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By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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1 AN ACT concerning firearms; relating to the personal and family  
2 protection act; recognition of licenses issued by other jurisdictions;  
3 **authorizing the issuance of alternative license during a declared**  
4 **state of disaster emergency;** amending K.S.A. 75-7c03 **and 75-7c05**  
5 and K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 21-6302 and repealing the existing sections.  
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7 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

8 Section 1. K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 21-6302 is hereby amended to read as  
9 follows: 21-6302. (a) Criminal carrying of a weapon is knowingly  
10 carrying:

- 11 (1) Any bludgeon, sandclub, metal knuckles or throwing star;  
12 (2) concealed on one's person, a billy, blackjack, slungshot or any  
13 other dangerous or deadly weapon or instrument of like character;  
14 (3) on one's person or in any land, water or air vehicle, with intent to  
15 use the same unlawfully, a tear gas or smoke bomb or projector or any  
16 object containing a noxious liquid, gas or substance; ~~or~~  
17 (4) any pistol, revolver or other firearm concealed on one's person if  
18 such person is under 21 years of age, except when on such person's land or  
19 in such person's abode or fixed place of business; or  
20 (5) a shotgun with a barrel less than 18 inches in length or any other  
21 firearm designed to discharge or capable of discharging automatically  
22 more than once by a single function of the trigger whether the person  
23 knows or has reason to know the length of the barrel or that the firearm is  
24 designed or capable of discharging automatically.

25 (b) Criminal carrying of a weapon as defined in:

26 (1) Subsections (a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(3) or (a)(4) is a class A nonperson  
27 misdemeanor; and

28 (2) subsection (a)(5) is a severity level 9, nonperson felony.

29 (c) Subsection (a) shall not apply to:

30 (1) Law enforcement officers, or any person summoned by any such  
31 officers to assist in making arrests or preserving the peace while actually  
32 engaged in assisting such officer;

33 (2) wardens, superintendents, directors, security personnel and  
34 keepers of prisons, penitentiaries, jails and other institutions for the  
35 detention of persons accused or convicted of crime, while acting within the  
36 scope of their authority;

1 (3) members of the armed services or reserve forces of the United  
2 States or the Kansas national guard while in the performance of their  
3 official duty; or

4 (4) the manufacture of, transportation to, or sale of weapons to a  
5 person authorized under subsections (c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(3) to possess  
6 such weapons.

7 *(d) Subsection (a)(4) shall not apply to any person who possesses a*  
8 *valid license or permit to carry a concealed firearm that was issued by*  
9 *another jurisdiction and is recognized in this state pursuant to K.S.A. 75-*  
10 *7c03, and amendments thereto.*

11 ~~(d)~~(e) Subsection (a)(5) shall not apply to:

12 (1) Any person who sells, purchases, possesses or carries a firearm,  
13 device or attachment which has been rendered unserviceable by steel weld  
14 in the chamber and marriage weld of the barrel to the receiver and which  
15 has been registered in the national firearms registration and transfer record  
16 in compliance with 26 U.S.C. § 5841 et seq. in the name of such person  
17 and, if such person transfers such firearm, device or attachment to another  
18 person, has been so registered in the transferee's name by the transferor;

19 (2) any person employed by a laboratory which is certified by the  
20 United States department of justice, national institute of justice, while  
21 actually engaged in the duties of their employment and on the premises of  
22 such certified laboratory. Subsection (a)(5) shall not affect the manufacture  
23 of, transportation to or sale of weapons to such certified laboratory; or

24 (3) any person or entity in compliance with the national firearms act,  
25 26 U.S.C. § 5801 et seq.

26 ~~(e)~~(f) As used in this section, "throwing star" means the same as  
27 prescribed by K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 21-6301, and amendments thereto.

28 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 75-7c03 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-  
29 7c03. (a) The attorney general shall issue licenses to carry concealed  
30 handguns to persons who comply with the application and training  
31 requirements of this act and who are not disqualified under K.S.A. 75-  
32 7c04, and amendments thereto. Such licenses shall be valid throughout the  
33 state for a period of four years from the date of issuance. The availability  
34 of licenses to carry concealed handguns under this act shall not be  
35 construed to impose a general prohibition on the carrying of handguns  
36 without such license, whether carried openly or concealed, or loaded or  
37 unloaded.

38 (b) **Except as otherwise provided in subsection (d)**, the license  
39 shall be a separate card, in a form prescribed by the attorney general, that  
40 is approximately the size of a Kansas driver's license and shall bear the  
41 licensee's signature, name, address, date of birth and driver's license  
42 number or nondriver's identification card number except that the attorney  
43 general shall assign a unique number for military applicants or their

1 dependents described in K.S.A. 75-7c05(a)(1)(B), and amendments  
2 thereto.

