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1 AN ACT
2 RELATING TO CONCEALED WEAPONS; AMENDING SECTION 18-3302, IDAHO CODE, TO PRO-
3 VIDE THAT NO CONCEALED WEAPONS LICENSE SHALL BE REQUIRED TO CARRY A CON-
4 CEALED WEAPON OUTSIDE OF ANY BUILDING WITHIN CITY LIMITS.

5 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

6 SECTION 1. That Section 18-3302, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
7 amended to read as follows:

8 18-3302. CONCEALED WEAPONS. (1) The legislature hereby finds that the
9 people of Idaho have reserved for themselves the right to keep and bear arms
10 while granting the legislature the authority to regulate the carrying of
11 weapons concealed. The provisions of this chapter regulating the carrying
12 of weapons must be strictly construed so as to give maximum scope to the
13 rights retained by the people.

14 (2) As used in this chapter:
15 (a) "Concealed weapon" means any deadly weapon carried on or about the
16 person in a manner not discernible by ordinary observation;
17 (b) "Deadly weapon" means:

18 (i) Any dirk, dirk knife, bowie knife, dagger or firearm;
19 (ii) Any other weapon, device, instrument, material or substance
20 that is designed and manufactured to be readily capable of causing
21 death or serious bodily injury; or
22 (iii) Any other weapon, device, instrument, material or substance
23 that is intended by the person to be readily capable of causing
24 death or serious bodily injury.

25 (c) The term "deadly weapon" does not include:
26 (i) Any knife, cleaver or other instrument that is intended by the
27 person to be used in the processing, preparation or eating of food;
28 (ii) Any knife with a blade four (4) inches or less; or
29 (iii) Any taser, stun-gun, pepper spray or mace;
30 (d) "Firearm" means any weapon that will, is designed to, or may readily
31 be converted to, expel a projectile by the action of an explosive;
32 (e) "Loaded" means:

33 (i) For a firearm capable of using fixed ammunition, that live
34 ammunition is present in:
35 1. The chamber or chambers of the firearm;
36 2. Any internal magazine of the firearm; or
37 3. A detachable magazine inserted in the firearm;
38 (ii) For a firearm that is not capable of using fixed ammunition,
39 that the firearm contains:
40 1. A propellant charge; and
41 2. A priming cap or primer cap.

- 1 (3) No person shall carry concealed weapons on or about his person with-
2 out a license to carry concealed weapons, except:
- 3 (a) In the person's place of abode or fixed place of business;
 - 4 (b) On property in which the person has any ownership or leasehold in-
5 terest;
 - 6 (c) On private property where the person has permission to carry con-
7 cealed weapons from any person with an ownership or leasehold interest;
 - 8 (d) Outside the limits of or confines of any city-; or
 - 9 (e) Outside the confines of any building within city limits.
- 10 (4) Subsection (3) of this section shall not apply to restrict or pro-
11 hibit the carrying or possession of:
- 12 (a) Any deadly weapon located in plain view;
 - 13 (b) Any lawfully possessed shotgun or rifle;
 - 14 (c) A firearm that is not loaded and is concealed in a motor vehicle;
 - 15 (d) A firearm that is not loaded and is secured in a case; and
 - 16 (e) A firearm that is disassembled or permanently altered such that it
17 is not readily operable.
 - 18 (5) The requirement to secure a license to carry concealed weapons un-
19 der this section shall not apply to the following persons:
 - 20 (a) Officials of a city, county or the state of Idaho;
 - 21 (b) Any publicly elected Idaho official;
 - 22 (c) Members of the armed forces of the United States or of the national
23 guard when in performance of official duties;
 - 24 (d) Criminal investigators of the attorney general's office and crim-
25 inal investigators of a prosecuting attorney's office, prosecutors and
26 their deputies;
 - 27 (e) Any peace officer as defined in section 19-5101(d), Idaho Code, in
28 good standing;
 - 29 (f) Retired peace officers or detention deputies with at least ten (10)
30 years of service with the state or a political subdivision as a peace of-
31 ficer or detention deputy and who have been certified by the peace offi-
32 cer standards and training council;
 - 33 (g) Any person who has physical possession of his valid license or per-
34 mit authorizing him to carry concealed weapons from another state; and
 - 35 (h) Any person who has physical possession of a valid license or permit
36 from a local law enforcement agency or court of the United States autho-
37 rizing him to carry concealed weapons. - 38 (6) The sheriff of the county of the applicant's residence or, if the
39 applicant has obtained a protection order pursuant to chapter 63, title 39,
40 Idaho Code, the sheriff of a county where the applicant is temporarily resid-
41 ing may issue a temporary emergency license for good cause pending review of
42 an application made under subsection (7) of this section. Temporary emer-
43 gency licenses must be easily distinguishable from regular licenses. A tem-
44 porary emergency license shall be valid for not more than ninety (90) days.
 - 45 (7) The sheriff of a county, on behalf of the state of Idaho, must,
46 within ninety (90) days after the filing of a license application by any per-
47 son who is not disqualified as provided herein from possessing or receiving
48 a firearm under state or federal law, issue a license to the person to carry
49 concealed weapons on his person within this state. Such license shall be
50 valid for five (5) years from the date of issuance.

