

1 AN ACT in relation to firearms.

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

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
5 Family and Personal Protection Act.

6 Section 5. Legislative declaration. The General Assembly  
7 finds that as a matter of public policy it is necessary to  
8 provide statewide uniform standards for issuing permits to  
9 carry concealed firearms and that no person who does not  
10 qualify under the provisions of this Act receives a permit to  
11 carry concealed firearms. The General Assembly recognizes that  
12 it already regulates the use and possession of concealed  
13 firearms under Sections 24-1 and 24-1.6 of the Criminal Code of  
14 1961 and that the regulation of concealed firearms is an  
15 exclusive Statewide function. The General Assembly does not  
16 delegate to the Department of State Police the authority to  
17 regulate or restrict the issuing of concealed firearms permits  
18 provided for in this Act beyond those provisions contained in  
19 this Act.

20 Section 10. Definitions. As used in this Act:

21 "Concealed firearm" means a handgun carried on or about a  
22 person completely or mostly concealed from view of the public,

1 or carried in a vehicle in such a way as it is concealed from  
2 view of the public.

3 "Department" means the Department of State Police.

4 "Director" means the Director of State Police.

5 "Fund" means the Citizen Safety and Self-Defense Trust  
6 Fund.

7 "Handgun" has the meaning ascribed to it in clause (A) (h)  
8 of Section 24-3 of the Criminal Code of 1961.

9 "Permit" means a permit to carry a concealed firearm issued  
10 by the Department of State Police.

11 "Permittee" means a person who is issued a permit to carry  
12 a concealed firearm by the Department of State Police.

13 Section 15. Citizen Safety and Self-Defense Trust Fund.

14 (a) There is created the Citizen Safety and Self-Defense  
15 Trust Fund. The Fund shall be maintained apart from the State  
16 Treasury and shall be administered by the Department. Money  
17 from federal and State sources may be deposited into the Fund.  
18 Fees from applications for new, renewal, corrected and  
19 duplicate concealed firearms permits shall be deposited into  
20 the Fund. The Department may invest the monies in the Fund, and  
21 any income on these investments shall be reinvested in the  
22 Fund.

23 (b) The Department shall use the moneys in the Fund  
24 exclusively for the administration of this Act.

1           Section 20. Permit for concealed firearms. The Department  
2 of State Police is authorized to issue permits to carry  
3 concealed firearms to persons qualified as provided in this  
4 Act. Permits to carry concealed firearms shall be valid  
5 throughout the State for a period of 3 years from the date of  
6 issuance. Any person in compliance with the terms of the permit  
7 may carry concealed firearms on or about his or her person. The  
8 permittee shall carry the permit at all times the permittee is  
9 carrying a concealed firearm and shall display the permit upon  
10 the request of a law enforcement officer. The permit is valid  
11 throughout the State.

12           Section 25. Application for permit and qualifications of  
13 applicants.

14           (a) An applicant for a permit shall obtain the application  
15 from the Department of State Police. If the applicant resides  
16 in a county of less than 3,000,000 inhabitants (or if the  
17 applicant resides in a county of 3,000,000 or more inhabitants  
18 but not within any municipality), the application for a permit  
19 or renewal of a permit to carry a concealed firearm shall be  
20 submitted to the office of the sheriff of the county in which  
21 the applicant resides. The completed application and all  
22 accompanying material plus an application fee of \$100 for a new  
23 permit or \$75 for a renewal shall be presented to the office of  
24 the sheriff of the county in which the applicant resides.

25           The sheriff shall transmit the application, accompanying

1 material and any objections to the application, and application  
2 fees to the Department of State Police along with the completed  
3 application within 10 working days. Twenty dollars of the  
4 application fee shall be retained by the office of the sheriff  
5 for official expenses of the office.

6 The sheriff may submit specific and articulable reasons to  
7 the Department in objection to an application for a concealed  
8 firearms permit. He or she shall articulate the recommendation  
9 for denial in a written report and transmit that report to the  
10 Department of State Police along with the completed application  
11 within 10 working days. The Department of State Police shall  
12 maintain the report which shall be available to the applicant  
13 for a concealed firearms permit.

14 (a-5) If the applicant resides in a county of 3,000,000 or  
15 more inhabitants and within a municipality, the application for  
16 a permit or renewal of a permit to carry a concealed firearm  
17 shall be submitted to the municipal police department and the  
18 duties imposed upon the county sheriff under subsection (a)  
19 shall be imposed upon the municipal police chief of the  
20 municipality in which the applicant resides. The municipal  
21 police department shall retain \$20 of the application fee for  
22 official expenses of the department.

23 (b) The Department of State Police, upon a person's  
24 application for a concealed firearms permit, upon receipt of  
25 the appropriate fees, and after compliance with the procedures  
26 set out in this Section, shall issue the applicant a concealed

1 firearms permit if the person:

2 (i) Is at least 21 years of age;

3 (ii) Resides within the State of Illinois and has been  
4 a resident for the last 6 months and is a permanent  
5 resident of the United States;

6 (iii) Has not been convicted of a crime punishable by  
7 imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, or of a  
8 misdemeanor evidencing violence, is not free on any form of  
9 bond or pretrial release, and has no outstanding warrants  
10 for those crimes;

11 (iv) Has no record of mental disease or mental illness  
12 on file with the Department of State Police that would  
13 evidence incapacity, or lack of proper mental capacity;

14 (v) Has not been committed to a state or federal  
15 facility for the abuse of a controlled substance or  
16 cannabis or has not been convicted of a misdemeanor  
17 violation of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act or  
18 Cannabis Control Act or similar laws of any other state  
19 relating to controlled substances or cannabis within a 10  
20 year period immediately preceding the date on which the  
21 application is submitted; and

22 (vi) Does not chronically and habitually use alcoholic  
23 beverages as evidenced by the applicant having 2 or more  
24 convictions for violating Section 11-501 of the Illinois  
25 Vehicle Code or similar provision of a local ordinance  
26 within 5 years preceding his or her application or if the

1 applicant has elected treatment under the supervision of a  
2 licensed program in accordance with the Alcoholism and  
3 Other Drug Abuse and Dependency Act or similar laws of any  
4 other state within a 5 year period immediately preceding  
5 the date on which the application is submitted.

