforcement officer stops a motor vehicle for | 3195 |
| a traffic stop or any other purpose, if any person in the motor | 3196 |
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a traffic stop or any other purpose, if any person in the motor

vehicle surrenders a firearm to the officer, either voluntarily

or pursuant to a request or demand of the officer, and if the

officer does not charge the person with a violation of this

section or arrest the person for any offense, the person is not

otherwise prohibited by law from possessing the firearm, and the

firearm is not contraband, the officer shall return the firearm

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| to the person at the termination of the stop. If a court orders | 3203 |
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| a law enforcement officer to return a firearm to a person | 3204 |
| pursuant to the requirement set forth in this division, division | 3205 |
| (B) of section 2923.163 of the Revised Code applies. | 3206 |
| (K) As used in this section: | 3207 |
| (1) "Motor vehicle," "street," and "highway" have the same | 3208 |
| meanings as in section 4511.01 of the Revised Code. | 3209 |
| (2) "Occupied structure" has the same meaning as in | 3210 |
| section 2909.01 of the Revised Code. | 3211 |
| (3) "Agriculture" has the same meaning as in section | 3212 |
| 519.01 of the Revised Code. | 3213 |
| (4) "Tenant" has the same meaning as in section 1531.01 of | 3214 |
| the Revised Code. | 3215 |
| (5)(a) "Unloaded" means, with respect to a firearm other | 3216 |
| than a firearm described in division (K)(6) of this section, | 3217 |
| that no ammunition is in the firearm in question, no magazine or | 3218 |
| speed loader containing ammunition is inserted into the firearm | 3219 |
| in question, and one of the following applies: | 3220 |
| (i) There is no ammunition in a magazine or speed loader | 3221 |
| that is in the vehicle in question and that may be used with the | 3222 |
| firearm in question. | 3223 |
| (ii) Any magazine or speed loader that contains ammunition | 3224 |
| and that may be used with the firearm in question is stored in a | 3225 |
| compartment within the vehicle in question that cannot be | 3226 |
| accessed without leaving the vehicle or is stored in a container | 3227 |
| that provides complete and separate enclosure. | 3228 |
| (b) For the purposes of division (K)(5)(a)(ii) of this | 3229 |
| section, a "container that provides complete and separate | 3230 |

| enclosure" includes, but is not limited to, any of the | 3231 |
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| following: | 3232 |
| (i) A package, box, or case with multiple compartments, as | 3233 |
| long as the loaded magazine or speed loader and the firearm in | 3234 |
| question either are in separate compartments within the package, | 3235 |
| box, or case, or, if they are in the same compartment, the | 3236 |
| magazine or speed loader is contained within a separate | 3237 |
| enclosure in that compartment that does not contain the firearm | 3238 |
| and that closes using a snap, button, buckle, zipper, hook and | 3239 |
| loop closing mechanism, or other fastener that must be opened to | 3240 |
| access the contents or the firearm is contained within a | 3241 |
| separate enclosure of that nature in that compartment that does | 3242 |
| not contain the magazine or speed loader; | 3243 |
| (ii) A pocket or other enclosure on the person of the | 3244 |
| person in question that closes using a snap, button, buckle, | 3245 |
| zipper, hook and loop closing mechanism, or other fastener that | 3246 |
| must be opened to access the contents. | 3247 |
| must be opened to access the contents. | 3247 |
| (c) For the purposes of divisions (K) (5) (a) and (b) of | 3248 |
| this section, ammunition held in stripper-clips or in en-bloc | 3249 |
| clips is not considered ammunition that is loaded into a | 3250 |
| magazine or speed loader. | 3251 |
| (6) "Unloaded" means, with respect to a firearm employing | 3252 |
| a percussion cap, flintlock, or other obsolete ignition system, | 3253 |
| when the weapon is uncapped or when the priming charge is | 3254 |
| removed from the pan. | 3255 |
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| (7) "Commercial motor vehicle" has the same meaning as in | 3256 |
| division (A) of section 4506.25 of the Revised Code. | 3257 |
| (8) "Motor carrier enforcement unit" means the motor | 3258 |
| carrier enforcement unit in the department of public safety, | 3259 |

