

HB2052 Testimony

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Chairman Thompson and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 2052. I fully support all facets of this bill.

First and foremost, it corrects an unfortunate oversight in the original legislation related to provisional concealed carry permits. The original language creates an unfair disadvantage to young adults who choose to seek training and apply for their provisional permits, by locking them into that status for 4-years, even after they have obtained the majority age of 21 when an individual can apply for and receive a standard permit. This can create several issues for provisional permit holders by restricting their access to the full rights standard permits afford, not the least of which is reciprocity when traveling out of state.

HB 2052 provides a simple, common-sense fix, allowing these individuals to update their provisional license to a standard license upon reaching the age of 21. The importance of quality training is something we can all agree on, and this change helps remove a barrier some young adults may wish to avoid in getting that training.

There are also many reasons to support the language in HB 2052 related to the revocation and suspension of concealed carry licenses. Besides providing for the continued safety and welfare of citizens, ensuring the integrity of the concealed carry system in Kansas also helps ensure that other states continue to offer reciprocity to our citizens who are responsible gun owners.

Finally, as a citizen and someone who has many friends in the law enforcement field, I believe it is important that we continue to protect the right of privacy for those individuals when carrying off-duty.

I urge the Committee to approve this bill and send it to the full legislature for consideration.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.