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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

430 ILCS 65/5	from Ch. 38, par. 83-5
430 ILCS 65/7	from Ch. 38, par. 83-7
430 ILCS 65/13.2	from Ch. 38, par. 83-13.2
430 ILCS 65/14	from Ch. 38, par. 83-14
430 ILCS 66/10	
430 ILCS 66/45	
430 ILCS 66/50	
430 ILCS 66/60	
430 ILCS 66/70	
430 ILCS 66/75	

Amends the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act. Provides that the duration of a Firearm Owner's Identification Card shall be the lifetime of the holder of the Card (rather than 10 years). Amends the Firearm Concealed Carry Act. Provides that the duration of a concealed carry license is the lifetime of the licensee (rather than 5 years). Provides that a Firearm Owner's Identification Card or concealed carry license issued before the effective date of the amendatory Act shall be valid during the Card holder's or licensee's lifetime regardless of the expiration date on the Card or license.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
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A BILL FOR

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 Sections 5, 7, 13.2, and 14 as follows:

6 (430 ILCS 65/5) (from Ch. 38, par. 83-5)

7 Sec. 5. Application ~~and renewal~~.

8 (a) The Department of State Police shall either approve or
9 deny all applications within 30 days from the date they are
10 received, ~~except as provided in subsection (b) of this Section,~~
11 and every applicant found qualified under Section 8 of this Act
12 by the Department shall be entitled to a Firearm Owner's
13 Identification Card upon the payment of a \$10 fee. Any
14 applicant who is an active duty member of the Armed Forces of
15 the United States, a member of the Illinois National Guard, or
16 a member of the Reserve Forces of the United States is exempt
17 from the application fee. \$6 of each fee derived from the
18 issuance of Firearm Owner's Identification Cards, ~~or renewals~~
19 ~~thereof,~~ shall be deposited in the Wildlife and Fish Fund in
20 the State Treasury; \$1 of the fee shall be deposited in the
21 State Police Services Fund and \$3 of the fee shall be deposited
22 in the State Police Firearm Services Fund.

23 (b) (Blank). ~~Renewal applications shall be approved or~~

1 ~~denied within 60 business days, provided the applicant~~
2 ~~submitted his or her renewal application prior to the~~
3 ~~expiration of his or her Firearm Owner's Identification Card.~~
4 ~~If a renewal application has been submitted prior to the~~
5 ~~expiration date of the applicant's Firearm Owner's~~
6 ~~Identification Card, the Firearm Owner's Identification Card~~
7 ~~shall remain valid while the Department processes the~~
8 ~~application, unless the person is subject to or becomes subject~~
9 ~~to revocation under this Act. The cost for a renewal~~
10 ~~application shall be \$10 which shall be deposited into the~~
11 ~~State Police Firearm Services Fund.~~

12 (Source: P.A. 100-906, eff. 1-1-19.)

13 (430 ILCS 65/7) (from Ch. 38, par. 83-7)

14 Sec. 7. Validity of Firearm Owner's Identification Card.

15 (a) Except as provided in Section 8 of this Act ~~or~~
16 ~~subsection (b) of this Section,~~ a Firearm Owner's
17 Identification Card issued under the provisions of this Act
18 shall be valid for the person to whom it is issued for his or
19 her lifetime. A Firearm Owner's Identification Card issued
20 before the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 101st
21 General Assembly shall be valid during the Card holder's
22 lifetime regardless of the expiration date on the Card. a
23 ~~period of 10 years from the date of issuance.~~

24 (b) (Blank). ~~If a renewal application is submitted to the~~
25 ~~Department before the expiration date of the applicant's~~

1 ~~current Firearm Owner's Identification Card, the Firearm~~
2 ~~Owner's Identification Card shall remain valid for a period of~~
3 ~~60 business days, unless the person is subject to or becomes~~
4 ~~subject to revocation under this Act.~~

5 (Source: P.A. 100-906, eff. 1-1-19.)