6 Section 30. Contents of application. The initial  
7 application shall be in writing, under oath and under the  
8 penalties of perjury, on a standard form promulgated by the  
9 Department of State Police and shall be accompanied by the  
10 appropriate fees and required documentation. The application  
11 shall contain only the following information:

12 (i) the applicant's name, address, gender, and date and  
13 place of birth;

14 (ii) a head and shoulder color photograph taken within  
15 30 days preceding the date on which the application is  
16 submitted;

17 (iii) questions to certify or demonstrate the  
18 applicant has completed a firearms and deadly use of force  
19 training and education prerequisites specified under this  
20 Act;

21 (iv) a statement that the applicant is a resident of  
22 the State of Illinois and has been a resident for the last  
23 6 months and is a permanent resident of the United States;

24 (v) a waiver of privacy and confidentiality rights and  
25 privileges enjoyed by the applicant under all federal and

1 state laws governing access to juvenile court, criminal  
2 justice, psychological or psychiatric records, or records  
3 relating to the applicant's history of  
4 institutionalization, and an affirmative request that any  
5 person having custody of any such record provide it or  
6 information concerning it to the Department;

7 (vi) a conspicuous warning that false statements made  
8 by the applicant will result in prosecution for perjury in  
9 accordance with Section 32-2 of the Criminal Code of 1961;

10 (vii) an affirmation that the applicant is at least 21  
11 years of age, that the applicant possesses a currently  
12 valid Illinois Firearm Owner's Identification Card,  
13 together with the card number or is applying for the card  
14 in conjunction with the concealed firearms permit  
15 application;

16 (viii) an affirmation that the applicant has never been  
17 convicted of any felony or of a misdemeanor involving the  
18 use or threat of physical force or violence to any person;  
19 and has never been adjudicated a delinquent minor for an  
20 offense which, had he or she been tried as an adult, would  
21 have been such a felony or misdemeanor;

22 (ix) the following statement along with a signature  
23 line for use by the applicant, which statement the  
24 applicant shall affirm under oath: "I the undersigned  
25 state, under oath and subject to the penalty of perjury,  
26 that I am not a streetgang member as defined in Section 10

1 of the Illinois Streetgang Terrorism Omnibus Prevention  
2 Act, and I will not join or become associated with a  
3 criminal streetgang."

4 Section 35. Submission of identifying information; fee. In  
5 addition to the completed application, the applicant must also  
6 submit the following to the sheriff of the county in which the  
7 applicant resides. The sheriff shall submit the information to  
8 the Department of State Police:

9 (i) A head and shoulder color photograph as required by  
10 Section 30 in a size specified by the Department of State  
11 Police taken within 30 days preceding the date on which the  
12 application is submitted.

13 (ii) A non-refundable permit fee of \$100 if he or she  
14 has not previously been issued such a permit by the  
15 Department of State Police, or a non-refundable permit fee  
16 of \$75 for each renewal of a permit of which \$20 shall be  
17 retained by the sheriff or, if the applicant resides within  
18 a municipality in a county of 3,000,000 or more  
19 inhabitants, by the municipal police department.

20 (iii) A full set of legible fingerprints administered  
21 to the applicant by the Department of State Police, or any  
22 other federal, State, county or municipal law enforcement  
23 agency. Any cost of fingerprinting shall be paid by the  
24 applicant.

25 (iv) A photocopy of a certificate or other evidence of



1 completion of a course to show compliance with Section 90  
2 of this Act.

3 Section 40. Approval of application.

4 (a) If the Department of State Police finds that the  
5 applicant possesses a valid Firearm Owner's Identification  
6 Card, meets the training requirements of this Act and has  
7 provided the documentation and paid the fees required for  
8 issuance of a concealed firearms permit, and that, as nearly as  
9 it is possible to determine, nothing in the applicant's  
10 background or present circumstances disqualify him or her from  
11 possessing a firearm in Illinois, it shall approve the  
12 application and issue the applicant a wallet sized permit  
13 bearing the photograph of the applicant within 90 days.

14 (b) The Department may consider any objection or  
15 recommendation made by the sheriff or municipal police  
16 department supported by specific and articulable reasons, in a  
17 written report, why the applicant should be denied a permit and  
18 may deny the permit based solely on those objections.

19 (c) If the applicant is found to be ineligible, the  
20 Department of State Police shall deny the application, and  
21 notify the applicant in writing, stating the grounds for denial  
22 and informing the applicant of the right to submit, within 30  
23 days, any additional documentation relating to the grounds of  
24 the denial. Upon receiving any additional documentation, the  
25 Department of State Police shall reconsider its decision and

1 inform the applicant within 30 days of the result of the  
2 reconsideration. The applicant shall further be informed of the  
3 right to appeal the denial in the circuit court of his or her  
4 place of residence.

5 (d) The Department of State Police shall maintain an  
6 automated listing of permit holders and pertinent information,  
7 and this information shall be available on-line, upon request,  
8 at all times to all Illinois law enforcement agencies. Except  
9 as provided in this subsection, information on applications for  
10 permits, names and addresses, or other identifying information  
11 relating to permit holders shall be confidential and shall not  
12 be made available except to law enforcement agencies. Requests  
13 for information about any permit holder made by persons other  
14 than a bona fide law enforcement agency shall be made to the  
15 Department of State Police together with any fee required for  
16 the providing of information. The Department of State Police  
17 shall, upon proper application and the payment of the required  
18 fee, provide to the requester in written form only, a list of  
19 names of any or all holders in the State of Illinois licensed  
20 to carry a concealed firearm. No identifying information other  
21 than the name shall be provided, and information for geographic  
22 areas or other subdivisions of any type from the list shall not  
23 be provided, except to a bona fide law enforcement agency, and  
24 shall be confidential. No requests for lists of local or  
25 statewide permit holders shall be made to any state or local  
26 law enforcement agency. No other agency of government other

1 than the Department of State Police shall provide any  
2 information to a requester not entitled to it by law. The names  
3 of all persons, other than law enforcement agencies and peace  
4 officers, requesting information under this Section shall be  
5 public records.

