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Effective date: November 5, 2018

ACT SUMMARY

- Waives the license fee that is otherwise required to obtain a concealed handgun license for applicants who are active or reserve members of the U.S. armed forces, or who have retired from or were honorably discharged from U.S. military service.
- Caps the waiver of license fees at \$1,500,000 annually.
- Permits an applicant for a concealed handgun license who has retired from or has been honorably discharged from U.S. military service to submit evidence of the military service as proof of competency, regardless of the date that the applicant retired or was honorably discharged.
- Permits a licensee to renew a concealed handgun license at any time before the license expires, eliminating the previous 90-day renewal window.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Waiver of payment of concealed handgun license fee

The act generally waives payment of the concealed handgun license fee for applicants who are active or reserve members of the U.S. armed forces or who have

retired from or were honorably discharged from military service in the active or reserved armed forces of the U.S. When a sheriff receives an initial or renewal application for a concealed handgun license from a person covered by the act, the sheriff must waive that fee. The act also requires the sheriff to transmit a notice to the Attorney General, in a manner determined by the Attorney General, every time this fee is waived. The Attorney General must monitor the fees waived and inform sheriffs if the total amount of fees waived reaches or exceeds \$1,500,000. Upon receiving notice from the Attorney General that the annual waiver limit has been met, the sheriffs must discontinue the fee waiver for the remainder of that year.

The application fee for applicants not covered by the act is \$67. Nonresidents or residents for less than five years must also pay the cost of an FBI background check, but that cost is likewise waived for individuals covered by the act.¹

Competency certification

The act allows an applicant for a concealed handgun license who has retired from or has been honorably discharged from military service in the active or reserve armed forces of the U.S. to be exempt from the additional firearms training requirements of the Concealed Carry Law, regardless of the date of their retirement or honorable discharge. Under the act, no additional training is required for persons who are retired from military service or honorably discharged so long as the applicant provides the applicant's firearms competency certification.

Previously, a retired or honorably discharged applicant could be exempt from the additional training requirements only if the applicant had retired or been honorably discharged within the ten years preceding the application.²

License renewal

The act allows a licensee to renew a concealed handgun license any time before the license expires, eliminating the requirement that renewal applications be submitted no earlier than 90 days before the license expiration date.³

¹ R.C. 2923.125(B)(1) and (I)(2).

² R.C. 2923.125(B)(3).

³ R.C. 2923.125(F)(1)(a).



HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
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