



100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HB5950

by Rep. Barbara Wheeler

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

430 ILCS 65/10

from Ch. 38, par. 83-10

Amends the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act. Provides that any person prohibited from possessing a firearm under the Criminal Code of 2012 or acquiring a Firearm Owner's Identification Card under the Act may apply to the Director of State Police or petition the circuit court in the county where the petitioner resides for relief and the Director or court may grant it if it is established by the applicant to the court's or Director's satisfaction that the applicant has not been convicted of a forcible felony under the laws of this State or any other jurisdiction within 5 years (currently, 20 years) or at least 5 years have passed since the end of any period of imprisonment imposed in relation to that conviction.

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1 AN ACT concerning safety.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Firearm Owners Identification Card Act is
5 amended by changing Section 10 as follows:

6 (430 ILCS 65/10) (from Ch. 38, par. 83-10)

7 Sec. 10. Appeal to director; hearing; relief from firearm
8 prohibitions.

9 (a) Whenever an application for a Firearm Owner's
10 Identification Card is denied, whenever the Department fails to
11 act on an application within 30 days of its receipt, or
12 whenever such a Card is revoked or seized as provided for in
13 Section 8 of this Act, the aggrieved party may appeal to the
14 Director of State Police for a hearing upon such denial,
15 revocation or seizure, unless the denial, revocation, or
16 seizure was based upon a forcible felony, stalking, aggravated
17 stalking, domestic battery, any violation of the Illinois
18 Controlled Substances Act, the Methamphetamine Control and
19 Community Protection Act, or the Cannabis Control Act that is
20 classified as a Class 2 or greater felony, any felony violation
21 of Article 24 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code
22 of 2012, or any adjudication as a delinquent minor for the
23 commission of an offense that if committed by an adult would be

1 a felony, in which case the aggrieved party may petition the
2 circuit court in writing in the county of his or her residence
3 for a hearing upon such denial, revocation, or seizure.

4 (b) At least 30 days before any hearing in the circuit
5 court, the petitioner shall serve the relevant State's Attorney
6 with a copy of the petition. The State's Attorney may object to
7 the petition and present evidence. At the hearing the court
8 shall determine whether substantial justice has been done.
9 Should the court determine that substantial justice has not
10 been done, the court shall issue an order directing the
11 Department of State Police to issue a Card. However, the court
12 shall not issue the order if the petitioner is otherwise
13 prohibited from obtaining, possessing, or using a firearm under
14 federal law.

15 (c) Any person prohibited from possessing a firearm under
16 Sections 24-1.1 or 24-3.1 of the Criminal Code of 2012 or
17 acquiring a Firearm Owner's Identification Card under Section 8
18 of this Act may apply to the Director of State Police or
19 petition the circuit court in the county where the petitioner
20 resides, whichever is applicable in accordance with subsection
21 (a) of this Section, requesting relief from such prohibition
22 and the Director or court may grant such relief if it is
23 established by the applicant to the court's or Director's
24 satisfaction that:

25 (0.05) when in the circuit court, the State's Attorney
26 has been served with a written copy of the petition at

1 least 30 days before any such hearing in the circuit court
2 and at the hearing the State's Attorney was afforded an
3 opportunity to present evidence and object to the petition;

4 (1) the applicant has not been convicted of a forcible
5 felony under the laws of this State or any other
6 jurisdiction within 5 ~~20~~ years of the applicant's
7 application for a Firearm Owner's Identification Card, or
8 at least 5 ~~20~~ years have passed since the end of any period
9 of imprisonment imposed in relation to that conviction;

10 (2) the circumstances regarding a criminal conviction,
11 where applicable, the applicant's criminal history and his
12 reputation are such that the applicant will not be likely
13 to act in a manner dangerous to public safety;

14 (3) granting relief would not be contrary to the public
15 interest; and

16 (4) granting relief would not be contrary to federal
17 law.

18 (c-5) (1) An active law enforcement officer employed by a
19 unit of government, who is denied, revoked, or has his or her
20 Firearm Owner's Identification Card seized under subsection
21 (e) of Section 8 of this Act may apply to the Director of State
22 Police requesting relief if the officer did not act in a manner
23 threatening to the officer, another person, or the public as
24 determined by the treating clinical psychologist or physician,
25 and as a result of his or her work is referred by the employer
26 for or voluntarily seeks mental health evaluation or treatment

1 by a licensed clinical psychologist, psychiatrist, or
2 qualified examiner, and:

3 (A) the officer has not received treatment
4 involuntarily at a mental health facility, regardless of
5 the length of admission; or has not been voluntarily
6 admitted to a mental health facility for more than 30 days
7 and not for more than one incident within the past 5 years;
8 and

9 (B) the officer has not left the mental institution
10 against medical advice.

