

HOUSE BILL No. 2308

AN ACT concerning the personal and family protection act; amending K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 75-7c03, 75-7c04 and 75-7c05 and repealing the existing sections.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 75-7c03 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-7c03. (a) ~~On and after January 1, 2007,~~ The attorney general shall issue licenses to carry concealed weapons to persons qualified as provided by this act. Such licenses shall be valid throughout the state for a period of four years from the date of issuance.

(b) ~~The license, at the option of the licensee, (1) shall be a separate card, in a form prescribed by the attorney general, that is approximately the size of a Kansas driver's license and shall bear the licensee's signature, name, address, date of birth and driver's license number or nondriver's identification card number except that the attorney general shall assign a unique number for military applicants described in subsection (a)(1)(B) of K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 75-7c05, and amendments thereto, or (2) shall be noted on the licensee's valid Kansas driver's license or valid Kansas nondriver's identification license or card. At all times when the licensee is in actual possession of a concealed weapon, the licensee shall carry the license to carry concealed weapons or a valid Kansas driver's license or Kansas nondriver's identification card with the license to carry a concealed weapon noted thereon, which shall constitute the license to carry a concealed weapon. On demand of a law enforcement officer, the licensee shall display the license to carry a concealed weapon and proper identification or, if such license is noted on the person's driver's license or nondriver's identification card, shall display such driver's license or nondriver's identification card. Verification by a law enforcement officer that a person holds a valid license to carry a concealed weapon may be accomplished by a record check using the person's driver's license information or the person's concealed carry license number.~~

The license of any person who violates the provisions of this subsection shall be suspended for not less than 30 days upon the first violation and shall be revoked for not less than five years upon the second or a subsequent violation.

(c) A valid license, issued by any other state or the District of Columbia, to carry concealed weapons shall be recognized as valid in this state, but only while the holder is not a resident of Kansas, if the attorney general determines that standards for issuance of such license or permit by such state or district are equal to or greater than the standards imposed by this act. The attorney general shall maintain and publish a list of such states and district which the attorney general determines have standards equal to or greater than the standards imposed by this act.

~~The provisions of this subsection shall take effect and be in force from and after January 1, 2007.~~

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 75-7c04 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-7c04. (a) The attorney general shall issue a license pursuant to this act if the applicant:

(1) Is a resident of the county where application for licensure is made and has been a resident of the state for six months or more immediately preceding the filing of the application, residency to be determined in accordance with K.S.A. 77-201, and amendments thereto;

(2) is 21 years or more of age;

(3) does not suffer from a physical infirmity which prevents the safe handling of a weapon;

(4) (A) has been convicted or placed on diversion for an act that constitutes a felony under the laws of this state or any other jurisdiction and: (i) Such felony is expungeable pursuant to K.S.A. 21-4619, and amendments thereto, or similar provision from another jurisdiction; (ii) such felony has been expunged; and (iii) the requirements of subsection (d) are otherwise met;

(B) has not been convicted or placed on diversion, in this or any other jurisdiction, for an act that constitutes a felony under the laws of this state and such felony is not subject to expungement pursuant to K.S.A. 21-4619, and amendments thereto, or adjudicated, in this or any other jurisdiction, of committing as a juvenile an act that would be a felony under the laws of this state if committed by an adult;

(5) has never been convicted, in this or any other jurisdiction, for an act that constitutes a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence, as defined

by 18 U.S.C. 921(a)(33)(A) or adjudicated, in this or any other jurisdiction, of committing as a juvenile an act that would be a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence under 18 U.S.C. 921(a)(33)(A) if committed by an adult;

(6) has not been, during the five years immediately preceding the date the application is submitted: (A) Convicted or placed on diversion, in this or any other jurisdiction, for an act that constitutes a misdemeanor under the provisions of the uniform controlled substances act or adjudicated, in this or any other jurisdiction, of committing as a juvenile an act that would be a misdemeanor under such act if committed by an adult; (B) convicted or placed on diversion, in this or any other jurisdiction, two or more times for an act that constitutes a violation of K.S.A. 8-1567, and amendments thereto; (C) convicted or placed on diversion, in this or any other jurisdiction, for an act that constitutes a domestic violence misdemeanor under any municipal ordinance or article 34 or 35 of chapter 21 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated or adjudicated, in this or any other jurisdiction, of committing as a juvenile an act that would be a domestic violence misdemeanor under article 34 or 35 of chapter 21 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated if committed by an adult; or (D) convicted or placed on diversion, in this or any other jurisdiction, for an act that constitutes a violation of K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 75-7c12, and amendments thereto, or a violation of subsection (a)(4) of K.S.A. 21-4201, and amendments thereto, or adjudicated, in this or any other jurisdiction, of committing as a juvenile an act that would be a violation of K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 75-7c12, and amendments thereto, or a violation of subsection (a)(4) of K.S.A. 21-4201, and amendments thereto, if committed by an adult;

(7) has not been charged with a crime which would render the applicant, if convicted, ineligible for a license or, if so charged, final disposition of the charge has occurred and no other charges are pending which would cause the applicant to be ineligible for a license;