6 Section 45. Revocation of a permit. A permit issued under  
7 Section 40 shall be suspended or revoked if the permit holder  
8 becomes ineligible to be issued a permit under the criteria set  
9 forth in subsection (b) (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v), and (vi) of  
10 Section 25 or subsection (b) of Section 40 of this Act. When an  
11 order of protection is issued under Section 112A-14 of the Code  
12 of Criminal Procedure of 1963 or under Section 214 of the  
13 Illinois Domestic Violence Act of 1986 against a person holding  
14 a permit issued under this Act, the holder of the permit shall  
15 surrender the permit to the court or to the officer serving the  
16 order. The officer to whom the permit is surrendered shall  
17 forthwith transmit the permit to the court issuing the order.  
18 The permit shall be suspended until the order is terminated.

19 Section 50. Notification of renewal. Not later than 120  
20 days before the expiration of any permit issued under this Act,  
21 the Department of State Police shall notify the permit holder  
22 in writing of the expiration and furnish an application for  
23 renewal of the permit.

1 Section 55. Renewal of permit.

2 (a) The permit shall be renewed for a qualified applicant  
3 upon receipt of the properly completed renewal application and  
4 required renewal fee. The renewal application shall contain the  
5 same required information as set forth in paragraphs (i)  
6 through (ix) of Section 30, except that in lieu of the firearm  
7 education and use of deadly force training, the applicant need  
8 only demonstrate previous issuance of and continued  
9 eligibility for a concealed firearms permit.

10 (b) A permittee who fails to file a renewal application on  
11 or before its expiration date must pay an additional late fee  
12 of \$25. A person who fails to renew his or her application  
13 within 6 months after its expiration must reapply for a new  
14 permit and pay the fee for a new application.

15 Section 60. Change of address, change of name or lost or  
16 destroyed permits.

17 (a) Within 30 days after the changing of a permanent  
18 residence, or within 30 days after loss or destruction of a  
19 concealed firearms permit, the permittee shall notify the  
20 Department of State Police of the loss, destruction, change of  
21 name, or change of residence. Failure to notify the Department  
22 of State Police shall constitute a noncriminal violation with a  
23 penalty of \$25 payable to the Department of State Police.

24 (b) If a person issued a permit to carry a concealed  
25 firearm changes residence within this State, or changes his or

1 her name, the person to whom the permit was issued may upon  
2 payment of \$25 to the Department of State Police obtain a  
3 corrected concealed firearms permit with a change of address or  
4 change of name upon furnishing a notarized statement to the  
5 Department of State Police that the permittee has changed  
6 residence, or his or her name and upon submission of an  
7 application as set forth in Section 25 and photograph as set  
8 forth in paragraph (ii) of Section 30 of this Act. A concealed  
9 firearms permit shall be automatically invalid after 30 days if  
10 the permittee has not notified the Department of State Police  
11 of a change of residence.

12 (c) If a permit to carry a concealed firearm is lost or  
13 destroyed, the permit shall be automatically invalid, and the  
14 person to whom the permit was issued may upon payment of \$25 to  
15 the Department of State Police obtain a duplicate, and upon  
16 furnishing a notarized statement to the Department of State  
17 Police that the permit was lost or destroyed, and submission of  
18 an application as set forth in Section 25 and photograph as set  
19 forth in paragraph (ii) of Section 30 of this Act.

20 Section 65. Reciprocity. A person who holds a valid permit  
21 or license issued by another state of the United States whose  
22 home state permits Illinois residents to obtain a permit or  
23 license to carry a concealed firearm in that state may apply  
24 directly to the Department of State Police for a permit to  
25 carry a concealed firearm in Illinois. The Department of State

1 Police shall take whatever steps are necessary to verify that  
2 the person applying has a valid permit or license to carry a  
3 concealed firearm issued by his or her home state.

4 Section 70. Concealed firearms permit.

5 (a) A concealed firearms permit shall authorize the person  
6 in whose name the permit is issued to carry concealed firearms  
7 on or about his or her person or vehicle throughout the State.  
8 No permit issued under this Section shall authorize any person  
9 to carry a concealed firearm into or upon:

10 (i) Any police, sheriff, or highway patrol office or  
11 station without the consent of the chief law enforcement  
12 officer in charge of that office or station.

13 (ii) The facility of any adult or juvenile detention or  
14 correctional institution, prison, or jail.

15 (iii) Any courthouse, solely occupied by the Circuit,  
16 Appellate, or Supreme Court or a courtroom of any of those  
17 courts, or court proceeding, except that nothing in this  
18 Section shall preclude a judge, holding a concealed  
19 firearms permit, from carrying a concealed firearm within a  
20 courthouse.

21 (iv) Any meeting of the governing body of a unit of  
22 local government; or any meeting of the General Assembly or  
23 a committee of the General Assembly, except that nothing in  
24 this Section shall preclude a member of the body holding a  
25 concealed firearms permit from carrying a concealed

1 firearm at a meeting of the body which he or she is a  
2 member.

3 (v) The General Assembly or a county or municipality  
4 may by statute or ordinance prohibit or limit the carrying  
5 of concealed firearms by permit holders in that portion of  
6 a building owned, leased or controlled by that unit of  
7 government. That portion of a building in which the  
8 carrying of concealed firearms is prohibited or limited  
9 shall be clearly identified by signs posted at the entrance  
10 to the restricted area. The statute or ordinance shall  
11 exempt any building used for public housing by private  
12 persons, highways or rest areas, firing ranges, and private  
13 dwellings owned, leased, or controlled by that unit of  
14 government from any restriction on the carrying or  
15 possession of a firearm. The statute or ordinance shall not  
16 specify any criminal penalty for its violation but may  
17 specify that persons violating the statute or ordinance may  
18 be denied entrance to the building, ordered to leave the  
19 building and if employees of the unit of government, be  
20 subjected to disciplinary measures for violation of the  
21 provisions of the statute or ordinance. The provisions of  
22 this Section shall not apply to any other unit of  
23 government.

