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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 36

## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT CONCERNING HANDGUN TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR  
9 VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES AND  
10 CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES WHO  
11 APPLY FOR A CONCEALED HANDGUN LICENSE; AND FOR OTHER  
12 PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

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19 CONCEALED HANDGUN LICENSE.  
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-73-309(13), concerning the training  
26 requirements for a person to obtain a license to carry a concealed handgun,  
27 is amended to read as follows:

28 (13) Meets one (1) of the following requirements:

29 (A) Has satisfactorily completed a training course as  
30 prescribed and approved by the director;

31 (B) Is on active duty with a branch of the United States  
32 Armed Forces; or

33 (C) Has been honorably discharged from a branch of the  
34 United States Armed Forces and has provided to the department a copy of a  
35 form designated as a DD214 or its equivalent; and  
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1 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 5-73-320 is amended to read as follows:

2 5-73-320. License for certain members of the Arkansas National Guard or  
3 a reserve component or active duty military personnel.

4 (a) The Department of Arkansas State Police may issue a license under  
5 this subchapter to a person who:

6 (1) Is currently serving as a federally recognized commissioned  
7 or noncommissioned officer of the National Guard or a reserve component of  
8 the United States Armed Forces or an active duty member of the United States  
9 Armed Forces;

10 (2) Submits the following documents:

11 (A) A completed concealed handgun license application as  
12 prescribed by the department;

13 (B) A form specified by the Director of the Department of  
14 Arkansas State Police reflecting the fingerprints of the applicant;

15 (C) A properly completed and dated certificate from a  
16 concealed handgun carry training instructor who is registered with the  
17 department;

18 ~~(D) A live fire qualification issued or granted by a~~  
19 ~~branch of the United States Armed Forces or, in lieu of a live fire~~  
20 ~~qualification, a letter dated and personally signed by a commanding officer~~  
21 ~~or his or her designee stating that the applicant:~~

22 ~~(i) Is a current member of the National Guard or a~~  
23 ~~reserve component of the United States Armed Forces or an active duty member~~  
24 ~~of the United States Armed Forces;~~

25 ~~(ii) Is of good character and sound judgment; and~~

26 ~~(iii) Has met the military qualification~~  
27 ~~requirements for issuance and operation of a handgun within one (1) year of~~  
28 ~~the application date A form designated as a DD214 or its equivalent that~~  
29 ~~shows that the person has been honorably discharged;~~

30 (E) A copy of the face or photograph side of a current  
31 United States Uniformed Services military identification card, if the  
32 applicant is a member of the United States Armed Forces; and

33 (F) An electronic passport-style photo of the applicant,  
34 if the applicant does not hold an Arkansas driver's license or identification  
35 card; and

36 (3) Submits any required fees.

1           (b) Except as otherwise specifically stated in this section, the  
2 license issued under this section is subject to ~~the provisions of~~ this  
3 subchapter and any rules promulgated under § 5-73-317.

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