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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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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~~
11 ~~Section,~~ and every applicant found qualified under Section 8
12 of this Act by the Department shall be entitled to a Firearm
13 Owner's 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~~
9 ~~subject 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 102nd
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~~
9 ~~days prior to the expiration of a Firearm Owner's~~
10 ~~Identification Card, forward by first class mail to each~~
11 ~~person whose card is to expire a notification of the~~
12 ~~expiration of the card and instructions for renewal.~~ It is the
13 obligation of the holder of a Firearm Owner's Identification
14 Card to notify the Department of State Police of any address
15 change since the issuance of the Firearm Owner's
16 Identification Card. Whenever any person moves from the
17 residence address named on his or her card, the person shall
18 within 21 calendar days thereafter notify in a form and manner
19 prescribed by the Department of his or her old and new
20 residence addresses and the card number held by him or her. Any
21 person whose legal name has changed from the name on the card
22 that he or she has been previously issued must apply for a
23 corrected card within 30 calendar days after the change. The
24 cost for a corrected card shall be \$5. The cost for replacement
25 of a card which has been lost, destroyed, or stolen shall be \$5

1 if the loss, destruction, or theft of the card is reported to
2 the Department of State Police. The fees collected under this
3 Section shall be deposited into the State Police Firearm
4 Services Fund.

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

6 (430 ILCS 65/14) (from Ch. 38, par. 83-14)

7 Sec. 14. Sentence.

8 (a) Until the effective date of this amendatory Act of the
9 102nd General Assembly, except ~~Except~~ as provided in
10 subsection (a-5), a violation of paragraph (1) of subsection
11 (a) of Section 2, when the person's Firearm Owner's
12 Identification Card is expired but the person is not otherwise
13 disqualified from renewing the card, is a Class A misdemeanor.

14 (a-5) Until the effective date of this amendatory Act of
15 the 102nd General Assembly, a ~~A~~ violation of paragraph (1) of
16 subsection (a) of Section 2, when the person's Firearm Owner's
17 Identification Card is expired but the person is not otherwise
18 disqualified from owning, purchasing, or possessing firearms,
19 is a petty offense if the card was expired for 6 months or less
20 from the date of expiration.

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

1 subsequent violation is a Class 4 felony.

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

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

6 (2) Until the effective date of this amendatory Act of
7 the 102nd General Assembly, the person's Firearm Owner's
8 Identification Card is expired and not otherwise eligible
9 for renewal under this Act; or

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 (430 ILCS 66/10)

2 Sec. 10. Issuance of licenses to carry a concealed
3 firearm.

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

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

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

10 (3) has submitted the requisite fees; and

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

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

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

20 (1) carry a loaded or unloaded concealed firearm,
21 fully concealed or partially concealed, on or about his or
22 her person; and

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

25 (d) The Department shall make applications for a license
26 available no later than 180 days after the effective date of

1 this Act. The Department shall establish rules for the
2 availability and submission of applications in accordance with
3 this Act.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 (h).

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

26 (i) The Department shall maintain a database of license

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

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

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

20 (430 ILCS 66/45)

21 Sec. 45. Civil immunity; Board, employees, and agents. The
22 Board, Department, local law enforcement agency, or the
23 employees and agents of the Board, Department, or local law
24 enforcement agency participating in the licensing process
25 under this Act shall not be held liable for damages in any

1 civil action arising from alleged wrongful or improper
2 granting, denying, ~~renewing,~~ revoking, suspending, or failing
3 to grant, deny, ~~renew,~~ revoke, or suspend a license under this
4 Act, except for willful or wanton misconduct.