3 *(c) (1) Subject to the provisions of subsection (c)(2), a valid license*  
4 *or permit to carry a concealed firearm issued by another jurisdiction shall*  
5 *be recognized in this state, but only while the holder is not a resident of*  
6 *Kansas.*

7 *(2) A valid license or permit that is recognized pursuant to this*  
8 *subsection shall only entitle the lawful holder thereof to carry concealed*  
9 *handguns, as defined by K.S.A. 75-7c02, and amendments thereto, in this*  
10 *state, and the holder thereof shall otherwise act in accordance with the*  
11 *laws of this state while such holder is present in this state. The recognition*  
12 *of a license or permit pursuant to this subsection shall not be construed to*  
13 *impose a general prohibition on the carrying of handguns without such*  
14 *license, whether carried openly or concealed, or loaded or unloaded.*

15 *(3) As used in this subsection, the terms "jurisdiction" and "license or*  
16 *permit" shall have the same meanings as provided in K.S.A. 75-7c04, and*  
17 *amendments thereto.*

18 **(d) If at any time it becomes impractical for the division of**  
19 **vehicles of the department of revenue to issue physical cards**  
20 **consistent with the requirements of this act and the attorney general**  
21 **determines that the conditions for such impracticality have existed for**  
22 **at least 30 days, the attorney general shall issue an authorization**  
23 **document to each licensee that authorizes the licensee to exercise the**  
24 **rights and privileges to carry a concealed handgun as set forth in this**  
25 **act. Such document shall include the licensee information required**  
26 **under subsection (b) and state that the document is proof that the**  
27 **licensee holds a valid license to carry concealed handguns. All such**  
28 **documents issued during any such period that it is impractical for the**  
29 **division of vehicles of the department of revenue to issue a physical**  
30 **card shall expire 90 days after such conditions have ceased and it is**  
31 **practical for the division of vehicles to resume issuing physical cards.**

32 **Sec. 3. K.S.A. 75-7c05 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-**  
33 **7c05. (a) The application for a license pursuant to this act shall be**  
34 **completed, under oath, on a form prescribed by the attorney general**  
35 **and shall only include:**

36 **(1) (A) Subject to the provisions of subsection (a)(1)(B), the name,**  
37 **address, social security number, Kansas driver's license number or**  
38 **Kansas nondriver's license identification number, place and date of**  
39 **birth, a photocopy of the applicant's driver's license or nondriver's**  
40 **identification card and a photocopy of the applicant's certificate of**  
41 **training course completion; (B) in the case of an applicant who**  
42 **presents proof that such person is on active duty with any branch of**  
43 **the armed forces of the United States, or is the dependent of such a**

1 person, and who does not possess a Kansas driver's license or Kansas  
2 nondriver's license identification, the number of such license or  
3 identification shall not be required;

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

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

8 (4) a conspicuous warning that the application is executed under  
9 oath and that a false answer to any question, or the submission of any  
10 false document by the applicant, subjects the applicant to criminal  
11 prosecution under K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 21-5903, and amendments  
12 thereto; and

13 (5) a statement that the applicant desires a concealed handgun  
14 license as a means of lawful self-defense.

15 (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (i), the applicant  
16 shall submit to the sheriff of the county where the applicant resides,  
17 during any normal business hours:

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

19 (2) a nonrefundable license fee of \$132.50, if the applicant has not  
20 previously been issued a statewide license or if the applicant's license  
21 has permanently expired, which fee shall be in the form of two  
22 cashier's checks, personal checks or money orders of \$32.50 payable to  
23 the sheriff of the county where the applicant resides and \$100 payable  
24 to the attorney general;

25 (3) if applicable, a photocopy of the proof of training required by  
26 K.S.A. 75-7c04(b)(1), and amendments thereto; and

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

29 (c) (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (i), the sheriff,  
30 upon receipt of the items listed in subsection (b), shall provide for the  
31 full set of fingerprints of the applicant to be taken and forwarded to  
32 the attorney general for purposes of a criminal history records check  
33 as provided by subsection (d). In addition, the sheriff shall forward to  
34 the attorney general the application and the portion of the original  
35 license fee which is payable to the attorney general. The cost of taking  
36 such fingerprints shall be included in the portion of the fee retained by  
37 the sheriff. Notwithstanding anything in this section to the contrary,  
38 an applicant shall not be required to submit fingerprints for a renewal  
39 application under K.S.A. 75-7c08, and amendments thereto.