24 (vi) Any portion of an establishment licensed to  
25 dispense beer or alcoholic beverages for consumption on the  
26 premises, which portion of the establishment is primarily

1 devoted to that purpose.

2 This paragraph (vi) does not apply to any bona fide  
3 restaurant open to the general public having dining  
4 facilities for not less than 50 persons and that receives  
5 at least 50% of its gross annual income from the dining  
6 facilities by the sale of food.

7 (vii) Any area of an airport to which access is  
8 controlled by the inspection of persons and property.

9 (viii) Any place where the carrying of a firearm is  
10 prohibited by federal law.

11 (ix) Any elementary or secondary school facility  
12 without the consent of school authorities.

13 (x) Any portion of a building used as a child care  
14 facility without the consent of the manager. Nothing in  
15 this Section shall prevent the operator of a child care  
16 facility in a family home from owning or possessing a  
17 firearm or permit.

18 (xi) A riverboat gambling operation or horse racing  
19 facility accessible by the public.

20 (xii) Any gated area of an amusement park.

21 (xiii) Any stadium, arena or collegiate or  
22 professional sporting event.

23 (xiv) A church or other place of religious worship.

24 A violation of this subsection (a) is a Class A  
25 misdemeanor.

26 A concealed firearm permit does not authorize the concealed



1 carrying or transportation of a stun gun or taser.

2 (b) The owner, business or commercial lessee, manager of a  
3 private business enterprise, or any other organization,  
4 entity, or person may prohibit persons holding a permit for  
5 concealed firearms from carrying concealed firearms on the  
6 premises and may prohibit employees, not authorized by the  
7 employer, holding a permit for concealed firearms from carrying  
8 concealed firearms on the property of the employer. If the  
9 building or the premises are open to the public, the employer  
10 of the business enterprise shall post signs on or about the  
11 premises if carrying a concealed firearm is prohibited.  
12 Possession of a firearm in a vehicle on the premises shall not  
13 be a criminal offense so long as the firearm is not removed  
14 from the vehicle or brandished while the vehicle is on the  
15 premises. An employer may prohibit employees or other persons  
16 holding a permit for a concealed firearm from carrying a  
17 concealed firearm in vehicles owned by the employer. Carrying  
18 of a concealed firearm in a location specified in this  
19 subsection by a permit holder shall not be a criminal act but  
20 may subject the person to denial to the premises or removal  
21 from the premises.

22 Section 75. Immunity of Department, sheriff, municipal  
23 police department, and their employees and agents. The  
24 Department of State Police, office of the county sheriff, or  
25 municipal police department or any employee or agent of the

1 Department of State Police, county sheriff, or municipal police  
2 department, shall not be liable for damages in any civil action  
3 arising from alleged wrongful or improper granting, renewing,  
4 or failure to revoke permits issued under this Act. The office  
5 of the county sheriff or municipal police department or any  
6 employee or agent of the office of the county sheriff or  
7 municipal police department shall not be liable for submitting  
8 specific and articulable reasons why an applicant should be  
9 denied a permit.

10 Section 85. Fees. Fees collected under this Act and  
11 deposited into the Citizen Safety and Self-Defense Trust Fund  
12 shall be used exclusively for administrating the provisions of  
13 this Act; except that, commencing January 1, 2010, any excess  
14 monies in the Fund may be used to ensure the prompt and  
15 efficient processing of applications received under Section 30  
16 of this Act.

17 (i) Fees for a concealed firearms permit shall be:

18 New permit..\$100

19 Renewal..\$75

20 Duplicate due to lost or destroyed..\$25

21 Corrected permit due to change of address or name..\$25

22 Late renewal fee..\$25

23 (ii) The Secretary of State shall conduct a study, to  
24 determine the cost and feasibility of creating a method of  
25 adding an identifiable code, background, or other means to show

1 that an individual has been issued a permit to carry a  
2 concealed firearm by the Department of State Police on the  
3 person's driver's license. By March 1 of each year, the  
4 Department of State Police shall submit a statistical report to  
5 the Governor, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of  
6 the House of Representatives, indicating the number of permits  
7 issued, revoked, suspended, denied and issued after appeal  
8 since the last report and in total and also the number of  
9 permits currently valid. The report shall also include the  
10 number of arrests, convictions and types of crimes since the  
11 last report by individuals issued permits to carry a concealed  
12 firearm.

13 Section 90. Applicant training.

14 (a) The applicant training course shall be the standardized  
15 training course furnished by the Department and taught by a  
16 qualified firearms instructor, consisting of:

17 (1) Twelve hours of classroom instruction, covering at  
18 least the following topics:

19 (i) handgun safety in the classroom, at home, on  
20 the firing range or while carrying the firearm;

21 (ii) the basic principles of marksmanship;

22 (iii) care and cleaning of handguns; and

23 (iv) by means of a videotape produced or approved  
24 by the Department:

25 (A) the requirements for obtaining a concealed

1 firearms permit in this State;

2 (B) laws relating to firearms as prescribed in  
3 the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act,  
4 Article 24 of the Criminal Code of 1961, and 18  
5 U.S.C. 921 through 930;

6 (C) laws relating to the justifiable use of  
7 force as prescribed in Article 7 of the Criminal  
8 Code of 1961.

9 (2) live firing exercises of sufficient duration for  
10 each applicant to fire a handgun:

11 (i) from a standing position;

12 (ii) a minimum of 20 rounds;

13 (iii) at a distance from a B-21 silhouette target,  
14 or an equivalent as approved by the Department, of 7  
15 yards.

16 (b) The classroom portion of the course may be, at the  
17 qualified firearms instructor's discretion, divided into  
18 segments of not less than 2 hours each.

19 (c) (1) An applicant training course shall not be open to  
20 persons who are less than 21 years of age.

21 (2) Applicant training course students shall complete  
22 a course application form, which shall include a statement  
23 acknowledging receipt of copies of pertinent statutory  
24 provisions listed in clauses (A), (B), and (C) of  
25 subparagraph (iv) of paragraph (1) of subsection (a) and a  
26 liability waiver.

1           (3) The course application form may be obtained from  
2           the qualified firearms instructor at the time of the  
3           course.

