

SESSION OF 2025

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2052

As Recommended by House Committee on
Federal and State Affairs

Brief*

HB 2052 would amend provisions of the Kansas Personal and Family Protection Act (Act) concerning the issuance of provisional and standard concealed carry licenses and the carrying of a concealed handgun by an off-duty law enforcement officer (officer).

Issuance of Concealed Carry Licenses

Under current law, persons who are at least 18 years of age may obtain a provisional concealed carry license if they meet the statutory requirements and follow the application procedures and requirements. Such provisional licenses expire four years after being issued.

The bill would allow any person holding a provisional concealed carry license to request a standard license upon turning 21 years of age. If issued, the standard license would expire upon the end of the term of the originally issued provisional license. Continuing law requires the Attorney General to issue a standard license to the licensee upon the expiration of the provisional license's term, or renew a standard license, provided the holder continues to be eligible.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <https://klrd.gov/>

Surrender of a Concealed Carry License

The bill would require the licensee of a concealed carry license to surrender the physical license card or authorization document to the Attorney General upon the suspension or revocation of the license. The bill would require the license be returned to the licensee, if suspended, at the end of the term of suspension.

The bill would permit the Attorney General to impose a fee up to \$250 on any licensee who fails to surrender a license within 30 days after written notification has been sent. The bill would require all fees collected by the Attorney General be remitted to the State Treasurer, who will deposit the entire amount in the State Treasury and credit the entire amount to the Concealed Handgun Licensure Fund.

Off-Duty Officers

Current law allows an officer to carry a concealed handgun in any building where an on-duty officer could carry such weapon, regardless of whether the building has restricted the carrying of concealed handguns, pursuant to the Act and provided the officer otherwise complies with conditions listed in the Act.

The bill would specify that in buildings where an officer may carry a concealed handgun, no person of authority for the building shall require, request, or record personal information of the officer.

The bill would provide that personal information includes, but is not limited to, the officer's:

- Email address;
- Home phone number; or
- Home address.

The bill would specify that an officer could not be required to wear anything identifying the officer's status as a law enforcement officer, or as being armed.

Technical and Conforming Amendments

The bill would make several technical amendments to update cross-references to statutes that disqualify a person from obtaining a concealed carry license, and a conforming amendment to carry out the provisions of the bill.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Federal and State Affairs at the request of Representative Howell.

House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In the House Committee hearing on January 29, 2025, **proponent** testimony was provided by Representative Howell; representatives of the Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police, the Kansas Peace Officers' Association, and the Kansas State Rifle Association; and two private citizens. The proponents indicated the bill would streamline provisional license transitions to standard concealed carry licensure, create accountability for individuals with suspended or revoked licenses, address restrictions placed on off-duty law enforcement officers who are carrying concealed handguns at public venues, and resolve issues relating to the recording of personal information of off-duty officers by persons in charge of a building and the requirement of identification as a law enforcement officer or as being armed.

Written-only proponent testimony was provided by the Office of the Attorney General and Kansas State Lodge-Fraternal Order of Police.

Neutral written-only testimony was provided by a representative of the Kansas Association of School Boards.

Opponent testimony was provided by a private citizen. The opponent stated opposition to the bill is due to their opinion that firearms possession should not be regulated by the State.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, the Office of the Attorney General indicates enactment of the bill would not affect agency operations. However, if the Office were to charge a fee for failure to surrender a license, revenues would increase by an unknown amount. Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2026 Governor's Budget Report*.

Concealed carry; handgun; off-duty officer; personal and family protection act; personal information; provisional license; renewal application; license suspension; license revocation; Office of the Attorney General