6 (430 ILCS 65/13.2) (from Ch. 38, par. 83-13.2)

7 Sec. 13.2. Name Renewal; ~~name~~ or address change;
8 replacement card. ~~The Department of State Police shall, 60 days~~
9 ~~prior to the expiration of a Firearm Owner's Identification~~
10 ~~Card, forward by first class mail to each person whose card is~~
11 ~~to expire a notification of the expiration of the card and~~
12 ~~instructions for renewal.~~ It is the obligation of the holder of
13 a Firearm Owner's Identification Card to notify the Department
14 of State Police of any address change since the issuance of the
15 Firearm Owner's Identification Card. Whenever any person moves
16 from the residence address named on his or her card, the person
17 shall within 21 calendar days thereafter notify in a form and
18 manner prescribed by the Department of his or her old and new
19 residence addresses and the card number held by him or her. Any
20 person whose legal name has changed from the name on the card
21 that he or she has been previously issued must apply for a
22 corrected card within 30 calendar days after the change. The
23 cost for a corrected card shall be \$5. The cost for replacement
24 of a card which has been lost, destroyed, or stolen shall be \$5
25 if the loss, destruction, or theft of the card is reported to

1 the Department of State Police. The fees collected under this
2 Section shall be deposited into the State Police Firearm
3 Services Fund.

4 (Source: P.A. 100-906, eff. 1-1-19.)

5 (430 ILCS 65/14) (from Ch. 38, par. 83-14)

6 Sec. 14. Sentence.

7 (a) Until the effective date of this amendatory Act of the
8 101st General Assembly, except ~~Except~~ as provided in subsection
9 (a-5), a violation of paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of
10 Section 2, when the person's Firearm Owner's Identification
11 Card is expired but the person is not otherwise disqualified
12 from renewing the card, is a Class A misdemeanor.

13 (a-5) Until the effective date of this amendatory Act of
14 the 101st General Assembly, a ~~A~~ violation of paragraph (1) of
15 subsection (a) of Section 2, when the person's Firearm Owner's
16 Identification Card is expired but the person is not otherwise
17 disqualified from owning, purchasing, or possessing firearms,
18 is a petty offense if the card was expired for 6 months or less
19 from the date of expiration.

20 (b) Except as provided in subsection (a) with respect to an
21 expired card, a violation of paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of
22 Section 2 is a Class A misdemeanor when the person does not
23 possess a currently valid Firearm Owner's Identification Card,
24 but is otherwise eligible under this Act. A second or
25 subsequent violation is a Class 4 felony.

1 (c) A violation of paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of
2 Section 2 is a Class 3 felony when:

3 (1) the person's Firearm Owner's Identification Card
4 is revoked or subject to revocation under Section 8; or

5 (2) Until the effective date of this amendatory Act of
6 the 101st General Assembly, the person's Firearm Owner's
7 Identification Card is expired and not otherwise eligible
8 for renewal under this Act; or

9 (3) the person does not possess a currently valid
10 Firearm Owner's Identification Card, and the person is not
11 otherwise eligible under this Act.

12 (d) A violation of subsection (a) of Section 3 is a Class 4
13 felony. A third or subsequent conviction is a Class 1 felony.

14 (d-5) Any person who knowingly enters false information on
15 an application for a Firearm Owner's Identification Card, who
16 knowingly gives a false answer to any question on the
17 application, or who knowingly submits false evidence in
18 connection with an application is guilty of a Class 2 felony.

19 (e) Except as provided by Section 6.1 of this Act, any
20 other violation of this Act is a Class A misdemeanor.

21 (Source: P.A. 97-1131, eff. 1-1-13.)

22 Section 10. The Firearm Concealed Carry Act is amended by
23 changing Sections 10, 45, 50, 60, 70, and 75 as follows:

24 (430 ILCS 66/10)

1 Sec. 10. Issuance of licenses to carry a concealed firearm.

2 (a) The Department shall issue a license to carry a
3 concealed firearm under this Act to an applicant who:

4 (1) meets the qualifications of Section 25 of this Act;

5 (2) has provided the application and documentation
6 required in Section 30 of this Act;

7 (3) has submitted the requisite fees; and

8 (4) does not pose a danger to himself, herself, or
9 others, or a threat to public safety as determined by the
10 Concealed Carry Licensing Review Board in accordance with
11 Section 20.

12 (b) The Department shall issue a ~~renewal~~, corrected, or
13 duplicate license as provided in this Act.

14 (c) A license shall be valid throughout the State for a
15 period of 5 years from the date of issuance. A license shall
16 permit the licensee to:

17 (1) carry a loaded or unloaded concealed firearm, fully
18 concealed or partially concealed, on or about his or her
19 person; and

20 (2) keep or carry a loaded or unloaded concealed
21 firearm on or about his or her person within a vehicle.

22 (d) The Department shall make applications for a license
23 available no later than 180 days after the effective date of
24 this Act. The Department shall establish rules for the
25 availability and submission of applications in accordance with
26 this Act.