(8) has not been ordered by a court to receive treatment for mental illness pursuant to K.S.A. 59-2966, and amendments thereto, or for an alcohol or substance abuse problem pursuant to K.S.A. 59-29b66, and amendments thereto, or, if a court has ordered such treatment, has not been issued a certificate of restoration pursuant to K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 75-7c26, and amendments thereto, not less than five years before the date of the application;

(9) desires a legal means to carry a concealed weapon for lawful self-defense;

(10) except as provided by subsection (g) of K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 75-7c05, and amendments thereto, presents evidence satisfactory to the attorney general that the applicant has satisfactorily completed a weapons safety and training course approved by the attorney general pursuant to subsection (b);

(11) has not been adjudged a disabled person under the act for obtaining a guardian or conservator, or both, or under a similar law of another state or the District of Columbia, unless the applicant was ordered restored to capacity three or more years before the date on which the application is submitted;

(12) has not been dishonorably discharged from military service;

(13) is a citizen of the United States;

(14) is not subject to a restraining order issued under the protection from abuse act, under the protection from stalking act or pursuant to K.S.A. 60-1607, K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 38-2242, 38-2243 or 38-2255, and amendments thereto, or any equivalent order entered in another state or jurisdiction which is entitled to full faith and credit in Kansas; ~~and~~

(15) is not in contempt of court in a child support proceeding;

(16) *has not attempted to commit suicide in the five years immediately preceding application; and*

(17) *has not been adjudicated as a mental defective or committed to a mental institution.*

(b) (1) The attorney general shall adopt rules and regulations establishing procedures and standards as authorized by this act for an eight-hour weapons safety and training course required by this section. Such standards shall include: (A) A requirement that trainees receive training in the safe storage of weapons, actual firing of weapons and instruction in the laws of this state governing the carrying of a concealed weapon and the use of deadly force; (B) general guidelines for courses which are

compatible with the industry standard for basic firearms training for civilians; (C) qualifications of instructors; and (D) a requirement that the course be: (i) A weapons course certified or sponsored by the attorney general; or (ii) a weapons course certified or sponsored by the national rifle association or by a law enforcement agency, college, private or public institution or organization or weapons training school, if the attorney general determines that such course meets or exceeds the standards required by rules and regulations adopted by the attorney general and is taught by instructors certified by the attorney general or by the national rifle association, if the attorney general determines that the requirements for certification of instructors by such association meet or exceed the standards required by rules and regulations adopted by the attorney general. Any person wanting to be certified by the attorney general as an instructor shall submit to the attorney general an application in the form required by the attorney general and a fee not to exceed \$150.

(2) The cost of the weapons safety and training course required by this section shall be paid by the applicant. The following shall constitute satisfactory evidence of satisfactory completion of an approved weapons safety and training course: (A) Evidence of completion of the course, in the form provided by rules and regulations adopted by the attorney general; or (B) an affidavit from the instructor, school, club, organization or group that conducted or taught such course attesting to the completion of the course by the applicant.

(c) In addition to the requirements of subsection (a), a person holding a license pursuant to this act, prior to renewal of the license provided herein, shall submit evidence satisfactory to the attorney general that the licensee has requalified by completion of an approved course given by an instructor of an approved weapons safety and training course under subsection (b).

(d) If an applicant has had a conviction or diversion described in subsection (a)(4)(A) or (a)(6) expunged pursuant to K.S.A. 12-4516 or 21-4619, and amendments thereto, or similar provision from another jurisdiction, and the applicant has been eligible for expungement for five years or more immediately preceding the date the application for licensure is submitted, the applicant shall not be disqualified from being issued a license if the applicant is otherwise qualified for licensure pursuant to this section *and eligible to possess a firearm under state and federal law.*

(e) *For purposes of this section: (1) “Adjudicated as a mental defective” means a determination by a court, board, commission or other lawful authority that a person, as a result of marked subnormal intelligence, or mental illness, incompetency, condition or disease: (A) Is a danger to the person’s self or to others; or (B) lacks the mental capacity to contract or manage the person’s own affairs. “Adjudicated as a mental defective” shall include a finding of insanity by a court in a criminal case, and those persons found incompetent to stand trial or found not guilty by reason of lack of mental responsibility pursuant to articles 50a and 72b of the United States uniform code of military justice.*

(2) (A) *“Committed to a mental institution” means a formal commitment of a person to a mental institution by a court, board, commission or other lawful authority. “Committed to a mental institution” includes a commitment to a mental institution involuntarily, commitment for mental defectiveness or mental illness and commitments for other reasons, such as for drug use.*

(B) *“Committed to a mental institution” shall not include a person in a mental institution for observation or a voluntary admission to a mental institution.*

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 75-7c05 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-7c05. (a) The application for a license pursuant to this act shall be completed, under oath, on a form prescribed by the attorney general and shall only include:

(1) (A) *Subject to the provisions of subsection (a)(1)(B), the name, address, social security number, Kansas driver’s license number or Kansas nondriver’s license identification number, place and date of birth and occupation of the applicant; (B) in the case of an applicant who presents proof that such person is on active duty with any branch of the armed forces of the United States and who does not possess a Kansas driver’s*

license or Kansas nondriver's license identification, the number of such license or identification shall not be required;