4           (d) Qualified firearms instructors shall not discuss the  
5           content of the video tape or the content of the statutory  
6           provisions listed in clauses (A), (B), and (C) of subparagraph  
7           (iv) of paragraph (1) of subsection (a) with students, either  
8           individually or as a class.

9           (e) At the conclusion of the classroom portion of the  
10          applicant training course, the qualified firearms instructor  
11          shall:

12                 (1) distribute a standard course examination to the  
13                 students;

14                 (2) not leave the room in which the examination is  
15                 being held while the examination is in progress;

16                 (3) collect examination booklets and answer sheets  
17                 from each student at the end of the examination period;

18                 (4) not grade the examinations in the presence of  
19                 students; and

20                 (5) not divulge an applicant's numeric score on the day  
21                 of the examination, but may indicate whether an applicant  
22                 passed or failed the examination.

23          (f) A person shall not:

24                 (1) Make an unauthorized copy of the applicant training  
25                 course examination, in whole or in part;

26                 (2) Possess the applicant training course examination,

1 or questions from the examination, unless authorized by the  
2 Department; or

3 (3) Divulge the contents of an applicant training  
4 course examination questions to another person.

5 (g) (1) Students shall provide their own safe, functional  
6 handgun and factory-loaded ammunition.

7 (2) Prior to conducting range firing, the certified  
8 firearms instructor shall:

9 (i) inspect each applicant's firearm; and

10 (ii) not allow the firing of a handgun that is not  
11 in sound mechanical condition or otherwise may pose a  
12 safety hazard.

13 (h) Grades of "passing" shall not be given on range work to  
14 an applicant who:

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

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

20 (3) during the testing portion of the range work fails  
21 to hit the silhouette portion of the target with a majority  
22 of 20 rounds.

23 (i) Certified firearms instructors shall:

24 (1) allow monitoring of their classes by officials of  
25 any certifying agency;

26 (2) make all course records available upon demand to

1 authorized personnel of the Department; and

2 (3) not divulge course records except as authorized by  
3 the certifying agency.

4 (j) (1) Fees for applicant training courses shall not  
5 exceed \$75 per student.

6 (2) Qualified firearms instructors shall collect the  
7 fee and remit \$25 of the fee to the Department.

8 (3) Fees shall not be refunded to students who fail or  
9 otherwise do not complete the course.

10 (k) An applicant training course shall not have more than  
11 40 students in the classroom portion or more than 5 students  
12 per range officer engaged in range firing.

13 (l) Within 3 working days after the completion of the  
14 course, the certified firearms instructor shall:

15 (1) grade the examinations and

16 (2) mail to the Department:

17 (i) the completed course application form,  
18 showing the student's score on the written  
19 examination and indicating whether the student  
20 passed or failed the range work, and

21 (ii) the graded examinations.

22 (m) Within 15 days after receipt of the material described  
23 in Section (l), the Department shall mail to the applicant:

24 (i) A certificate of successful course completion; or

25 (ii) Notification that the applicant has failed the  
26 course and will not be certified.

1           (n) A student shall be issued a certificate of completion  
2 if he or she:

3           (i) answers at least 70% of the written examination  
4 questions correctly; and

5           (ii) achieves a grade of "passing" on the range work.

6           (o) (i) Students who score below 70% on the written  
7 examination may retake the examination one time without having  
8 to retake the course.

9           (ii) Students who do not achieve a grade of "passing"  
10 on the range work may repeat the range work one time  
11 without having to retake the course.

12           (iii) Notices of failure will include information on  
13 whether the student failed the written exam, the range  
14 firing, or both.

15           Section 95. Firearms instructors training.

16           (a) Persons who are not qualified firearms instructors  
17 shall not teach applicant training courses.

18           (b) Persons who are not qualified firearms instructors  
19 shall not advertise or otherwise represent courses they teach  
20 as qualifying their students to meet the requirements to  
21 receive a permit to carry concealed firearms in this State.

22           (c) Persons who are not certified instructor trainers shall  
23 not teach instructor qualification courses.

24           (d) Persons wishing to become qualified firearms  
25 instructors shall:



- 1           (1) be at least 21 years of age;
- 2           (2) be a citizen of the United States; and
- 3           (3) meet the requirements of subsection (b) of Section
- 4       25.

5       (e) Persons wishing to become instructor trainers, in

6       addition to the requirements of subsection (d) of this Section,

7       shall:

- 8           (1) possess a high school diploma or GED certificate,
- 9           (2) have at least one of the following valid firearms
- 10       instructor certifications:

11           (I) National Rifle Association Personal Protection

12       Instructor;

13           (II) National Rifle Association Pistol

14       Marksmanship Instructor;

15           (III) Certification from a firearms instructor's

16       course offered by a State or federal governmental

17       agency; or

18           (IV) A similar firearms instructor qualifying

19       course, approved by the Director of State Police or his

20       or her designee.

21       (f) (1) Applicants shall agree to background checks.

22           (2) An applicant may be disqualified from taking

23       firearms instructor training, or have his or her instructor

24       qualification revoked if the applicant:

25           (A) does not meet the requirements of this Act to

26       possess a concealed firearms permit;

1 (B) provides false or misleading information on  
2 the application; or

3 (C) has had a prior instructor qualification  
4 revoked by the Department.

5 (g) The training course to certify firearms instructors and  
6 instructor trainers shall include:

7 (1) Sixteen hours of classroom instruction covering at  
8 least the following topics:

9 (i) By means of a videotape produced or approved by  
10 the Department:

11 (A) the requirements for obtaining a concealed  
12 firearms permit in this State;

13 (B) laws relating to firearms as contained in the  
14 Firearm Owners Identification Card Act, Article 24 of  
15 the Criminal Code of 1961, and 18 U.S.C. 921 through  
16 930.

17 (C) laws relating to the justifiable use of force  
18 as contained in Article 7 of the Criminal Code of 1961;

19 (D) the conduct of applicant training courses;

20 (E) record-keeping requirements of this Act;

21 (F) the basic nomenclature of handguns;

22 (G) the basic principles of marksmanship; and

23 (H) the safe handling of handguns.