1 (e) An application for a license submitted to the
2 Department that contains all the information and materials
3 required by this Act, including the requisite fee, shall be
4 deemed completed. Except as otherwise provided in this Act, no
5 later than 90 days after receipt of a completed application,
6 the Department shall issue or deny the applicant a license.

7 (f) The Department shall deny the applicant a license if
8 the applicant fails to meet the requirements under this Act or
9 the Department receives a determination from the Board that the
10 applicant is ineligible for a license. The Department must
11 notify the applicant stating the grounds for the denial. The
12 notice of denial must inform the applicant of his or her right
13 to an appeal through administrative and judicial review.

14 (g) A licensee shall possess a license at all times the
15 licensee carries a concealed firearm except:

16 (1) when the licensee is carrying or possessing a
17 concealed firearm on his or her land or in his or her
18 abode, legal dwelling, or fixed place of business, or on
19 the land or in the legal dwelling of another person as an
20 invitee with that person's permission;

21 (2) when the person is authorized to carry a firearm
22 under Section 24-2 of the Criminal Code of 2012, except
23 subsection (a-5) of that Section; or

24 (3) when the handgun is broken down in a
25 non-functioning state, is not immediately accessible, or
26 is unloaded and enclosed in a case.

1 (h) If an officer of a law enforcement agency initiates an
2 investigative stop, including but not limited to a traffic
3 stop, of a licensee or a non-resident carrying a concealed
4 firearm under subsection (e) of Section 40 of this Act, upon
5 the request of the officer the licensee or non-resident shall
6 disclose to the officer that he or she is in possession of a
7 concealed firearm under this Act, or present the license upon
8 the request of the officer if he or she is a licensee or
9 present upon the request of the officer evidence under
10 paragraph (2) of subsection (e) of Section 40 of this Act that
11 he or she is a non-resident qualified to carry under that
12 subsection. The disclosure requirement under this subsection
13 (h) is satisfied if the licensee presents his or her license to
14 the officer or the non-resident presents to the officer
15 evidence under paragraph (2) of subsection (e) of Section 40 of
16 this Act that he or she is qualified to carry under that
17 subsection. Upon the request of the officer, the licensee or
18 non-resident shall also identify the location of the concealed
19 firearm and permit the officer to safely secure the firearm for
20 the duration of the investigative stop. During a traffic stop,
21 any passenger within the vehicle who is a licensee or a
22 non-resident carrying under subsection (e) of Section 40 of
23 this Act must comply with the requirements of this subsection
24 (h) .

25 (h-1) If a licensee carrying a firearm or a non-resident
26 carrying a firearm in a vehicle under subsection (e) of Section

1 40 of this Act is contacted by a law enforcement officer or
2 emergency services personnel, the law enforcement officer or
3 emergency services personnel may secure the firearm or direct
4 that it be secured during the duration of the contact if the
5 law enforcement officer or emergency services personnel
6 determines that it is necessary for the safety of any person
7 present, including the law enforcement officer or emergency
8 services personnel. The licensee or nonresident shall submit to
9 the order to secure the firearm. When the law enforcement
10 officer or emergency services personnel have determined that
11 the licensee or non-resident is not a threat to the safety of
12 any person present, including the law enforcement officer or
13 emergency services personnel, and if the licensee or
14 non-resident is physically and mentally capable of possessing
15 the firearm, the law enforcement officer or emergency services
16 personnel shall return the firearm to the licensee or
17 non-resident before releasing him or her from the scene and
18 breaking contact. If the licensee or non-resident is
19 transported for treatment to another location, the firearm
20 shall be turned over to any peace officer. The peace officer
21 shall provide a receipt which includes the make, model,
22 caliber, and serial number of the firearm.

23 (i) The Department shall maintain a database of license
24 applicants and licensees. The database shall be available to
25 all federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies, State's
26 Attorneys, the Attorney General, and authorized court

1 personnel. Within 180 days after the effective date of this
2 Act, the database shall be searchable and provide all
3 information included in the application, including the
4 applicant's previous addresses within the 10 years prior to the
5 license application and any information related to violations
6 of this Act. No law enforcement agency, State's Attorney,
7 Attorney General, or member or staff of the judiciary shall
8 provide any information to a requester who is not entitled to
9 it by law.

10 (j) No later than 10 days after receipt of a completed
11 application, the Department shall enter the relevant
12 information about the applicant into the database under
13 subsection (i) of this Section which is accessible by law
14 enforcement agencies.

