

House Engrossed Senate Bill  
concealed weapons permits; fees

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# SENATE BILL 1591

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 13-3112, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO WEAPONS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 13-3112, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 13-3112. Concealed weapons; qualification; application; permit  
5 to carry; civil penalty; report; applicability;  
6 annual report

7 A. The department of public safety shall issue a permit to carry a  
8 concealed weapon to a person who is qualified under this section. The  
9 person shall carry the permit at all times when the person is in actual  
10 possession of the concealed weapon and is required by section 4-229 or  
11 4-244 to carry the permit. If the person is in actual possession of the  
12 concealed weapon and is required by section 4-229 or 4-244 to carry the  
13 permit, the person shall present the permit for inspection to any law  
14 enforcement officer on request. The department of public safety shall  
15 prioritize applications of in-state residents when issuing a permit to  
16 carry a concealed weapon.

17 B. The permit of a person who is arrested or indicted for an  
18 offense that would make the person unqualified under section 13-3101,  
19 subsection A, paragraph 7 or this section shall be immediately suspended  
20 and seized. The permit of a person who becomes unqualified on conviction  
21 of that offense shall be revoked. The permit shall be restored on  
22 presentation of documentation from the court if the permittee is found not  
23 guilty or the charges are dismissed. The permit shall be restored on  
24 presentation of documentation from the county attorney that the charges  
25 against the permittee were dropped or dismissed.

26 C. A permittee who carries a concealed weapon, who is required by  
27 section 4-229 or 4-244 to carry a permit and who fails to present the  
28 permit for inspection on the request of a law enforcement officer commits  
29 a violation of this subsection and is subject to a civil penalty of not  
30 more than \$300. The department of public safety shall be notified of all  
31 violations of this subsection and shall immediately suspend the permit. A  
32 permittee shall not be convicted of a violation of this subsection if the  
33 permittee produces to the court a legible permit that is issued to the  
34 permittee and that was valid at the time the permittee failed to present  
35 the permit for inspection.

36 D. A law enforcement officer shall not confiscate or forfeit a  
37 weapon that is otherwise lawfully possessed by a permittee whose permit is  
38 suspended pursuant to subsection C of this section, except that a law  
39 enforcement officer may take temporary custody of a firearm during an  
40 investigatory stop of the permittee.

41 E. The department of public safety shall issue a permit to an  
42 applicant who meets all of the following conditions:

43 1. Is a resident of this state or a United States citizen.

1           2. Is twenty-one years of age or older or is at least nineteen  
2 years of age and provides evidence of current military service or proof of  
3 honorable discharge or general discharge under honorable conditions from  
4 the United States armed forces, the United States armed forces reserve or  
5 a state national guard.

6           3. Is not under indictment for and has not been convicted in any  
7 jurisdiction of a felony unless that conviction has been expunged, set  
8 aside or vacated or the applicant's rights have been restored and the  
9 applicant is currently not a prohibited possessor under state or federal  
10 law.

11           4. Does not suffer from mental illness and has not been adjudicated  
12 mentally incompetent or committed to a mental institution.

13           5. Is not unlawfully present in the United States.

14           6. Has ever demonstrated competence with a firearm as prescribed by  
15 subsection N of this section and provides adequate documentation that the  
16 person has satisfactorily completed a training program or demonstrated  
17 competence with a firearm in any state or political subdivision in the  
18 United States. For the purposes of this paragraph, "adequate  
19 documentation" means:

20           (a) A current or expired permit issued by the department of public  
21 safety pursuant to this section.

22           (b) An original or copy of a certificate, card or document that  
23 shows the applicant has ever completed any course or class prescribed by  
24 subsection N of this section or an affidavit from the instructor, school,  
25 club or organization that conducted or taught the course or class  
26 attesting to the applicant's completion of the course or class.

27           (c) An original or a copy of a United States department of defense  
28 form 214 (DD-214) indicating an honorable discharge or general discharge  
29 under honorable conditions, a certificate of completion of basic training  
30 or any other document demonstrating proof of the applicant's current or  
31 former service in the United States armed forces as prescribed by  
32 subsection N, paragraph 5 of this section.

33           (d) An original or a copy of a concealed weapon, firearm or handgun  
34 permit or a license as prescribed by subsection N, paragraph 6 of this  
35 section.