24 (2) A classroom demonstration, during which the  
25 instructor candidate shall receive instruction on and  
26 demonstrate competency in the ability to prepare and

1 deliver a classroom presentation using materials from the  
2 applicant curriculum.

3 (3) Range instruction and firing of live ammunition,  
4 during which the instructor candidate shall receive  
5 instruction on and demonstrate competency in the ability  
6 to:

7 (i) handle and fire a handgun safely and  
8 accurately;

9 (ii) conduct a function test and safety inspection  
10 of common types of handguns;

11 (iii) clean common types of handguns; and

12 (iv) supervise and conduct live firing exercises  
13 in a safe and efficient manner.

14 (h) To qualify as a certified firearms instructor or  
15 instructor trainer, instructor candidates shall achieve:

16 (1) A minimum score of 70% on a written examination  
17 covering the material taught during the classroom portion  
18 of the course;

19 (2) A minimum score of 80% on range firing of a handgun  
20 from the standing position while aiming at a B-21 PC  
21 silhouette target or an equivalent as approved by the  
22 Department, with a minimum of:

23 (i) ten rounds from 7 yards; and

24 (ii) ten rounds from 15 yards; and

25 (iii) a score of "passing" from the course  
26 instructor for demonstrating competency in each of the

1 following:

2 (A) Supervising and conducting live fire;

3 (B) Cleaning and inspecting handguns; and

4 (C) Preparing and delivering the classroom  
5 lecture.

6 (i) Instructor candidates who fail to meet the minimum  
7 requirements of subsection (h) of this Section may retake the  
8 examination, range work, or classroom demonstration one time  
9 without having to repeat the course.

10 (j) Qualified firearms instructor and instructor trainer  
11 certificates shall be valid for 3 years from date of issue.  
12 Qualified firearms instructors or instructor trainers may  
13 renew their certification by successfully completing a  
14 refresher course offered or approved by the Department.

15 (k) The fees for instructor trainer or refresher courses  
16 shall be \$100 per student.

17 (1) The fees for qualified instructor courses shall be  
18 no more than \$100 per student. The instructor trainer shall  
19 remit \$50 per student to the Department.

20 (2) Fees shall not be refunded to those who do not pass  
21 or otherwise fail to complete a course.

22 (l) Course participants shall provide their own safe,  
23 functional handgun and factory-loaded ammunition.

24 (m) Prior to conducting range firing, the course instructor  
25 shall:

26 (i) inspect each applicant's firearm; and

1           (ii) not allow the firing of a handgun which is not in  
2           sound mechanical condition or otherwise may pose a safety  
3           hazard.

4           Section 100. Severability. The provisions of this Act are  
5           severable under Section 1.31 of the Statute on Statutes.

6           Section 905. The Firearm Owners Identification Card Act is  
7           amended by changing Section 13.1 as follows:

8           (430 ILCS 65/13.1) (from Ch. 38, par. 83-13.1)

9           Sec. 13.1. The provisions of any ordinance enacted by any  
10          municipality which requires registration or imposes greater  
11          restrictions or limitations on the acquisition, possession and  
12          transfer of firearms than are imposed by this Act, are not  
13          invalidated or affected by this Act, except that an ordinance  
14          of a unit of local government, including a home rule unit, is  
15          invalid if it is inconsistent with the Family and Personal  
16          Protection Act. It is declared to be the policy of this State  
17          that the regulation of the right to carry concealed firearms is  
18          an exclusive power and function of the State. A home rule unit  
19          may not regulate the issuance of permits to carry concealed  
20          firearms. This Section is a denial and limitation of home rule  
21          powers and functions under subsection (h) of Section 6 of  
22          Article VII of the Illinois Constitution.

23          (Source: P.A. 76-1939.)

1           Section 910. The Criminal Code of 1961 is amended by  
2 changing Section 24-2 as follows:

3           (720 ILCS 5/24-2)

4           Sec. 24-2. Exemptions.

5           (a) Subsections 24-1(a)(3), 24-1(a)(4), 24-1(a)(10), and  
6 24-1(a)(13) and Section 24-1.6 do not apply to or affect any of  
7 the following:

8           (1) Peace officers, and any person summoned by a peace  
9 officer to assist in making arrests or preserving the  
10 peace, while actually engaged in assisting such officer.

11           (2) Wardens, superintendents and keepers of prisons,  
12 penitentiaries, jails and other institutions for the  
13 detention of persons accused or convicted of an offense,  
14 while in the performance of their official duty, or while  
15 commuting between their homes and places of employment.

16           (3) Members of the Armed Services or Reserve Forces of  
17 the United States or the Illinois National Guard or the  
18 Reserve Officers Training Corps, while in the performance  
19 of their official duty.

20           (4) Special agents employed by a railroad or a public  
21 utility to perform police functions, and guards of armored  
22 car companies, while actually engaged in the performance of  
23 the duties of their employment or commuting between their  
24 homes and places of employment; and watchmen while actually

1 engaged in the performance of the duties of their  
2 employment.

3 (5) Persons licensed as private security contractors,  
4 private detectives, or private alarm contractors, or  
5 employed by an agency certified by the Department of  
6 Professional Regulation, if their duties include the  
7 carrying of a weapon under the provisions of the Private  
8 Detective, Private Alarm, Private Security, Fingerprint  
9 Vendor, and Locksmith Act of 2004, while actually engaged  
10 in the performance of the duties of their employment or  
11 commuting between their homes and places of employment,  
12 provided that such commuting is accomplished within one  
13 hour from departure from home or place of employment, as  
14 the case may be. Persons exempted under this subdivision  
15 (a)(5) shall be required to have completed a course of  
16 study in firearms handling and training approved and  
17 supervised by the Department of Professional Regulation as  
18 prescribed by Section 28 of the Private Detective, Private  
19 Alarm, Private Security, Fingerprint Vendor, and Locksmith  
20 Act of 2004, prior to becoming eligible for this exemption.  
21 The Department of Professional Regulation shall provide  
22 suitable documentation demonstrating the successful  
23 completion of the prescribed firearms training. Such  
24 documentation shall be carried at all times when such  
25 persons are in possession of a concealable weapon.