40 (2) The sheriff of the applicant's county of residence or the chief  
41 law enforcement officer of any law enforcement agency, at the sheriff's  
42 or chief law enforcement officer's discretion, may participate in the  
43 process by submitting a voluntary report to the attorney general

1 containing readily discoverable information, corroborated through  
2 public records, which, when combined with another enumerated  
3 factor, establishes that the applicant poses a significantly greater  
4 threat to law enforcement or the public at large than the average  
5 citizen. Any such voluntary reporting shall be made within 45 days  
6 after the date the sheriff receives the application. Any sheriff or chief  
7 law enforcement officer submitting a voluntary report shall not incur  
8 any civil or criminal liability as the result of the good faith submission  
9 of such report.

10 (3) All funds retained by the sheriff pursuant to the provisions of  
11 this section shall be credited to a special fund of the sheriff's office  
12 which shall be used solely for the purpose of administering this act.

13 (d) Each applicant shall be subject to a state and national  
14 criminal history records check which conforms to applicable federal  
15 standards, including an inquiry of the national instant criminal  
16 background check system for the purpose of verifying the identity of  
17 the applicant and whether the applicant has been convicted of any  
18 crime or has been the subject of any restraining order or any mental  
19 health related finding that would disqualify the applicant from  
20 holding a license under this act. The attorney general is authorized to  
21 use the information obtained from the state or national criminal  
22 history record check to determine the applicant's eligibility for such  
23 license.

24 (e) Within 90 days after the date of receipt of the items listed in  
25 subsection (b), the attorney general shall:

26 (1) (A) Issue the license and certify the issuance to the department  
27 of revenue; and

28 (B) *if it is impractical for the division of vehicles of the department of*  
29 *revenue to issue physical cards consistent with the requirements of this act*  
30 *and the attorney general has determined that the conditions for such*  
31 *impracticality have existed for at least 30 days, the attorney general shall*  
32 *issue an authorization document in accordance with K.S.A. 75-7c03(d),*  
33 *and amendments thereto; or*

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

43 (f) Each person issued a license shall pay to the department of

1 revenue a fee for the cost of the license which shall be in amounts  
2 equal to the fee required pursuant to K.S.A. 8-243 and 8-246, and  
3 amendments thereto, for replacement of a driver's license.

4 (g) (1) A person who is a retired law enforcement officer, as  
5 defined in K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 21-5111, and amendments thereto, shall  
6 be: (A) Required to pay an original license fee as provided in  
7 subsection (b)(2), to be forwarded by the sheriff to the attorney  
8 general; (B) exempt from the required completion of a handgun safety  
9 and training course if such person was certified by the Kansas  
10 commission on peace officer's standards and training, or similar body  
11 from another jurisdiction, not more than eight years prior to  
12 submission of the application; (C) required to pay the license renewal  
13 fee; (D) required to pay to the department of revenue the fees required  
14 by subsection (f); and (E) required to comply with the criminal history  
15 records check requirement of this section.

16 (2) Proof of retirement as a law enforcement officer shall be  
17 required and provided to the attorney general in the form of a letter  
18 from the agency head, or their designee, of the officer's retiring agency  
19 that attests to the officer having retired in good standing from that  
20 agency as a law enforcement officer for reasons other than mental  
21 instability and that the officer has a nonforfeitable right to benefits  
22 under a retirement plan of the agency.

23 (h) A person who is a corrections officer, a parole officer or a  
24 corrections officer employed by the federal bureau of prisons, as  
25 defined by K.S.A. 75-5202, and amendments thereto, shall be: (1)  
26 Required to pay an original license fee as provided in subsection (b)  
27 (2); (2) exempt from the required completion of a handgun safety and  
28 training course if such person was issued a certificate of firearms  
29 training by the department of corrections or the federal bureau of  
30 prisons or similar body not more than one year prior to submission of  
31 the application; (3) required to pay the license renewal fee; (4)  
32 required to pay to the department of revenue the fees required by  
33 subsection (f); and (5) required to comply with the criminal history  
34 records check requirement of this section.

35 (i) A person who presents proof that such person is on active duty  
36 with any branch of the armed forces of the United States and is  
37 stationed at a United States military installation located outside this  
38 state, may submit by mail an application described in subsection (a)  
39 and the other materials required by subsection (b) to the sheriff of the  
40 county where the applicant resides. Provided the applicant is  
41 fingerprinted at a United States military installation, the applicant  
42 may submit a full set of fingerprints of such applicant along with the  
43 application. Upon receipt of such items, the sheriff shall forward to

1 **the attorney general the application and the portion of the original**  
2 **license fee which is payable to the attorney general.**

3 ~~Sec.-3.~~ **4.** K.S.A. 75-7c03 **and 75-7c05** and K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 21-  
4 6302 are hereby repealed.

5 ~~Sec.-4.~~ **5.** This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
6 publication in the statute book.