36           F. The application shall be completed on a form prescribed by the  
37 department of public safety. The form shall not require the applicant to  
38 disclose the type of firearm for which a permit is sought. The applicant  
39 shall attest under penalty of perjury that all of the statements made by  
40 the applicant are true, that the applicant has been furnished a copy of  
41 this chapter and chapter 4 of this title and that the applicant is  
42 knowledgeable about the provisions contained in those chapters. The  
43 applicant shall submit the application to the department with any  
44 documentation prescribed by subsection E of this section, two sets of  
45 fingerprints and a reasonable fee determined by the director of the

1 department IF THE APPLICANT IS NOT A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE. THE  
2 DEPARTMENT SHALL CHARGE A FEE THAT IS TEN PERCENT OF THE NONRESIDENT FEE  
3 IF THE APPLICANT IS A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE.

4 G. On receipt of a concealed weapon permit application, the  
5 department of public safety shall conduct a check of the applicant's  
6 criminal history record pursuant to section 41-1750. The department of  
7 public safety may exchange fingerprint card information with the federal  
8 bureau of investigation for federal criminal history record checks.

9 H. The department of public safety shall complete all of the  
10 required qualification checks within sixty days after receiving the  
11 application and shall issue a permit within fifteen working days after  
12 completing the qualification checks if the applicant meets all of the  
13 conditions specified in subsection E of this section. If a permit is  
14 denied, the department of public safety shall notify the applicant in  
15 writing within fifteen working days after completing all of the required  
16 qualification checks and shall state the reasons why the application was  
17 denied. On receipt of the notification of the denial, the applicant has  
18 twenty days to submit any additional documentation to the department. On  
19 receipt of the additional documentation, the department shall reconsider  
20 its decision and inform the applicant within twenty days of the result of  
21 the reconsideration. If denied, the applicant shall be informed that the  
22 applicant may request a hearing pursuant to title 41, chapter 6,  
23 article 10. For the purposes of this subsection, "receiving the  
24 application" means the first day that the department has physical control  
25 of the application and that is presumed to be on the date of delivery as  
26 evidenced by proof of delivery by the United States postal service or a  
27 written receipt, which shall be provided by the department on request of  
28 the applicant.

29 I. On issuance, a permit is valid for five years, except a permit  
30 that is held by a member of the United States armed forces, including a  
31 member of the Arizona national guard or a member of the reserves of any  
32 military establishment of the United States, who is on federal active duty  
33 and who is deployed overseas shall be extended until ninety days after the  
34 end of the member's overseas deployment.

35 J. The department of public safety shall maintain a computerized  
36 permit record system that is accessible to criminal justice agencies for  
37 the purpose of confirming the permit status of any person who is contacted  
38 by a law enforcement officer and who claims to hold a valid permit issued  
39 by this state. This information and any other records that are maintained  
40 regarding applicants, permit holders or instructors shall not be available  
41 to any other person or entity except on an order from a state or federal  
42 court. A criminal justice agency shall not use the computerized permit  
43 record system to conduct inquiries on whether a person is a concealed  
44 weapons permit holder unless the criminal justice agency has reasonable  
45 suspicion to believe the person is carrying a concealed weapon and the

1 person is subject to a lawful criminal investigation, arrest, detention or  
2 investigatory stop.

3 K. A permit issued pursuant to this section is renewable every five  
4 years. At least sixty days before the expiration date of a permit, the  
5 department of public safety shall send a renewal reminder notice and  
6 renewal application form to the permit holder. Before a permit may be  
7 renewed, a criminal history records check shall be conducted pursuant to  
8 section 41-1750 within sixty days after receipt of the application for  
9 renewal. For the purposes of permit renewal, the permit holder is not  
10 required to submit additional fingerprints.

11 L. Applications for renewal shall be accompanied by a fee  
12 determined by the director of the department of public safety IF THE  
13 APPLICANT IS NOT A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CHARGE A  
14 FEE THAT IS TEN PERCENT OF THE NONRESIDENT FEE IF THE APPLICANT IS A  
15 RESIDENT OF THIS STATE.

16 M. The department of public safety shall suspend or revoke a permit  
17 issued under this section if the permit holder becomes ineligible pursuant  
18 to subsection E of this section. The department of public safety shall  
19 notify the permit holder in writing within fifteen working days after the  
20 revocation or suspension and shall state the reasons for the revocation or  
21 suspension.

