



99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB1553

by Rep. Dwight Kay

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

430 ILCS 66/60
430 ILCS 66/75

Amends the Firearm Concealed Carry Act. Provides that notwithstanding any other provision of the Act, the fee for a new concealed carry license or non-resident license shall be waived if the applicant is an active, retired, or honorably discharged member of the Armed Forces of the United States, a reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States, or of the Army National Guard or the Air National Guard. Provides that an active, retired, or honorably discharged member of the Armed Forces of the United States, a reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States, or of the Army National Guard or the Air National Guard shall be exempt from the firearm training requirements. Eliminates provision that the Department of State Police and certified firearms instructors shall recognize 8 hours of training as completed toward the 16 hour training requirement, if the applicant is an active, retired, or honorably discharged member of the United States Armed Forces, and that any remaining hours that the applicant completes must at least cover the classroom subject matter concerning all applicable State and federal laws relating to the ownership, storage, carry, and transportation of a firearm, and the range qualification.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning safety.

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

4 Section 5. The Firearm Concealed Carry Act is amended by
5 changing Sections 60 and 75 as follows:

6 (430 ILCS 66/60)

7 Sec. 60. Fees.

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

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

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

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

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

3 (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the
4 fee for a new license or non-resident license shall be waived
5 if the applicant is an active, retired, or honorably discharged
6 member of the Armed Forces of the United States, a reserve
7 component of the Armed Forces of the United States, or of the
8 Army National Guard or the Air National Guard.

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

10 (430 ILCS 66/75)

11 Sec. 75. Applicant firearm training.

12 (a) Within 60 days of the effective date of this Act, the
13 Department shall begin approval of firearm training courses and
14 shall make a list of approved courses available on the
15 Department's website.

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

21 (1) firearm safety;

22 (2) the basic principles of marksmanship;

23 (3) care, cleaning, loading, and unloading of a
24 concealable firearm;

25 (4) all applicable State and federal laws relating to

1 the ownership, storage, carry, and transportation of a
2 firearm; and

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

6 (c) An applicant for a new license shall provide proof of
7 certification by a certified instructor that the applicant
8 passed a live fire exercise with a concealable firearm
9 consisting of:

10 (1) a minimum of 30 rounds; and

11 (2) 10 rounds from a distance of 5 yards; 10 rounds
12 from a distance of 7 yards; and 10 rounds from a distance
13 of 10 yards at a B-27 silhouette target approved by the
14 Department.

15 (d) An applicant for renewal of a license shall provide
16 proof of completion of a firearms training course or
17 combination of courses approved by the Department of at least 3
18 hours.

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

21 (1) does not follow the orders of the certified
22 firearms instructor;

23 (2) in the judgment of the certified instructor,
24 handles a firearm in a manner that poses a danger to the
25 student or to others; or

26 (3) during the range firing portion of testing fails to

1 hit the target with 70% of the rounds fired.

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

6 (g) The Department and certified firearms instructors
7 shall recognize up to 8 hours of training already completed
8 toward the 16 hour training requirement under this Section if
9 the training course is submitted to and approved by the
10 Department. Any remaining hours that the applicant completes
11 must at least cover the classroom subject matter of paragraph
12 (4) of subsection (b) of this Section, and the range
13 qualification in subsection (c) of this Section.

14 (h) A person who has qualified to carry a firearm as an
15 active law enforcement or corrections officer, who has
16 successfully completed firearms training as required by his or
17 her law enforcement agency and is authorized by his or her
18 agency to carry a firearm; a person currently certified as a
19 firearms instructor by this Act or by the Illinois Law
20 Enforcement Training Standards Board; ~~or~~ a person who has
21 completed the required training and has been issued a firearm
22 control card by the Department of Financial and Professional
23 Regulation; or an active, retired, or honorably discharged
24 member of the Armed Forces of the United States, a reserve
25 component of the Armed Forces of the United States, or of the
26 Army National Guard or the Air National Guard shall be exempt

1 from the requirements of this Section.

2 (i) (Blank). ~~The Department and certified firearms~~
3 ~~instructors shall recognize 8 hours of training as completed~~
4 ~~toward the 16 hour training requirement under this Section, if~~
5 ~~the applicant is an active, retired, or honorably discharged~~
6 ~~member of the United States Armed Forces. Any remaining hours~~
7 ~~that the applicant completes must at least cover the classroom~~
8 ~~subject matter of paragraph (4) of subsection (b) of this~~
9 ~~Section, and the range qualification in subsection (c) of this~~
10 ~~Section.~~

11 (j) The Department and certified firearms instructors
12 shall recognize up to 8 hours of training already completed
13 toward the 16 hour training requirement under this Section if
14 the training course is approved by the Department and was
15 completed in connection with the applicant's previous
16 employment as a law enforcement or corrections officer. Any
17 remaining hours that the applicant completes must at least
18 cover the classroom subject matter of paragraph (4) of
19 subsection (b) of this Section, and the range qualification in
20 subsection (c) of this Section. A former law enforcement or
21 corrections officer seeking credit under this subsection (j)
22 shall provide evidence that he or she separated from employment
23 in good standing from each law enforcement agency where he or
24 she was employed. An applicant who was discharged from a law
25 enforcement agency for misconduct or disciplinary reasons is
26 not eligible for credit under this subsection (j).

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