26 (6) Any person regularly employed in a commercial or

1 industrial operation as a security guard for the protection  
2 of persons employed and private property related to such  
3 commercial or industrial operation, while actually engaged  
4 in the performance of his or her duty or traveling between  
5 sites or properties belonging to the employer, and who, as  
6 a security guard, is a member of a security force of at  
7 least 5 persons registered with the Department of  
8 Professional Regulation; provided that such security guard  
9 has successfully completed a course of study, approved by  
10 and supervised by the Department of Professional  
11 Regulation, consisting of not less than 40 hours of  
12 training that includes the theory of law enforcement,  
13 liability for acts, and the handling of weapons. A person  
14 shall be considered eligible for this exemption if he or  
15 she has completed the required 20 hours of training for a  
16 security officer and 20 hours of required firearm training,  
17 and has been issued a firearm control card by the  
18 Department of Professional Regulation. Conditions for the  
19 renewal of firearm control cards issued under the  
20 provisions of this Section shall be the same as for those  
21 cards issued under the provisions of the Private Detective,  
22 Private Alarm, Private Security, Fingerprint Vendor, and  
23 Locksmith Act of 2004. Such firearm control card shall be  
24 carried by the security guard at all times when he or she  
25 is in possession of a concealable weapon.

26 (7) Agents and investigators of the Illinois



1 Legislative Investigating Commission authorized by the  
2 Commission to carry the weapons specified in subsections  
3 24-1(a)(3) and 24-1(a)(4), while on duty in the course of  
4 any investigation for the Commission.

5 (8) Persons employed by a financial institution for the  
6 protection of other employees and property related to such  
7 financial institution, while actually engaged in the  
8 performance of their duties, commuting between their homes  
9 and places of employment, or traveling between sites or  
10 properties owned or operated by such financial  
11 institution, provided that any person so employed has  
12 successfully completed a course of study, approved by and  
13 supervised by the Department of Professional Regulation,  
14 consisting of not less than 40 hours of training which  
15 includes theory of law enforcement, liability for acts, and  
16 the handling of weapons. A person shall be considered to be  
17 eligible for this exemption if he or she has completed the  
18 required 20 hours of training for a security officer and 20  
19 hours of required firearm training, and has been issued a  
20 firearm control card by the Department of Professional  
21 Regulation. Conditions for renewal of firearm control  
22 cards issued under the provisions of this Section shall be  
23 the same as for those issued under the provisions of the  
24 Private Detective, Private Alarm, Private Security,  
25 Fingerprint Vendor, and Locksmith Act of 2004. Such firearm  
26 control card shall be carried by the person so trained at

1 all times when such person is in possession of a  
2 concealable weapon. For purposes of this subsection,  
3 "financial institution" means a bank, savings and loan  
4 association, credit union or company providing armored car  
5 services.

6 (9) Any person employed by an armored car company to  
7 drive an armored car, while actually engaged in the  
8 performance of his duties.

9 (10) Persons who have been classified as peace officers  
10 pursuant to the Peace Officer Fire Investigation Act.

11 (11) Investigators of the Office of the State's  
12 Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor authorized by the board of  
13 governors of the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate  
14 Prosecutor to carry weapons pursuant to Section 7.06 of the  
15 State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor's Act.

16 (12) Special investigators appointed by a State's  
17 Attorney under Section 3-9005 of the Counties Code.

18 (12.5) Probation officers while in the performance of  
19 their duties, or while commuting between their homes,  
20 places of employment or specific locations that are part of  
21 their assigned duties, with the consent of the chief judge  
22 of the circuit for which they are employed.

23 (13) Court Security Officers while in the performance  
24 of their official duties, or while commuting between their  
25 homes and places of employment, with the consent of the  
26 Sheriff.

1           (13.5) A person employed as an armed security guard at  
2           a nuclear energy, storage, weapons or development site or  
3           facility regulated by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
4           who has completed the background screening and training  
5           mandated by the rules and regulations of the Nuclear  
6           Regulatory Commission.

7           (14) Manufacture, transportation, or sale of weapons  
8           to persons authorized under subdivisions (1) through  
9           (13.5) of this subsection to possess those weapons.

10          (b) Subsections 24-1(a)(4) and 24-1(a)(10) and Section  
11          24-1.6 do not apply to or affect any of the following:

12           (1) Members of any club or organization organized for  
13           the purpose of practicing shooting at targets upon  
14           established target ranges, whether public or private, and  
15           patrons of such ranges, while such members or patrons are  
16           using their firearms on those target ranges.

17           (2) Duly authorized military or civil organizations  
18           while parading, with the special permission of the  
19           Governor.

20           (3) Hunters, trappers or fishermen with a license or  
21           permit while engaged in hunting, trapping or fishing.

22           (4) Transportation of weapons that are broken down in a  
23           non-functioning state or are not immediately accessible.

24           (5) Carrying or possessing any pistol, revolver, stun  
25           gun or taser or other firearm on the land or in the legal  
26           dwelling of another person as an invitee with that person's

1 permission.

2 (6) Carrying a concealed firearm by a permittee who has  
3 been issued a permit to carry a concealed firearm under the  
4 Family and Personal Protection Act.

5 (c) Subsection 24-1(a)(7) does not apply to or affect any  
6 of the following:

7 (1) Peace officers while in performance of their  
8 official duties.

9 (2) Wardens, superintendents and keepers of prisons,  
10 penitentiaries, jails and other institutions for the  
11 detention of persons accused or convicted of an offense.

12 (3) Members of the Armed Services or Reserve Forces of  
13 the United States or the Illinois National Guard, while in  
14 the performance of their official duty.

15 (4) Manufacture, transportation, or sale of machine  
16 guns to persons authorized under subdivisions (1) through  
17 (3) of this subsection to possess machine guns, if the  
18 machine guns are broken down in a non-functioning state or  
19 are not immediately accessible.

