



99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB2551

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

430 ILCS 66/75

Amends the Firearm Concealed Carry Act. Provides that an officer or official paid or unpaid who has successfully completed firearms training as required by his or her law enforcement agency and is authorized by his or her agency to carry a firearm is exempt from the firearms training required for other applicants for a concealed carry license. Provides that the Department of State Police and certified firearms instructors shall recognize up to 8 hours of training already completed toward the 16 hour training requirement if the training course is approved by the Department and was completed in connection with the applicant's previous employment as a paid or unpaid officer or official authorized to carry a firearm in the performance of his or her duties previously. Effective immediately.

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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 Concealed Carry Act is amended by
5 changing Section 75 as follows:

6 (430 ILCS 66/75)

7 Sec. 75. Applicant firearm training.

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

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

17 (1) firearm safety;

18 (2) the basic principles of marksmanship;

19 (3) care, cleaning, loading, and unloading of a
20 concealable firearm;

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

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

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

8 (1) a minimum of 30 rounds; and

9 (2) 10 rounds from a distance of 5 yards; 10 rounds
10 from a distance of 7 yards; and 10 rounds from a distance
11 of 10 yards at a B-27 silhouette target approved by the
12 Department.

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

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

19 (1) does not follow the orders of the certified
20 firearms instructor;

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

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

26 (f) An instructor shall maintain a record of each student's

1 performance for at least 5 years, and shall make all records
2 available upon demand of authorized personnel of the
3 Department.

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

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

23 (i) The Department and certified firearms instructors
24 shall recognize 8 hours of training as completed toward the 16
25 hour training requirement under this Section, if the applicant
26 is an active, retired, or honorably discharged member of the

1 United States Armed Forces. Any remaining hours that the
2 applicant completes must at least cover the classroom subject
3 matter of paragraph (4) of subsection (b) of this Section, and
4 the range qualification in subsection (c) of this Section.

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

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

24 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
25 becoming law.