1 (8) The sheriff must make license applications readily available at the
2 office of the sheriff, at other public offices in his or her jurisdiction and
3 on the website of the Idaho state police. The license application shall be
4 in a form to be prescribed by the director of the Idaho state police and must
5 meet the following requirements:

6 (a) The license application shall require the applicant's name, ad-
7 dress, description, signature, date of birth, place of birth, military
8 status, citizenship and the driver's license number or state identi-
9 fication card number if used for identification in applying for the
10 license. Provided however, that if the applicant is not a United States
11 citizen and is legally in the United States, the application must also
12 require any alien or admission number issued to the applicant by United
13 States immigration and customs enforcement or any successor agency;

14 (b) The license application may ask the applicant to disclose his
15 social security number but must indicate that disclosure of the appli-
16 cant's social security number is optional; and

17 (c) The license application must contain a warning that substantially
18 reads as follows:

19 CAUTION: Federal law and state law on the possession of weapons and
20 firearms differ. If you are prohibited by federal law from possess-
21 ing a weapon or a firearm, you may be prosecuted in federal court. A
22 state permit is not a defense to a federal prosecution.

23 (9) The sheriff may require the applicant to demonstrate familiarity
24 with a firearm and must accept any one (1) of the following as evidence of the
25 applicant's familiarity with a firearm:

26 (a) Completion of any hunter education or hunter safety course approved
27 by the department of fish and game or a similar agency of another state;

28 (b) Completion of any national rifle association firearms safety or
29 training course or any national rifle association hunter education
30 course or any equivalent course;

31 (c) Completion of any firearms safety or training course or class
32 available to the general public offered by a law enforcement agency,
33 community college, college, university or private or public institu-
34 tion or organization or firearms training school, utilizing instruc-
35 tors certified by the national rifle association or the Idaho state
36 police;

37 (d) Completion of any law enforcement firearms safety or training
38 course or class offered for security guards, investigators, special
39 deputies, or offered for any division or subdivision of a law enforce-
40 ment agency or security enforcement agency;

41 (e) Evidence of equivalent experience with a firearm through partici-
42 pation in organized shooting competition or military service;

43 (f) Is currently licensed to carry concealed weapons pursuant to this
44 section, unless the license has been revoked for cause;

45 (g) Completion of any firearms training or safety course or class con-
46 ducted by a state certified or national rifle association certified
47 firearms instructor; or

48 (h) Other training that the sheriff deems appropriate.

1 (10) Any person applying for original issuance of a license to carry
2 concealed weapons must submit his fingerprints with the completed license
3 application. Within five (5) days after the filing of an application, the
4 sheriff must forward the applicant's completed license application and fin-
5 gerprints to the Idaho state police. The Idaho state police must conduct a
6 national fingerprint-based records check, an inquiry through the national
7 instant criminal background check system and a check of any applicable state
8 database, including a check for any mental health records for conditions or
9 commitments that would disqualify a person from possessing a firearm under
10 state or federal law, and return the results to the sheriff within sixty
11 (60) days. If the applicant is not a United States citizen, an immigration
12 alien query must also be conducted through United States immigration and
13 customs enforcement or any successor agency. The sheriff shall not issue
14 a license before receiving the results of the records check and must deny a
15 license if the applicant is disqualified under any of the criteria listed
16 in subsection (11) of this section. The sheriff may deny a license to carry
17 concealed weapons to an alien if background information is not attainable or
18 verifiable.

19 (11) A license to carry concealed weapons shall not be issued to any per-
20 son who:

21 (a) Is under twenty-one (21) years of age, except as otherwise provided
22 in this section;

23 (b) Is formally charged with a crime punishable by imprisonment for a
24 term exceeding one (1) year;

25 (c) Has been adjudicated guilty in any court of a crime punishable by
26 imprisonment for a term exceeding one (1) year;

27 (d) Is a fugitive from justice;

28 (e) Is an unlawful user of marijuana or any depressant, stimulant or
29 narcotic drug, or any controlled substance as defined in 21 U.S.C. sec-
30 tion 802;

31 (f) Is currently suffering from or has been adjudicated as having suf-
32 fered from any of the following conditions, based on substantial evi-
33 dence:

34 (i) Lacking mental capacity as defined in section 18-210, Idaho
35 Code;

36 (ii) Mentally ill as defined in section 66-317, Idaho Code;

37 (iii) Gravely disabled as defined in section 66-317, Idaho Code;

38 or

39 (iv) An incapacitated person as defined in section 15-5-101,
40 Idaho Code.