15 (Source: P.A. 98-63, eff. 7-9-13; 98-600, eff. 12-6-13; 99-29,
16 eff. 7-10-15.)

17 (430 ILCS 66/45)

18 Sec. 45. Civil immunity; Board, employees, and agents. The
19 Board, Department, local law enforcement agency, or the
20 employees and agents of the Board, Department, or local law
21 enforcement agency participating in the licensing process
22 under this Act shall not be held liable for damages in any
23 civil action arising from alleged wrongful or improper
24 granting, denying, ~~renewing~~, revoking, suspending, or failing
25 to grant, deny, ~~renew~~, revoke, or suspend a license under this

1 Act, except for willful or wanton misconduct.

2 (Source: P.A. 98-63, eff. 7-9-13.)

3 (430 ILCS 66/50)

4 Sec. 50. Lifetime license ~~License renewal~~.

5 (a) A license shall be valid during the licensee's
6 lifetime. A license issued before the effective date of this
7 amendatory Act of the 101st General Assembly shall be valid
8 during the licensee's lifetime regardless of the expiration
9 date on the license. ~~This subsection (a) applies through the~~
10 ~~180th day following the effective date of this amendatory Act~~
11 ~~of the 101st General Assembly. Applications for renewal of a~~
12 ~~license shall be made to the Department. A license shall be~~
13 ~~renewed for a period of 5 years upon receipt of a completed~~
14 ~~renewal application, completion of 3 hours of training required~~
15 ~~under Section 75 of this Act, payment of the applicable renewal~~
16 ~~fee, and completion of an investigation under Section 35 of~~
17 ~~this Act. The renewal application shall contain the information~~
18 ~~required in Section 30 of this Act, except that the applicant~~
19 ~~need not resubmit a full set of fingerprints.~~

20 (b) (Blank). ~~This subsection (b) applies on and after the~~
21 ~~181st day following the effective date of this amendatory Act~~
22 ~~of the 101st General Assembly. Applications for renewal of a~~
23 ~~license shall be made to the Department. A license shall be~~
24 ~~renewed for a period of 5 years from the date of expiration on~~
25 ~~the applicant's current license upon the receipt of a completed~~

1 ~~renewal application, completion of 3 hours of training required~~
2 ~~under Section 75 of this Act, payment of the applicable renewal~~
3 ~~fee, and completion of an investigation under Section 35 of~~
4 ~~this Act. The renewal application shall contain the information~~
5 ~~required in Section 30 of this Act, except that the applicant~~
6 ~~need not resubmit a full set of fingerprints.~~

7 (Source: P.A. 101-80, eff. 7-12-19.)

8 (430 ILCS 66/60)

9 Sec. 60. Fees.

10 (a) All fees collected under this Act shall be deposited as
11 provided in this Section. Application, ~~renewal,~~ and
12 replacement fees shall be non-refundable.

13 (b) An applicant for a ~~new~~ license ~~or a renewal~~ shall
14 submit \$150 with the application, of which \$120 shall be
15 apportioned to the State Police Firearm Services Fund, \$20
16 shall be apportioned to the Mental Health Reporting Fund, and
17 \$10 shall be apportioned to the State Crime Laboratory Fund.

18 (c) A non-resident applicant for a ~~new~~ license ~~or renewal~~
19 shall submit \$300 with the application, of which \$250 shall be
20 apportioned to the State Police Firearm Services Fund, \$40
21 shall be apportioned to the Mental Health Reporting Fund, and
22 \$10 shall be apportioned to the State Crime Laboratory Fund.

23 (d) A licensee requesting a ~~new~~ license replacement in
24 accordance with Section 55 shall submit \$75, of which \$60 shall
25 be apportioned to the State Police Firearm Services Fund, \$5

1 shall be apportioned to the Mental Health Reporting Fund, and
2 \$10 shall be apportioned to the State Crime Laboratory Fund.

3 (Source: P.A. 98-63, eff. 7-9-13.)

4 (430 ILCS 66/70)

5 Sec. 70. Violations.

6 (a) A license issued ~~or renewed~~ under this Act shall be
7 revoked if, at any time, the licensee is found to be ineligible
8 for a license under this Act or the licensee no longer meets
9 the eligibility requirements of the Firearm Owners
10 Identification Card Act.

