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# 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 grant a license to an applicant who is a citizen of  
7 the United States of the age of twenty-one years or more or to a  
8 duly accredited official representative of a foreign nation of  
9 the age of twenty-one years or more to carry a pistol or  
10 revolver and ammunition therefor concealed on the person within  
11 the [~~county where the license is granted. Where the urgency or~~  
12 ~~the need has been sufficiently indicated, the respective]~~ State.  
13 The chief of police of the appropriate county may grant to an  
14 applicant of good moral character who is a citizen of the United  
15 States of the age of twenty-one years or more, is engaged in the  
16 protection of life and property, and is not prohibited under  
17 section 134-7 from the ownership or possession of a firearm, a



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

12 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
 13 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

14 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.  
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# H.B. NO. 1306

**Report Title:**

Firearms; Concealed Carry; Open Carry; Licenses

**Description:**

Authorizes county police departments to issue a person a license to carry a handgun in all counties of the State. Extends the expiration date of a license from 1 year to 5 years. Repeals "proper cause" requirements invalidated by the United States Supreme Court in *New York State Rifle and Pistol Association, Inc. v. Bruen*, 142 S.Ct. 2111 (2022).

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