11 (2) The Director of State Police shall grant expedited
12 relief to active law enforcement officers described in
13 paragraph (1) of this subsection (c-5) upon a determination by
14 the Director that the officer's possession of a firearm does
15 not present a threat to themselves, others, or public safety.
16 The Director shall act on the request for relief within 30
17 business days of receipt of:

18 (A) a notarized statement from the officer in the form
19 prescribed by the Director detailing the circumstances
20 that led to the hospitalization;

21 (B) all documentation regarding the admission,
22 evaluation, treatment and discharge from the treating
23 licensed clinical psychologist or psychiatrist of the
24 officer;

25 (C) a psychological fitness for duty evaluation of the
26 person completed after the time of discharge; and

1 (D) written confirmation in the form prescribed by the
2 Director from the treating licensed clinical psychologist
3 or psychiatrist that the provisions set forth in paragraph
4 (1) of this subsection (c-5) have been met, the person
5 successfully completed treatment, and their professional
6 opinion regarding the person's ability to possess
7 firearms.

8 (3) Officers eligible for the expedited relief in paragraph
9 (2) of this subsection (c-5) have the burden of proof on
10 eligibility and must provide all information required. The
11 Director may not consider granting expedited relief until the
12 proof and information is received.

13 (4) "Clinical psychologist", "psychiatrist", and
14 "qualified examiner" shall have the same meaning as provided in
15 Chapter I of the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities
16 Code.

17 (c-10) (1) An applicant, who is denied, revoked, or has his
18 or her Firearm Owner's Identification Card seized under
19 subsection (e) of Section 8 of this Act based upon a
20 determination of a developmental disability or an intellectual
21 disability may apply to the Director of State Police requesting
22 relief.

23 (2) The Director shall act on the request for relief within
24 60 business days of receipt of written certification, in the
25 form prescribed by the Director, from a physician or clinical
26 psychologist, or qualified examiner, that the aggrieved

1 party's developmental disability or intellectual disability
2 condition is determined by a physician, clinical psychologist,
3 or qualified to be mild. If a fact-finding conference is
4 scheduled to obtain additional information concerning the
5 circumstances of the denial or revocation, the 60 business days
6 the Director has to act shall be tolled until the completion of
7 the fact-finding conference.

8 (3) The Director may grant relief if the aggrieved party's
9 developmental disability or intellectual disability is mild as
10 determined by a physician, clinical psychologist, or qualified
11 examiner and it is established by the applicant to the
12 Director's satisfaction that:

13 (A) granting relief would not be contrary to the public
14 interest; and

15 (B) granting relief would not be contrary to federal
16 law.

17 (4) The Director may not grant relief if the condition is
18 determined by a physician, clinical psychologist, or qualified
19 examiner to be moderate, severe, or profound.

20 (5) The changes made to this Section by this amendatory Act
21 of the 99th General Assembly apply to requests for relief
22 pending on or before the effective date of this amendatory Act,
23 except that the 60-day period for the Director to act on
24 requests pending before the effective date shall begin on the
25 effective date of this amendatory Act.

26 (d) When a minor is adjudicated delinquent for an offense

1 which if committed by an adult would be a felony, the court
2 shall notify the Department of State Police.

3 (e) The court shall review the denial of an application or
4 the revocation of a Firearm Owner's Identification Card of a
5 person who has been adjudicated delinquent for an offense that
6 if committed by an adult would be a felony if an application
7 for relief has been filed at least 10 years after the
8 adjudication of delinquency and the court determines that the
9 applicant should be granted relief from disability to obtain a
10 Firearm Owner's Identification Card. If the court grants
11 relief, the court shall notify the Department of State Police
12 that the disability has been removed and that the applicant is
13 eligible to obtain a Firearm Owner's Identification Card.

14 (f) Any person who is subject to the disabilities of 18
15 U.S.C. 922(d)(4) and 922(g)(4) of the federal Gun Control Act
16 of 1968 because of an adjudication or commitment that occurred
17 under the laws of this State or who was determined to be
18 subject to the provisions of subsections (e), (f), or (g) of
19 Section 8 of this Act may apply to the Department of State
20 Police requesting relief from that prohibition. The Director
21 shall grant the relief if it is established by a preponderance
22 of the evidence that the person will not be likely to act in a
23 manner dangerous to public safety and that granting relief
24 would not be contrary to the public interest. In making this
25 determination, the Director shall receive evidence concerning
26 (i) the circumstances regarding the firearms disabilities from

1 which relief is sought; (ii) the petitioner's mental health and
2 criminal history records, if any; (iii) the petitioner's
3 reputation, developed at a minimum through character witness
4 statements, testimony, or other character evidence; and (iv)
5 changes in the petitioner's condition or circumstances since
6 the disqualifying events relevant to the relief sought. If
7 relief is granted under this subsection or by order of a court
8 under this Section, the Director shall as soon as practicable
9 but in no case later than 15 business days, update, correct,
10 modify, or remove the person's record in any database that the
11 Department of State Police makes available to the National
12 Instant Criminal Background Check System and notify the United
13 States Attorney General that the basis for the record being
14 made available no longer applies. The Department of State
15 Police shall adopt rules for the administration of this
16 Section.

17 (Source: P.A. 98-63, eff. 7-9-13; 99-29, eff. 7-10-15; 99-78,
18 eff. 7-20-15.)