41 (g) Has been discharged from the armed forces under dishonorable condi-
42 tions;

43 (h) Has been adjudicated guilty of or received a withheld judgment or
44 suspended sentence for a crime of violence constituting a misdemeanor
45 or a crime that would disqualify him from obtaining a concealed weapons
46 license, unless three (3) years have elapsed since entry of judgment or
47 successful completion of probation prior to the date on which the appli-
48 cation is submitted;

49 (i) Is an alien illegally in the United States;

- 1 (j) Is a person who having been a citizen of the United States has re-
- 2 nounced his or her citizenship;
- 3 (k) Is free on bond or personal recognizance pending trial, appeal or
- 4 sentencing for a crime which would disqualify him from obtaining a con-
- 5 cealed weapons license;
- 6 (l) Is subject to a protection order issued under chapter 63, title
- 7 39, Idaho Code, that restrains the person from harassing, stalking or
- 8 threatening an intimate partner of the person or child of the intimate
- 9 partner or person, or engaging in other conduct that would place an
- 10 intimate partner in reasonable fear of bodily injury to the partner or
- 11 child; or
- 12 (m) Is for any other reason ineligible to own, possess or receive
- 13 a firearm under the provisions of Idaho or federal law. In making a
- 14 determination in relation to an applicant's eligibility under this sub-
- 15 section, the sheriff shall not consider:
 - 16 (i) A conviction, guilty plea or adjudication that has been nul-
 - 17 lified by expungement, pardon, setting aside or other comparable
 - 18 procedure by the jurisdiction where the conviction, guilty plea
 - 19 or adjudication occurred or in respect of which conviction, guilty
 - 20 plea or adjudication the applicant's civil right to bear arms ei-
 - 21 ther specifically or in combination with other civil rights has
 - 22 been restored under operation of law or legal process; or
 - 23 (ii) Except as provided for in paragraph (f) of this subsection,
 - 24 an adjudication of mental defect, incapacity or illness or an in-
 - 25 voluntary commitment to a mental institution if the applicant's
 - 26 civil right to bear arms has been restored under operation of law
 - 27 or legal process.
- 28 (12) A license to carry concealed weapons must be in a form substan-
- 29 tially similar to that of the Idaho driver's license and must meet the
- 30 following specifications:
 - 31 (a) The license must provide the licensee's name, address, date of
 - 32 birth and the driver's license number or state identification card num-
 - 33 ber if used for identification in applying for the license;
 - 34 (b) The license must bear the licensee's signature and picture; and
 - 35 (c) The license must provide the date of issuance and the date on which
 - 36 the license expires.
- 37 (13) Upon issuing a license under the provisions of this section, the
- 38 sheriff must notify the Idaho state police within three (3) business days on
- 39 a form or in a manner prescribed by the Idaho state police. Information re-
- 40 lating to an applicant or licensee received or maintained pursuant to this
- 41 section by the sheriff or Idaho state police is confidential and exempt from
- 42 disclosure under section ~~9-340B~~ 74-105, Idaho Code.
- 43 (14) The fee for original issuance of a license shall be twenty dollars
- 44 (\$20.00), which the sheriff must retain for the purpose of performing the du-
- 45 ties required in this section. The sheriff may collect the actual cost of any
- 46 additional fees necessary to cover the cost of processing fingerprints law-
- 47 fully required by any state or federal agency or department, and the actual
- 48 cost of materials for the license lawfully required by any state agency or
- 49 department, which costs must be paid to the state. The sheriff must provide

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1 the applicant with a copy of the results of the fingerprint-based records
2 check upon request of the applicant.

3 (15) The fee for renewal of the license shall be fifteen dollars
4 (\$15.00), which the sheriff must retain for the purpose of performing the du-
5 ties required in this section. The sheriff may collect the actual cost of any
6 additional fees necessary to cover the processing costs lawfully required by
7 any state or federal agency or department, and the actual cost of materials
8 for the license lawfully required by any state agency or department, which
9 costs must be paid to the state.