| division of state highway patrol, that is created by section | 3260 |
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| 5503.34 of the Revised Code. | 3261 |
| (L) Divisions (K)(5)(a) and (b) of this section do not | 3262 |
| affect the authority of a person who is carrying a valid | 3263 |
| concealed handgun license or who is deemed under division (C) of | 3264 |
| section 2923.111 of the Revised Code to have been issued a | 3265 |
| concealed handgun license under section 2923.125 of the Revised | 3266 |
| Code to have one or more magazines or speed loaders containing | 3267 |
| ammunition anywhere in a vehicle, without being transported as | 3268 |
| described in those divisions, as long as no ammunition is in a | 3269 |
| firearm, other than a handgun, in the vehicle other than as | 3270 |
| permitted under any other provision of this chapter. A person | 3271 |
| who is carrying a valid concealed handgun license or who is | 3272 |
| deemed under division (C) of section 2923.111 of the Revised | 3273 |
| Code to have been issued a concealed handgun license under | 3274 |
| section 2923.125 of the Revised Code may have one or more | 3275 |
| magazines or speed loaders containing ammunition anywhere in a | 3276 |
| vehicle without further restriction, as long as no ammunition is | 3277 |
| in a firearm, other than a handgun, in the vehicle other than as | 3278 |
| permitted under any provision of this chapter. | 3279 |
| Sec. 4749.10. (A) No class A, B, or C licensee and no | 3280 |
| registered employee of a class A, B, or C licensee shall carry a | 3281 |
| firearm, as defined in section 2923.11 of the Revised Code, in | 3282 |
| the course of engaging in the business of private investigation, | 3283 |
| the business of security services, or both businesses, unless | 3284 |
| all of the following apply: | 3285 |
| (1) The licensee or employee either has successfully | 3286 |
| completed a basic firearm training program at a training school | 3287 |
| approved by the Ohio peace officer training commission, which | 3288 |

program includes twenty hours of training in handgun use and, if

| any firearm other than a handgun is to be used, five hours of | 3290 |
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| training in the use of other firearms, and has received a | 3291 |
| certificate of satisfactory completion of that program from the | 3292 |
| executive director of the commission; the licensee or employee | 3293 |
| nas, within three years prior to November 27, 1985, | 3294 |
| satisfactorily completed firearms training that has been | 3295 |
| approved by the commission as being equivalent to such a program | 3296 |
| and has received written evidence of approval of that training | 3297 |
| from the executive director of the commission; or the licensee | 3298 |
| or employee is a former peace officer, as defined in section | 3299 |
| 109.71 of the Revised Code, who previously had successfully | 3300 |
| completed a firearms training course at a training school | 3301 |
| approved by the Ohio peace officer training commission and has | 3302 |
| received a certificate or other evidence of satisfactory | 3303 |
| completion of that course from the executive director of the | 3304 |
| commission. | 3305 |

- (2) The licensee or employee submits an application to the 3306 director of public safety, on a form prescribed by the director, 3307 in which the licensee or employee requests registration as a 3308 class A, B, or C licensee or employee who may carry a firearm. 3309 The application shall be accompanied by a copy of the 3310 certificate or the written evidence or other evidence described 3311 in division (A)(1) of this section, the identification card 3312 issued pursuant to section 4749.03 or 4749.06 of the Revised 3313 Code if one has previously been issued, a statement of the 3314 duties that will be performed while the licensee or employee is 3315 armed, and a fee the director determines, not to exceed fifteen 3316 dollars. In the case of a registered employee, the statement 3317 shall be prepared by the employing class A, B, or C licensee. 3318
- (3) The licensee or employee receives a notation on the 3319 licensee's or employee's identification card that the licensee 3320

or employee is a firearm-bearer and carries the identification 3321 card whenever the licensee or employee carries a firearm in the 3322 course of engaging in the business of private investigation, the 3323 business of security services, or both businesses. 3324