(2) a statement that the applicant is in compliance with criteria contained within K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 75-7c04, and amendments thereto;

(3) a waiver of the confidentiality of such mental health and medical records as necessary to determine the applicant's qualifications under subsection ~~(a)(7)~~ (a)(8) of K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 75-7c04, and amendments thereto;

(4) a statement that the applicant has been furnished a copy of this act and is knowledgeable of its provisions;

(5) a conspicuous warning that the application is executed under oath and that a false answer to any question, or the submission of any false document by the applicant, subjects the applicant to criminal prosecution under K.S.A. 21-3805, and amendments thereto; and

(6) a statement that the applicant desires a concealed weapon license as a means of lawful self-defense.

(b) The applicant shall submit to the sheriff of the county where the applicant resides, during any normal business hours:

(1) A completed application described in subsection (a);

(2) except as provided by subsection (g), a nonrefundable license fee of \$150, if the applicant has not previously been issued a statewide license or if the applicant's license has permanently expired, which fee shall be in the form of two cashier checks or money orders of \$40 payable to the sheriff of the county where the applicant resides and \$110 payable to the attorney general;

(3) a photocopy of a certificate or an affidavit or document as described in subsection (b) of K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 75-7c04, and amendments thereto; and

(4) a full frontal view photograph of the applicant taken within the preceding 30 days.

(c) (1) The sheriff, upon receipt of the items listed in subsection (b) of this section or subsection (a) of K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 75-7c08, and amendments thereto, shall provide for the full set of fingerprints of the applicant to be taken and forwarded to the attorney general for purposes of a criminal history records check as provided by subsection (d). In addition, the sheriff shall forward to the attorney general a copy of the application and the portion of the original or renewal license fee which is payable to the attorney general. The cost of taking such fingerprints shall be included in the portion of the fee retained by the sheriff.

(2) The sheriff of the applicant's county of residence or the chief law enforcement officer of any law enforcement agency, at the sheriff's or chief law enforcement officer's discretion, may participate in the process by submitting a voluntary report to the attorney general containing readily discoverable information, corroborated through public records, which, when combined with another enumerated factor, establishes that the applicant poses a significantly greater threat to law enforcement or the public at large than the average citizen. Any such voluntary reporting shall be made within 45 days after the date the sheriff receives the application. Any sheriff or chief law enforcement officer submitting a voluntary report shall not incur any civil or criminal liability as the result of the good faith submission of such report.

(3) All funds retained by the sheriff pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be credited to a special fund of the sheriff's office which shall be used solely for law enforcement and criminal prosecution purposes and which shall not be used as a source of revenue to meet normal operating expenses of the sheriff's office.

(d) Each applicant shall be subject to a state and national criminal history records check which conforms to applicable federal standards for the purpose of verifying the identity of the applicant and whether the applicant has been convicted of any crime that would disqualify the applicant from holding a license under this act. The attorney general is authorized to use the information obtained from the national criminal history record check to determine the applicant's eligibility for such license.

(e) ~~Within 180 days after the date of receipt of the items listed in subsection (b), for applications received before July 1, 2007, and within 90 days after the date of receipt of the items listed in subsection (b), for applications received on or after July 1, 2007,~~ the attorney general shall:

(1) Issue the license and certify the issuance to the department of revenue; or

(2) deny the application based solely on: (A) The report submitted by the sheriff or other chief law enforcement officer under subsection (c)(2) for good cause shown therein; or (B) the ground that the applicant fails to qualify under the criteria listed in K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 75-7c04, and amendments thereto. If the attorney general denies the application, the attorney general shall notify the applicant in writing, stating the ground for denial and informing the applicant the opportunity for a hearing pursuant to the Kansas administrative procedure act.

(f) Each person issued a license shall pay to the department of revenue fees for the cost of the license and the photograph to be placed on the license, which shall be in amounts equal to the fees required pursuant to K.S.A. 8-243 and 8-246, and amendments thereto, for a driver's license photograph and replacement of a driver's license.

(g) A person who is a retired law enforcement officer, as defined in K.S.A. 21-3110, and amendments thereto, shall be: (1) Required to pay an original license fee of \$100, which fee shall be in the form of two cashier checks or money orders, \$40 payable to the sheriff of the county where the applicant resides and \$60 payable to the attorney general, to be forwarded by the sheriff to the attorney general; (2) exempt from the required completion of a weapons safety and training course if such person was certified by the Kansas law enforcement training commission not more than eight years prior to submission of the application; (3) required to pay the license renewal fee; (4) required to pay to the department of revenue the fees required by subsection (f); and (5) required to comply with the criminal history records check requirement of this section.

Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 75-7c03, 75-7c04 and 75-7c05 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

I hereby certify that the above BILL originated in the HOUSE, and passed that body

HOUSE concurred in
SENATE amendments _____

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.

Passed the SENATE
as amended _____

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.

APPROVED _____

Governor.