22 N. An applicant shall demonstrate competence with a firearm through  
23 any of the following:

24 1. Completion of any firearms safety or training course or class  
25 that is available to the general public, that is offered by a law  
26 enforcement agency, a junior college, a college or a private or public  
27 institution, academy, organization or firearms training school and that is  
28 approved by the department of public safety or that uses instructors who  
29 are certified by the national rifle association.

30 2. Completion of any hunter education or hunter safety course  
31 approved by the Arizona game and fish department or a similar agency of  
32 another state.

33 3. Completion of any national rifle association firearms safety or  
34 training course.

35 4. Completion of any law enforcement firearms safety or training  
36 course or class that is offered for security guards, investigators,  
37 special deputies or other divisions or subdivisions of law enforcement or  
38 security enforcement and that is approved by the department of public  
39 safety.

40 5. Evidence of current military service or proof of honorable  
41 discharge or general discharge under honorable conditions from the United  
42 States armed forces.

43 6. A valid current or expired concealed weapon, firearm or handgun  
44 permit or license that is issued by another state or a political

1 subdivision of another state and that has a training or testing  
2 requirement for initial issuance.

3       7. Completion of any governmental police agency firearms training  
4 course and qualification to carry a firearm in the course of normal police  
5 duties.

6       8. Completion of any other firearms safety or training course or  
7 class that is conducted by a department of public safety approved or  
8 national rifle association certified firearms instructor.

9       O. The department of public safety shall maintain information  
10 comparing the number of permits requested, the number of permits issued  
11 and the number of permits denied. The department shall annually report  
12 this information electronically to the governor and the legislature.

13       P. The director of the department of public safety shall adopt  
14 rules for the purpose of implementing and administering this section,  
15 including fees relating to permits that are issued pursuant to this  
16 section.

17       Q. This state and any political subdivision of this state shall  
18 recognize a concealed weapon, firearm or handgun permit or license that is  
19 issued by another state or a political subdivision of another state if  
20 both:

21       1. The permit or license is recognized as valid in the issuing  
22 state.

23       2. The permit or license holder is all of the following:

24       (a) Legally present in this state.

25       (b) Not legally prohibited from possessing a firearm in this state.

26       R. For the purpose of establishing mutual permit or license  
27 recognition with other states, the department of public safety shall enter  
28 into a written agreement if another state requires a written agreement.  
29 The department of public safety shall submit an electronic report to the  
30 governor and the legislature each year that includes any changes that were  
31 made in the previous year to a written agreement with another state.

32       S. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, a person with a  
33 concealed weapons permit from another state may not carry a concealed  
34 weapon in this state if the person is under twenty-one years of age or is  
35 under indictment for, or has been convicted of, a felony offense in any  
36 jurisdiction, unless that conviction is expunged, set aside or vacated or  
37 the person's rights have been restored and the person is currently not a  
38 prohibited possessor under state or federal law.

39       T. The department of public safety may issue certificates of  
40 firearms proficiency according to the Arizona peace officer standards and  
41 training board firearms qualification for the purposes of implementing the  
42 law enforcement officers safety act of 2004 (P.L. 108-277; 118 Stat. 865;  
43 18 United States Code sections 926B and 926C). A law enforcement or  
44 prosecutorial agency shall issue to a qualified retired law enforcement  
45 officer who has honorably retired a photographic identification that

1 states that the officer has honorably retired from the agency. A person  
2 who was a municipal, county or state prosecutor is deemed to meet the  
3 qualifications of 18 United States Code section 926C(c)(2). The chief law  
4 enforcement officer shall determine whether an officer has honorably  
5 retired and the determination is not subject to review. A law enforcement  
6 or prosecutorial agency has no obligation to revoke, alter or modify the  
7 honorable discharge photographic identification based on conduct that the  
8 agency becomes aware of or that occurs after the officer has separated  
9 from the agency. For the purposes of this subsection, "qualified retired  
10 law enforcement officer" has the same meaning prescribed in 18 United  
11 States Code section 926C.

12 U. The initial and renewal application fees collected pursuant to  
13 this section shall be deposited, pursuant to sections 35-146 and 35-147,  
14 in the concealed weapons permit fund established by section 41-1722.

15 V. On or before July 31 of each year, the department of public  
16 safety shall report to the joint legislative budget committee on the  
17 number of concealed weapons permits issued in the prior fiscal year. The  
18 report shall also include the number of outstanding concealed weapons  
19 permit applications that have not been issued and the average turnaround  
20 time to issue a concealed weapons permit.