- (4) At any time within the immediately preceding twelve-3325 month period, the licensee or employee has requalified in 3326 firearms use on a firearms training range at a firearms 3327 requalification program certified by the Ohio peace officer 3328 training commission or on a firearms training range under the 3329 supervision of an instructor certified by the commission and has 3330 received a certificate of satisfactory requalification from the 3331 certified program or certified instructor, provided that this 3332 division does not apply to any licensee or employee prior to the 3333 expiration of eighteen months after the licensee's or employee's 3334 completion of the program described in division (A)(1) of this 3335 section. A certificate of satisfactory regualification is valid 3336 and remains in effect for twelve months from the date of the 3337 requalification. 3338
- (5) If division (A) (4) of this section applies to the 3339 licensee or employee, the licensee or employee carries the 3340 certificate of satisfactory requalification that then is in 3341 effect or any other evidence of requalification issued or 3342 provided by the director. 3343
- (B) (1) The director of public safety shall register an 3344 applicant under division (A) of this section who satisfies 3345 divisions (A) (1) and (2) of this section, and place a notation 3346 on the applicant's identification card indicating that the 3347 applicant is a firearm-bearer and the date on which the 3348 applicant completed the program described in division (A) (1) of 3349 this section.

| (2) A firearms requalification training program or | 3351 |
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| instructor certified by the commission for the annual | 3352 |
| requalification of class A, B, or C licensees or employees who | 3353 |
| are authorized to carry a firearm under section 4749.10 of the | 3354 |
| Revised Code shall award a certificate of satisfactory | 3355 |
| requalification to each class A, B, or C licensee or registered | 3356 |
| employee of a class A, B, or C licensee who satisfactorily | 3357 |
| requalifies in firearms training. The certificate shall identify | 3358 |
| the licensee or employee and indicate the date of the | 3359 |
| requalification. A licensee or employee who receives such a | 3360 |
| certificate shall submit a copy of it to the director of public | 3361 |
| safety. A licensee shall submit the copy of the requalification | 3362 |
| certificate at the same time that the licensee makes application | 3363 |
| for renewal of the licensee's class A, B, or C license. The | 3364 |
| director shall keep a record of all copies of requalification | 3365 |
| certificates the director receives under this division and shall | 3366 |
| establish a procedure for the updating of identification cards | 3367 |
| to provide evidence of compliance with the annual | 3368 |
| requalification requirement. The procedure for the updating of | 3369 |
| identification cards may provide for the issuance of a new card | 3370 |
| containing the evidence, the entry of a new notation containing | 3371 |
| the evidence on the existing card, the issuance of a separate | 3372 |
| card or paper containing the evidence, or any other procedure | 3373 |
| determined by the director to be reasonable. Each person who is | 3374 |
| issued a requalification certificate under this division | 3375 |
| promptly shall pay to the Ohio peace officer training commission | 3376 |
| established by section 109.71 of the Revised Code a fee the | 3377 |
| director determines, not to exceed fifteen dollars, which fee | 3378 |
| shall be transmitted to the treasurer of state for deposit in | 3379 |
| the peace officer private security fund established by section | 3380 |
| 109.78 of the Revised Code. | 3381 |

| (C) Nothing in this section prohibits a private | 3382 |
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| investigator or a security guard provider from carrying a | 3383 |
| concealed handgun firearm that is not a restricted firearm if | 3384 |
| the private investigator or security guard provider complies | 3385 |
| with sections 2923.124 to 2923.1213 of the Revised Code. | 3386 |
| Section 2. That existing sections 109.69, 109.731, | 3387 |
| 1547.69, 2923.11, 2923.12, 2923.121, 2923.122, 2923.123, | 3388 |
| 2923.124, 2923.125, 2923.126, 2923.128, 2923.129, 2923.1210, | 3389 |
| 2923.1213, 2923.16, and 4749.10 of the Revised Code are hereby | 3390 |
| repealed. | 3391 |
| Section 3. The General Assembly, applying the principle | 3392 |
| stated in division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that | 3393 |
| amendments are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of | 3394 |
| simultaneous operation, finds that the following sections, | 3395 |
| presented in this act as composites of the sections as amended | 3396 |
| by the acts indicated, are the resulting versions of the | 3397 |
| sections in effect prior to the effective date of the sections | 3398 |
| as presented in this act: | 3399 |
| Section 2923.125 of the Revised Code as amended by both | 3400 |
| Am. Sub. H.B. 234 and Am. Sub. S.B. 43 of the 130th General | 3401 |
| Assembly. | 3402 |
| Section 2923.1213 of the Revised Code as amended by both | 3403 |
| Am. Sub. H.B. 234 and Am. Sub. S.B. 43 of the 130th General | 3404 |
| Assembly. | 3405 |