11 (b) A license shall be suspended if an order of protection,
12 including an emergency order of protection, plenary order of
13 protection, or interim order of protection under Article 112A
14 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 or under the Illinois
15 Domestic Violence Act of 1986, or if a firearms restraining
16 order, including an emergency firearms restraining order,
17 under the Firearms Restraining Order Act, is issued against a
18 licensee for the duration of the order, or if the Department is
19 made aware of a similar order issued against the licensee in
20 any other jurisdiction. If an order of protection is issued
21 against a licensee, the licensee shall surrender the license,
22 as applicable, to the court at the time the order is entered or
23 to the law enforcement agency or entity serving process at the
24 time the licensee is served the order. The court, law
25 enforcement agency, or entity responsible for serving the order

1 of protection shall notify the Department within 7 days and
2 transmit the license to the Department.

3 (c) (Blank). ~~A license is invalid upon expiration of the~~
4 ~~license, unless the licensee has submitted an application to~~
5 ~~renew the license, and the applicant is otherwise eligible to~~
6 ~~possess a license under this Act.~~

7 (d) A licensee shall not carry a concealed firearm while
8 under the influence of alcohol, other drug or drugs,
9 intoxicating compound or combination of compounds, or any
10 combination thereof, under the standards set forth in
11 subsection (a) of Section 11-501 of the Illinois Vehicle Code.

12 A licensee in violation of this subsection (d) shall be
13 guilty of a Class A misdemeanor for a first or second violation
14 and a Class 4 felony for a third violation. The Department may
15 suspend a license for up to 6 months for a second violation and
16 shall permanently revoke a license for a third violation.

17 (e) Except as otherwise provided, a licensee in violation
18 of this Act shall be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor. A second
19 or subsequent violation is a Class A misdemeanor. The
20 Department may suspend a license for up to 6 months for a
21 second violation and shall permanently revoke a license for 3
22 or more violations of Section 65 of this Act. Any person
23 convicted of a violation under this Section shall pay a \$150
24 fee to be deposited into the Mental Health Reporting Fund, plus
25 any applicable court costs or fees.

26 (f) A licensee convicted or found guilty of a violation of

1 this Act who has a valid license and is otherwise eligible to
2 carry a concealed firearm shall only be subject to the
3 penalties under this Section and shall not be subject to the
4 penalties under Section 21-6, paragraph (4), (8), or (10) of
5 subsection (a) of Section 24-1, or subparagraph (A-5) or (B-5)
6 of paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of Section 24-1.6 of the
7 Criminal Code of 2012. Except as otherwise provided in this
8 subsection, nothing in this subsection prohibits the licensee
9 from being subjected to penalties for violations other than
10 those specified in this Act.

11 (g) A licensee whose license is revoked, suspended, or
12 denied shall, within 48 hours of receiving notice of the
13 revocation, suspension, or denial, surrender his or her
14 concealed carry license to the local law enforcement agency
15 where the person resides. The local law enforcement agency
16 shall provide the licensee a receipt and transmit the concealed
17 carry license to the Department of State Police. If the
18 licensee whose concealed carry license has been revoked,
19 suspended, or denied fails to comply with the requirements of
20 this subsection, the law enforcement agency where the person
21 resides may petition the circuit court to issue a warrant to
22 search for and seize the concealed carry license in the
23 possession and under the custody or control of the licensee
24 whose concealed carry license has been revoked, suspended, or
25 denied. The observation of a concealed carry license in the
26 possession of a person whose license has been revoked,

1 suspended, or denied constitutes a sufficient basis for the
2 arrest of that person for violation of this subsection. A
3 violation of this subsection is a Class A misdemeanor.

4 (h) A license issued ~~or renewed~~ under this Act shall be
5 revoked if, at any time, the licensee is found ineligible for a
6 Firearm Owner's Identification Card, or the licensee no longer
7 possesses a valid Firearm Owner's Identification Card. A
8 licensee whose license is revoked under this subsection (h)
9 shall surrender his or her concealed carry license as provided
10 for in subsection (g) of this Section.

11 ~~This subsection shall not apply to a person who has filed~~
12 ~~an application with the State Police for renewal of a Firearm~~
13 ~~Owner's Identification Card and who is not otherwise ineligible~~
14 ~~to obtain a Firearm Owner's Identification Card.~~

15 (i) A certified firearms instructor who knowingly provides
16 or offers to provide a false certification that an applicant
17 has completed firearms training as required under this Act is
18 guilty of a Class A misdemeanor. A person guilty of a violation
19 of this subsection (i) is not eligible for court supervision.
20 The Department shall permanently revoke the firearms
21 instructor certification of a person convicted under this
22 subsection (i).

