

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to applications for concealed weapons
3 or firearms licenses; amending s. 790.06, F.S.;
4 authorizing approved tax collectors to accept
5 applications for licenses to carry concealed weapons
6 or firearms; amending s. 790.0601, F.S.; prohibiting
7 tax collectors and their employees from disclosing
8 identifying information received in applications for
9 licenses to carry concealed weapons or firearms;
10 creating s. 790.063, F.S.; providing for tax
11 collectors to apply and be authorized to accept
12 applications for licenses to carry concealed weapons
13 or firearms; providing for memoranda of understanding
14 between approved tax collectors and the Department of
15 Agriculture and Consumer Services; providing that
16 certain information received by tax collectors is
17 confidential as if received by the department;
18 providing for remission of revenue to the department;
19 providing for retention of specified fees by tax
20 collectors; prohibiting tax collectors from
21 maintaining certain lists; prohibiting persons from
22 receiving compensation for handling such applications
23 unless authorized; providing criminal penalties;
24 providing an effective date.

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26 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 790.06, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

790.06 License to carry concealed weapon or firearm.—

(5) The applicant shall submit to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services or an approved tax collector pursuant to s. 790.063:

(a) A completed application as described in subsection (4).

(b) A nonrefundable license fee not to exceed \$70, if he or she has not previously been issued a statewide license, or a nonrefundable license fee not to exceed \$60 for renewal of a statewide license. Costs for processing the set of fingerprints as required in paragraph (c) shall be borne by the applicant. However, an individual holding an active certification from the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission as a "law enforcement officer," "correctional officer," or "correctional probation officer" as defined in s. 943.10(1), (2), (3), (6), (7), (8), or (9) is exempt from the licensing requirements of this section. If any individual holding an active certification from the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission as a "law enforcement officer," a "correctional officer," or a "correctional probation officer" as defined in s. 943.10(1), (2), (3), (6), (7), (8), or (9) wishes to receive a concealed weapons or firearms license, such person is exempt from the background investigation and all background investigation fees,

53 but shall pay the current license fees regularly required to be
54 paid by nonexempt applicants. Further, a law enforcement
55 officer, a correctional officer, or a correctional probation
56 officer as defined in s. 943.10(1), (2), or (3) is exempt from
57 the required fees and background investigation for a period of 1
58 year subsequent to the date of retirement of said officer as a
59 law enforcement officer, a correctional officer, or a
60 correctional probation officer.

61 (c) A full set of fingerprints of the applicant
62 administered by a law enforcement agency or the Division of
63 Licensing of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer
64 Services.

65 (d) A photocopy of a certificate or an affidavit or
66 document as described in paragraph (2)(h).

67 (e) A full frontal view color photograph of the applicant
68 taken within the preceding 30 days, in which the head, including
69 hair, measures 7/8 of an inch wide and 1 1/8 inches high.

70 Section 2. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section
71 790.0601, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

72 790.0601 Public records exemption for concealed weapons.—

73 (2) Information made confidential and exempt by this
74 section shall be disclosed:

75 (c) Upon request by a law enforcement agency in connection
76 with the performance of lawful duties, which shall include
77 access to any automated database containing such information
78 maintained by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer

79 Services. Notwithstanding this paragraph, tax collectors and
80 their employees may not disclose any identifying information
81 received by them pursuant to s. 790.063 from an individual who
82 has applied for or received a license to carry a concealed
83 weapon or firearm pursuant to s. 790.06.

84 Section 3. Section 790.063, Florida Statutes, is created
85 to read:

86 790.063 Appointment of tax collectors to accept
87 applications for concealed weapon or firearm licenses; fees;
88 penalties.—

89 (1) The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
90 may appoint tax collectors, as defined in s. 1(d) of Art. VIII
91 of the State Constitution, to accept applications on the
92 department's behalf for concealed weapon or firearm licenses.
93 Such appointment shall be for specified locations that will best
94 serve the public interest and convenience in applying for these
95 licenses. An authorized tax collector may accept applications
96 for new licenses and renewals.

97 (2) A tax collector must submit a written request to
98 accept applications for concealed weapon or firearm licenses to
99 the department stating the tax collector's contact name,
100 address, telephone number, locations within the county that will
101 accept applications, and other information as requested by the
102 department.

103 (3) The department, upon receipt of a written request by a
104 tax collector, shall review the request and deny the request or,

105 if it accepts, enter into a memorandum of understanding with the
106 tax collector to accept concealed weapon or firearm applications
107 on behalf of the department.

108 (4) The department may rescind a memorandum of
109 understanding for any reason at any time.

110 (5) All personal identifying information that is provided
111 pursuant to s. 790.06 and is contained in the records of a tax
112 collector appointed under this section is confidential as
113 provided in s. 790.0601.

114 (6) Tax collectors shall remit the license revenue weekly
115 to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for
116 deposit in the Division of Licensing Trust Fund.

117 (7) From the fees collected by a tax collector pursuant to
118 this section, the tax collector may retain \$22 for each new
119 application and \$12 for each renewal.

120 (8) A tax collector may not maintain a list or record of
121 concealed weapon or firearm licensees or applicants. A violation
122 of this subsection is subject to s. 790.335.

123 (9) A person may not handle concealed weapon or firearm
124 applications for a fee or compensation of any kind unless he or
125 she has been appointed by the department.

126 (10) A person who willfully violates this section commits
127 a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s.
128 775.082 or s. 775.083.

129 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.