10 (16) Every license that is not, as provided by law, suspended, revoked
11 or disqualified in this state shall be renewable at any time during the
12 ninety (90) day period before its expiration or within ninety (90) days after
13 the expiration date. The sheriff must mail renewal notices ninety (90) days
14 prior to the expiration date of the license. The sheriff shall require the
15 licensee applying for renewal to complete an application. The sheriff must
16 submit the application to the Idaho state police for a records check of state
17 and national databases. The Idaho state police must conduct the records
18 check and return the results to the sheriff within thirty (30) days. The
19 sheriff shall not issue a renewal before receiving the results of the records
20 check and must deny a license if the applicant is disqualified under any of
21 the criteria provided in this section. A renewal license shall be valid for
22 a period of five (5) years. A license so renewed shall take effect on the ex-
23 piration date of the prior license. A licensee renewing ninety-one (91) days
24 to one hundred eighty (180) days after the expiration date of the license
25 must pay a late renewal penalty of ten dollars (\$10.00) in addition to the
26 renewal fee unless waived by the sheriff, except that any licensee serving
27 on active duty in the armed forces of the United States during the renewal
28 period shall not be required to pay a late renewal penalty upon renewing
29 ninety-one (91) days to one hundred eighty (180) days after the expiration
30 date of the license. After one hundred eighty-one (181) days, the licensee
31 must submit an initial application for a license and pay the fees prescribed
32 in subsection (14) of this section. The renewal fee and any penalty shall
33 be paid to the sheriff for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this
34 chapter. Upon renewing a license under the provisions of this section, the
35 sheriff must notify the Idaho state police within five (5) days on a form or
36 in a manner prescribed by the Idaho state police.

37 (17) No city, county or other political subdivision of this state shall
38 modify or add to the requirements of this section, nor shall a city, county
39 or political subdivision ask the applicant to voluntarily submit any infor-
40 mation not required in this section. A civil action may be brought to enjoin
41 a wrongful refusal to issue a license or a wrongful modification of the re-
42 quirements of this section. The civil action may be brought in the county in
43 which the application was made or in Ada county at the discretion of the peti-
44 tioner. Any person who prevails against a public agency in any action in the
45 courts for a violation of this section must be awarded costs, including rea-
46 sonable attorney's fees incurred in connection with the legal action.

47 (18) A county sheriff, deputy sheriff or county employee who issues a
48 license to carry a concealed weapon under this section shall not incur any
49 civil or criminal liability as the result of the performance of his duties in
50 compliance with this section.

1 (19) The sheriff of a county may issue a license to carry a concealed
2 weapon to those individuals between the ages of eighteen (18) and twenty-one
3 (21) years who in the judgment of the sheriff warrant the issuance of the li-
4 cense. Such issuance shall be subject to limitations which the issuing au-
5 thority deems appropriate. Licenses issued to individuals between the ages
6 of eighteen (18) and twenty-one (21) years shall be easily distinguishable
7 from licenses issued pursuant to subsection (7) of this section.

8 (20) A person carrying a concealed weapon in violation of the provisions
9 of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

10 (21) The sheriff of the county where the license was issued or the sher-
11 iff of the county where the person resides shall have the power to revoke a
12 license subsequent to a hearing in accordance with the provisions of chapter
13 52, title 67, Idaho Code, for any of the following reasons:

14 (a) Fraud or intentional misrepresentation in the obtaining of a li-
15 cense;

16 (b) Misuse of a license, including lending or giving a license to an-
17 other person, duplicating a license or using a license with the intent
18 to unlawfully cause harm to a person or property;

19 (c) The doing of an act or existence of a condition which would have been
20 grounds for the denial of the license by the sheriff;

21 (d) The violation of any of the terms of this section; or

22 (e) The applicant is adjudicated guilty of or receives a withheld judg-
23 ment for a crime which would have disqualified him from initially re-
24 ceiving a license.

25 (22) A person twenty-one (21) years of age or older who presents a valid
26 license to carry concealed weapons is exempt from any requirement to undergo
27 a records check at the time of purchase or transfer of a firearm from a feder-
28 ally licensed firearms dealer. Provided however, a temporary emergency li-
29 cense issued pursuant to subsection (6) of this section shall not exempt the
30 holder of the license from any records check requirement.

31 (23) The attorney general must contact the appropriate officials in
32 other states for the purpose of establishing, to the extent possible, recog-
33 nition and reciprocity of the license to carry concealed weapons by other
34 states, whether by formal agreement or otherwise. The Idaho state police
35 must keep a copy and maintain a record of all such agreements and reciprocity
36 recognitions, which must be made available to the public.

37 (24) Nothing in subsection (3) or (4) of this section shall be construed
38 to limit the existing rights of a private property owner, private tenant,
39 private employer or private business entity.

40 (25) The provisions of this section are hereby declared to be severable
41 and if any provision of this section or the application of such provision to
42 any person or circumstance is declared invalid for any reason, such declara-
43 tion shall not affect the validity of remaining portions of this section.