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

6 (430 ILCS 66/50)

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

8 (a) A license shall be valid during the licensee's
9 lifetime. A license issued before the effective date of this
10 amendatory Act of the 102nd General Assembly shall be valid
11 during the licensee's lifetime regardless of the expiration
12 date on the license. This subsection (a) applies through the
13 180th day following the effective date of this amendatory Act
14 of the 101st General Assembly. Applications for renewal of a
15 license shall be made to the Department. A license shall be
16 renewed for a period of 5 years upon receipt of a completed
17 renewal application, completion of 3 hours of training
18 required under Section 75 of this Act, payment of the
19 applicable renewal fee, and completion of an investigation
20 under Section 35 of this Act. The renewal application shall
21 contain the information required in Section 30 of this Act,
22 except that the applicant need not resubmit a full set of
23 fingerprints.

24 (b) (Blank). ~~This subsection (b) applies on and after the~~
25 ~~181st day following the effective date of this amendatory Act~~

1 ~~of the 101st General Assembly. Applications for renewal of a~~
2 ~~license shall be made to the Department. A license shall be~~
3 ~~renewed for a period of 5 years from the date of expiration on~~
4 ~~the applicant's current license upon the receipt of a~~
5 ~~completed renewal application, completion of 3 hours of~~
6 ~~training required under Section 75 of this Act, payment of the~~
7 ~~applicable renewal fee, and completion of an investigation~~
8 ~~under Section 35 of this Act. The renewal application shall~~
9 ~~contain the information required in Section 30 of this Act,~~
10 ~~except that the applicant need not resubmit a full set of~~
11 ~~fingerprints.~~

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

13 (430 ILCS 66/60)

14 Sec. 60. Fees.

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

18 (b) An applicant for a ~~new~~ license ~~or a renewal~~ shall
19 submit \$150 with the application, of which \$120 shall be
20 apportioned to the State Police Firearm Services Fund, \$20
21 shall be apportioned to the Mental Health Reporting Fund, and
22 \$10 shall be apportioned to the State Crime Laboratory Fund.

23 (c) A non-resident applicant for a ~~new~~ license ~~or renewal~~
24 shall submit \$300 with the application, of which \$250 shall be
25 apportioned to the State Police Firearm Services Fund, \$40

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

3 (d) A licensee requesting a ~~new~~ license replacement in
4 accordance with Section 55 shall submit \$75, of which \$60
5 shall be apportioned to the State Police Firearm Services
6 Fund, \$5 shall be apportioned to the Mental Health Reporting
7 Fund, and \$10 shall be apportioned to the State Crime
8 Laboratory Fund.

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

10 (430 ILCS 66/70)

11 Sec. 70. Violations.

12 (a) A license issued ~~or renewed~~ under this Act shall be
13 revoked if, at any time, the licensee is found to be ineligible
14 for a license under this Act or the licensee no longer meets
15 the eligibility requirements of the Firearm Owners
16 Identification Card Act.

17 (b) A license shall be suspended if an order of
18 protection, including an emergency order of protection,
19 plenary order of protection, or interim order of protection
20 under Article 112A of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 or
21 under the Illinois Domestic Violence Act of 1986, or if a
22 firearms restraining order, including an emergency firearms
23 restraining order, under the Firearms Restraining Order Act,
24 is issued against a licensee for the duration of the order, or
25 if the Department is made aware of a similar order issued

1 against the licensee in any other jurisdiction. If an order of
2 protection is issued against a licensee, the licensee shall
3 surrender the license, as applicable, to the court at the time
4 the order is entered or to the law enforcement agency or entity
5 serving process at the time the licensee is served the order.
6 The court, law enforcement agency, or entity responsible for
7 serving the order of protection shall notify the Department
8 within 7 days and transmit the license to the Department.

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

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

18 A licensee in violation of this subsection (d) shall be
19 guilty of a Class A misdemeanor for a first or second violation
20 and a Class 4 felony for a third violation. The Department may
21 suspend a license for up to 6 months for a second violation and
22 shall permanently revoke a license for a third violation.

23 (e) Except as otherwise provided, a licensee in violation
24 of this Act shall be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor. A second
25 or subsequent violation is a Class A misdemeanor. The
26 Department may suspend a license for up to 6 months for a

1 second violation and shall permanently revoke a license for 3
2 or more violations of Section 65 of this Act. Any person
3 convicted of a violation under this Section shall pay a \$150
4 fee to be deposited into the Mental Health Reporting Fund,
5 plus any applicable court costs or fees.