23 (Source: P.A. 100-607, eff. 1-1-19.)

24 (430 ILCS 66/75)

25 Sec. 75. Applicant firearm training.

1 (a) Within 60 days of the effective date of this Act, the
2 Department shall begin approval of firearm training courses and
3 shall make a list of approved courses available on the
4 Department's website.

5 (b) An applicant for a new license shall provide proof of
6 completion of a firearms training course or combination of
7 courses approved by the Department of at least 16 hours, which
8 includes range qualification time under subsection (c) of this
9 Section, that covers the following:

10 (1) firearm safety;

11 (2) the basic principles of marksmanship;

12 (3) care, cleaning, loading, and unloading of a
13 concealable firearm;

14 (4) all applicable State and federal laws relating to
15 the ownership, storage, carry, and transportation of a
16 firearm; and

17 (5) instruction on the appropriate and lawful
18 interaction with law enforcement while transporting or
19 carrying a concealed firearm.

20 (c) An applicant for a new license shall provide proof of
21 certification by a certified instructor that the applicant
22 passed a live fire exercise with a concealable firearm
23 consisting of:

24 (1) a minimum of 30 rounds; and

25 (2) 10 rounds from a distance of 5 yards; 10 rounds
26 from a distance of 7 yards; and 10 rounds from a distance

1 of 10 yards at a B-27 silhouette target approved by the
2 Department.

3 (d) (Blank). ~~An applicant for renewal of a license shall~~
4 ~~provide proof of completion of a firearms training course or~~
5 ~~combination of courses approved by the Department of at least 3~~
6 ~~hours.~~

7 (e) A certificate of completion for an applicant's firearm
8 training course shall not be issued to a student who:

9 (1) does not follow the orders of the certified
10 firearms instructor;

11 (2) in the judgment of the certified instructor,
12 handles a firearm in a manner that poses a danger to the
13 student or to others; or

14 (3) during the range firing portion of testing fails to
15 hit the target with 70% of the rounds fired.

16 (f) An instructor shall maintain a record of each student's
17 performance for at least 5 years, and shall make all records
18 available upon demand of authorized personnel of the
19 Department.

20 (g) The Department and certified firearms instructors
21 shall recognize up to 8 hours of training already completed
22 toward the 16 hour training requirement under this Section if
23 the training course is submitted to and approved by the
24 Department. Any remaining hours that the applicant completes
25 must at least cover the classroom subject matter of paragraph
26 (4) of subsection (b) of this Section, and the range

1 qualification in subsection (c) of this Section.

2 (h) A person who has qualified to carry a firearm as an
3 active law enforcement or corrections officer, who has
4 successfully completed firearms training as required by his or
5 her law enforcement agency and is authorized by his or her
6 agency to carry a firearm; a person currently certified as a
7 firearms instructor by this Act or by the Illinois Law
8 Enforcement Training Standards Board; or a person who has
9 completed the required training and has been issued a firearm
10 control card by the Department of Financial and Professional
11 Regulation shall be exempt from the requirements of this
12 Section.

13 (i) The Department and certified firearms instructors
14 shall recognize 8 hours of training as completed toward the 16
15 hour training requirement under this Section, if the applicant
16 is an active, retired, or honorably discharged member of the
17 United States Armed Forces. Any remaining hours that the
18 applicant completes must at least cover the classroom subject
19 matter of paragraph (4) of subsection (b) of this Section, and
20 the range qualification in subsection (c) of this Section.

21 (j) The Department and certified firearms instructors
22 shall recognize up to 8 hours of training already completed
23 toward the 16 hour training requirement under this Section if
24 the training course is approved by the Department and was
25 completed in connection with the applicant's previous
26 employment as a law enforcement or corrections officer. Any

1 remaining hours that the applicant completes must at least
2 cover the classroom subject matter of paragraph (4) of
3 subsection (b) of this Section, and the range qualification in
4 subsection (c) of this Section. A former law enforcement or
5 corrections officer seeking credit under this subsection (j)
6 shall provide evidence that he or she separated from employment
7 in good standing from each law enforcement agency where he or
8 she was employed. An applicant who was discharged from a law
9 enforcement agency for misconduct or disciplinary reasons is
10 not eligible for credit under this subsection (j).

11 (Source: P.A. 98-63, eff. 7-9-13; 98-600, eff. 12-6-13.)