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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 997

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 997 on page 24, by
3 replacing lines 16 through line 9 on page 28 with the
4 following:

5 "Section 85. Firearm safety training.

6 (a) A person shall meet the firearm safety training
7 requirements under this Act for licensure or authorization to
8 carry a handgun under this Act when he or she:

9 (1) successfully completes 20 hours of classroom
10 instruction in a firearm safety training course and 20
11 hours of live fire exercise with a handgun on a shooting
12 range, in a training course and at a range administered and
13 approved by the Department of State Police; and

14 (2) successfully completes 5 hours of classroom
15 instruction in a firearm safety training course and 5 hours
16 of live fire exercise with a handgun on a shooting range,
17 in a training course and at a range administered and

1 approved by the Department of State Police for renewal of a
2 handgun carry license or retention of the authorization and
3 privilege to carry a handgun under Section 20 of this Act.

4 (a-5) No private entity, association, or organization may
5 conduct or approve firearm safety training or issue Firearm
6 Safety Certificates to qualify a person to carry a handgun
7 under this Act.

8 (b) The Department of State Police shall develop a firearm
9 safety training course curriculum of 20 hours of instruction to
10 be taught by Department certified instructors consisting of
11 instruction on:

12 (1) firearm safety in the classroom, at home, on the
13 firing range, and while carrying the firearm;

14 (2) safe handling and storage of firearms;

15 (3) care and cleaning of firearms;

16 (4) criminal and civil laws and penalties related to
17 firearms, included areas in which carrying a handgun in the
18 manner provided in this Act is prohibited;

19 (5) laws relating to the justifiable use of force in
20 self-defense; and

21 (6) a written examination approved by the Department.

22 (c) The Department of State Police shall develop a live
23 fire exercise and instruction of 20 hours for handguns to be
24 conducted on a shooting range licensed by the Department and
25 conducted by Department certified instructors consisting of
26 instruction and exercise on:

- 1 (1) basic principles of marksmanship;
2 (2) a minimum of 30 rounds of live fire; and
3 (3) a minimum of 20 rounds live fire from a distance of
4 7 yards and a minimum of 10 rounds from a distance of 15
5 yards at target as approved by the Department.

6 (d) Firearm safety training students shall provide their
7 own safe, functional handgun, and factory-loaded ammunition.

8 (e) A person shall not receive a grade of "passing" on
9 course work or range work if the person:

10 (1) does not answer 70% of the written examination
11 questions correctly;

12 (2) does not follow the orders of the certified
13 firearms safety instructor;

14 (3) in the judgment of the certified firearms safety
15 instructor, handles a firearm in a manner that poses a
16 danger to the person or to others; or

17 (4) during the testing portion of the range work fails
18 to hit the silhouette portion of the target with 70% of the
19 rounds fired.

20 (f) The Department of State Police may charge each student
21 in a firearm safety training course a fee in an amount
22 sufficient to cover the cost of conducting the training course
23 and range exercise for the student and the course materials
24 provided to the student.

25 (g) A person who receives a grade of "passing" on course
26 and range work shall be issued a Firearm Safety Certificate by

1 the Department of State Police indicating successful
2 completion of the training. The Firearm Safety Certificate
3 shall contain the calendar year in which it is issued.

4 (h) A person carrying a handgun under the authorization and
5 privilege in Section 20 of this Act shall complete the training
6 required for retention of the privilege after his or her
7 initial training under paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of this
8 Section within 5 years of the initial training and each 5 years
9 thereafter. The person shall submit each Firearm Safety
10 Certificate obtained to the Department of State Police. The
11 Department of State Police shall revoke the privilege to carry
12 a handgun under Section 20 of this Act of any person who does
13 not successfully complete the firearm safety training required
14 by this Act.

15 (i) The Department shall adopt rules necessary to implement
16 the provisions of this Section.

17 Section 90. Firearm instructor training and certification.

18 (a) The Department shall certify firearm safety
19 instructors for the firearm safety training course.
20 Qualifications for certified firearm instructors shall be set
21 by rule.

22 (b) Persons who are not certified firearm safety
23 instructors shall not teach the firearm safety training courses
24 required under this Act.

25 (c) Persons who are not certified firearm safety

1 instructors shall not advertise or otherwise represent courses
2 they teach as qualifying their students to meet the
3 requirements under this Act.

4 (d) An applicant for certification as a firearm safety
5 instructor shall be at least 21 years of age and he or she
6 shall:

7 (1) possess a high school diploma or GED certificate;

8 (2) consent to a background check; and

9 (3) meet the instructor qualification requirements
10 established by the Department of State Police.

11 (e) A firearm safety instructor certification applicant or
12 certified firearm safety instructor may be disqualified from
13 taking firearm instructor training or have his or her
14 instructor certification revoked, if the applicant:

15 (1) does not meet the requirements to carry a handgun
16 under this Act;

17 (2) provides false or misleading information on the
18 application; or

19 (3) has had a prior firearm safety instructor
20 certification revoked by the Department.

21 (f) The Department of State Police shall provide the
22 curriculum and range training for firearm safety instructors by
23 rule.

24 (g) The Department shall adopt rules necessary to implement
25 the provisions of this Section."