20 (5) Persons licensed under federal law to manufacture  
21 any weapon from which 8 or more shots or bullets can be  
22 discharged by a single function of the firing device, or  
23 ammunition for such weapons, and actually engaged in the  
24 business of manufacturing such weapons or ammunition, but  
25 only with respect to activities which are within the lawful  
26 scope of such business, such as the manufacture,

1 transportation, or testing of such weapons or ammunition.  
2 This exemption does not authorize the general private  
3 possession of any weapon from which 8 or more shots or  
4 bullets can be discharged by a single function of the  
5 firing device, but only such possession and activities as  
6 are within the lawful scope of a licensed manufacturing  
7 business described in this paragraph.

8 During transportation, such weapons shall be broken  
9 down in a non-functioning state or not immediately  
10 accessible.

11 (6) The manufacture, transport, testing, delivery,  
12 transfer or sale, and all lawful commercial or experimental  
13 activities necessary thereto, of rifles, shotguns, and  
14 weapons made from rifles or shotguns, or ammunition for  
15 such rifles, shotguns or weapons, where engaged in by a  
16 person operating as a contractor or subcontractor pursuant  
17 to a contract or subcontract for the development and supply  
18 of such rifles, shotguns, weapons or ammunition to the  
19 United States government or any branch of the Armed Forces  
20 of the United States, when such activities are necessary  
21 and incident to fulfilling the terms of such contract.

22 The exemption granted under this subdivision (c)(6)  
23 shall also apply to any authorized agent of any such  
24 contractor or subcontractor who is operating within the  
25 scope of his employment, where such activities involving  
26 such weapon, weapons or ammunition are necessary and

1 incident to fulfilling the terms of such contract.

2 During transportation, any such weapon shall be broken  
3 down in a non-functioning state, or not immediately  
4 accessible.

5 (d) Subsection 24-1(a)(1) does not apply to the purchase,  
6 possession or carrying of a black-jack or slung-shot by a peace  
7 officer.

8 (e) Subsection 24-1(a)(8) does not apply to any owner,  
9 manager or authorized employee of any place specified in that  
10 subsection nor to any law enforcement officer.

11 (f) Subsection 24-1(a)(4) and subsection 24-1(a)(10) and  
12 Section 24-1.6 do not apply to members of any club or  
13 organization organized for the purpose of practicing shooting  
14 at targets upon established target ranges, whether public or  
15 private, while using their firearms on those target ranges.

16 (g) Subsections 24-1(a)(11) and 24-3.1(a)(6) do not apply  
17 to:

18 (1) Members of the Armed Services or Reserve Forces of  
19 the United States or the Illinois National Guard, while in  
20 the performance of their official duty.

21 (2) Bonafide collectors of antique or surplus military  
22 ordinance.

23 (3) Laboratories having a department of forensic  
24 ballistics, or specializing in the development of  
25 ammunition or explosive ordinance.

26 (4) Commerce, preparation, assembly or possession of

1 explosive bullets by manufacturers of ammunition licensed  
2 by the federal government, in connection with the supply of  
3 those organizations and persons exempted by subdivision  
4 (g)(1) of this Section, or like organizations and persons  
5 outside this State, or the transportation of explosive  
6 bullets to any organization or person exempted in this  
7 Section by a common carrier or by a vehicle owned or leased  
8 by an exempted manufacturer.

9 (g-5) Subsection 24-1(a)(6) does not apply to or affect  
10 persons licensed under federal law to manufacture any device or  
11 attachment of any kind designed, used, or intended for use in  
12 silencing the report of any firearm, firearms, or ammunition  
13 for those firearms equipped with those devices, and actually  
14 engaged in the business of manufacturing those devices,  
15 firearms, or ammunition, but only with respect to activities  
16 that are within the lawful scope of that business, such as the  
17 manufacture, transportation, or testing of those devices,  
18 firearms, or ammunition. This exemption does not authorize the  
19 general private possession of any device or attachment of any  
20 kind designed, used, or intended for use in silencing the  
21 report of any firearm, but only such possession and activities  
22 as are within the lawful scope of a licensed manufacturing  
23 business described in this subsection (g-5). During  
24 transportation, those devices shall be detached from any weapon  
25 or not immediately accessible.

26 (g-6) Subsections 24-1(a)(4) and 24-1(a)(10) and Section

1 24-1.6 do not apply to or affect any parole agent or parole  
2 supervisor who meets the qualifications and conditions  
3 prescribed in Section 3-14-1.5 of the Unified Code of  
4 Corrections.

5 (g-10) Subsections 24-1(a)(4), 24-1(a)(8), and  
6 24-1(a)(10), and Sections 24-1.6 and 24-3.1 do not apply to an  
7 athlete's possession, transport on official Olympic and  
8 Paralympic transit systems established for athletes, or use of  
9 competition firearms sanctioned by the International Olympic  
10 Committee, the International Paralympic Committee, the  
11 International Shooting Sport Federation, or USA Shooting in  
12 connection with such athlete's training for and participation  
13 in shooting competitions at the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic  
14 Games and sanctioned test events leading up to the 2016 Olympic  
15 and Paralympic Games.

16 (h) An information or indictment based upon a violation of  
17 any subsection of this Article need not negative any exemptions  
18 contained in this Article. The defendant shall have the burden  
19 of proving such an exemption.

20 (i) Nothing in this Article shall prohibit, apply to, or  
21 affect the transportation, carrying, or possession, of any  
22 pistol or revolver, stun gun, taser, or other firearm consigned  
23 to a common carrier operating under license of the State of  
24 Illinois or the federal government, where such transportation,  
25 carrying, or possession is incident to the lawful  
26 transportation in which such common carrier is engaged; and



1 nothing in this Article shall prohibit, apply to, or affect the  
2 transportation, carrying, or possession of any pistol,  
3 revolver, stun gun, taser, or other firearm, not the subject of  
4 and regulated by subsection 24-1(a)(7) or subsection 24-2(c) of  
5 this Article, which is unloaded and enclosed in a case, firearm  
6 carrying box, shipping box, or other container, by the  
7 possessor of a valid Firearm Owners Identification Card.

8 (Source: P.A. 95-331, eff. 8-21-07; 95-613, eff. 9-11-07;  
9 95-885, eff. 1-1-09; 96-7, eff. 4-3-09; 96-230, eff. 1-1-10;  
10 96-742, eff. 8-25-09; revised 10-9-09.)

11 Section 999. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
12 becoming law.