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

17 (g) A licensee whose license is revoked, suspended, or
18 denied shall, within 48 hours of receiving notice of the
19 revocation, suspension, or denial, surrender his or her
20 concealed carry license to the local law enforcement agency
21 where the person resides. The local law enforcement agency
22 shall provide the licensee a receipt and transmit the
23 concealed carry license to the Department of State Police. If
24 the licensee whose concealed carry license has been revoked,
25 suspended, or denied fails to comply with the requirements of
26 this subsection, the law enforcement agency where the person

1 resides may petition the circuit court to issue a warrant to
2 search for and seize the concealed carry license in the
3 possession and under the custody or control of the licensee
4 whose concealed carry license has been revoked, suspended, or
5 denied. The observation of a concealed carry license in the
6 possession of a person whose license has been revoked,
7 suspended, or denied constitutes a sufficient basis for the
8 arrest of that person for violation of this subsection. A
9 violation of this subsection is a Class A misdemeanor.

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

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

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

1 instructor certification of a person convicted under this
2 subsection (i).

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

4 (430 ILCS 66/75)

5 Sec. 75. Applicant firearm training.

6 (a) Within 60 days of the effective date of this Act, the
7 Department shall begin approval of firearm training courses
8 and shall make a list of approved courses available on the
9 Department's website.

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

15 (1) firearm safety;

16 (2) the basic principles of marksmanship;

17 (3) care, cleaning, loading, and unloading of a
18 concealable firearm;

19 (4) all applicable State and federal laws relating to
20 the ownership, storage, carry, and transportation of a
21 firearm; and

22 (5) instruction on the appropriate and lawful
23 interaction with law enforcement while transporting or
24 carrying a concealed firearm.

25 (c) An applicant for a new license shall provide proof of

1 certification by a certified instructor that the applicant
2 passed a live fire exercise with a concealable firearm
3 consisting of:

4 (1) a minimum of 30 rounds; and

5 (2) 10 rounds from a distance of 5 yards; 10 rounds
6 from a distance of 7 yards; and 10 rounds from a distance
7 of 10 yards at a B-27 silhouette target approved by the
8 Department.

9 (d) (Blank). ~~An applicant for renewal of a license shall~~
10 ~~provide proof of completion of a firearms training course or~~
11 ~~combination of courses approved by the Department of at least~~
12 ~~3 hours.~~

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

15 (1) does not follow the orders of the certified
16 firearms instructor;

17 (2) in the judgment of the certified instructor,
18 handles a firearm in a manner that poses a danger to the
19 student or to others; or

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

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

26 (g) The Department and certified firearms instructors

1 shall recognize up to 8 hours of training already completed
2 toward the 16 hour training requirement under this Section if
3 the training course is submitted to and approved by the
4 Department. Any remaining hours that the applicant completes
5 must at least cover the classroom subject matter of paragraph
6 (4) of subsection (b) of this Section, and the range
7 qualification in subsection (c) of this Section.

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

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

1 (j) The Department and certified firearms instructors
2 shall recognize up to 8 hours of training already completed
3 toward the 16 hour training requirement under this Section if
4 the training course is approved by the Department and was
5 completed in connection with the applicant's previous
6 employment as a law enforcement or corrections officer. Any
7 remaining hours that the applicant completes must at least
8 cover the classroom subject matter of paragraph (4) of
9 subsection (b) of this Section, and the range qualification in
10 subsection (c) of this Section. A former law enforcement or
11 corrections officer seeking credit under this subsection (j)
12 shall provide evidence that he or she separated from
13 employment in good standing from each law enforcement agency
14 where he or she was employed. An applicant who was discharged
15 from a law enforcement agency for misconduct or disciplinary
16 reasons is not eligible for credit under this subsection (j).
17 (Source: P.A. 98-63, eff. 7-9-13; 98-600, eff. 12-6-13.)