
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FIREARMS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 134-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:
3 "§134-9 Licenses to carry. (a) [~~In an exceptional case,~~
4 ~~when an applicant shows reason to fear injury to the applicant's~~
5 ~~person or property, the]~~ The chief of police of the appropriate
6 county [~~may~~] shall grant a license to an applicant who is [~~a~~
7 ~~citizen of the United States of the age of twenty one years or~~
8 ~~more or to a duly accredited official representative of a~~
9 ~~foreign nation]~~ of the age of twenty-one years or more to carry
10 a pistol or revolver and ammunition therefor concealed on the
11 person within the county where the license is granted. [~~Where~~
12 ~~the urgency or the need has been sufficiently indicated, the~~
13 ~~respective chief of police may grant to an applicant of good~~
14 ~~moral character who is a citizen of the United States of the age~~
15 ~~of twenty one years or more, is engaged in the protection of~~
16 ~~life and property, and is not prohibited under section 134-7~~
17 ~~from the ownership or possession of a firearm, a license to~~



1 ~~carry a pistol or revolver and ammunition therefor unconcealed~~
 2 ~~on the person within the county where the license is granted.]~~
 3 The chief of police of the appropriate county, or the chief's
 4 designated representative, shall perform an inquiry on an
 5 applicant by using the National Instant Criminal Background
 6 Check System, to include a check of the Immigration and Customs
 7 Enforcement databases where the applicant is not a citizen of
 8 the United States, before any determination to grant a license
 9 is made. Unless renewed, the license shall expire ~~[one year]~~
 10 five years from the date of issue.

11 (b) The chief of police of each county shall adopt
 12 procedures to require that any person granted a license ~~[to~~
 13 ~~carry a concealed weapon on the person]~~ pursuant to subsection

14 (a) shall ~~[-~~

- 15 ~~(1) Be qualified to use the firearm in a safe manner,~~
- 16 ~~(2) Appear to be a suitable person to be so licensed,~~
- 17 ~~(3) Not] not be prohibited under section 134-7 from the~~
 18 ownership or possession of a firearm~~[-and~~
- 19 ~~(4) Not have been adjudged insane or not appear to be~~
 20 ~~mentally deranged.~~



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1 ~~(c) No person shall carry concealed or unconcealed on the~~
2 ~~person a pistol or revolver without being licensed to do so~~
3 ~~under this section or in compliance with sections 134-5(c) or~~
4 ~~134-25.~~

5 ~~(d) A fee of \$10 shall be charged for each license and~~
6 ~~shall be deposited in the treasury of the county in which the~~
7 ~~license is granted]."~~

8 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
9 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

10 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: _____

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Report Title:

Firearms; Open Carry; Concealed Carry; Licenses

Description:

Requires the chiefs of police to grant licenses to carry concealed pistols or revolvers and ammunition therefor to applicants twenty-one years of age or more. Extends the period of licensure to five years. Amends the required procedures for granting a license. Repeals language authorizing the chiefs of police to grant licenses to carry unconcealed pistols or revolvers and ammunition therefor. Repeals the prohibition against the unauthorized carry of a concealed or unconcealed pistol or revolver. Repeals the licensure fee.

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