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**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 2076

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6 By: Representative Dotson

7 Filed with: House Committee on Judiciary  
8 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

9 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

10 AN ACT TO REDUCE THE FEE FOR A CONCEALED CARRY  
11 LICENSE; TO CREATE A LIFETIME CONCEALED CARRY  
12 LICENSE; CONCERNING THE FEES FOR A LICENSE TO CARRY A  
13 CONCEALED HANDGUN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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16 **Subtitle**

17 TO REDUCE THE FEE FOR A CONCEALED CARRY  
18 LICENSE; TO CREATE A LIFETIME CONCEALED  
19 CARRY LICENSE; AND CONCERNING THE FEES  
20 FOR A LICENSE TO CARRY A CONCEALED  
21 HANDGUN.

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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-73-301, concerning definitions applicable  
27 to concealed handgun licensing, is amended to add an additional subdivision  
28 to read as follows:

29 (7) "License to carry a concealed handgun" includes a standard  
30 license to carry a concealed handgun and a lifetime license to carry a  
31 concealed handgun.

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33 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 5-73-302 is amended to read as follows:  
34 5-73-302. Authority to issue license.

1 (a) The Director of the Department of Arkansas State Police may issue  
 2 a license to carry a concealed handgun to a person qualified as provided in  
 3 this subchapter.

4 (b)(1) ~~For new licenses issued after July 31, 2007, the A standard~~  
 5 license to carry a concealed handgun is valid throughout the state for a  
 6 period of five (5) years from the date of issuance.

7 (2) ~~After July 31, 2007, upon renewal, an existing valid license~~  
 8 ~~to carry a concealed handgun shall be issued for a period of five (5) years~~ A  
 9 lifetime license to carry a concealed handgun is valid throughout the state  
 10 for the lifetime of the licensee.

11 (c)(1)(A) ~~After July 31, 2007, a A standard license to carry a~~  
 12 concealed handgun or renewal of a standard license to carry a concealed  
 13 handgun issued to a former elected county sheriff or appointed county sheriff  
 14 ~~of any county~~ of this state shall be issued for a period of five (5) years.

15 (B) ~~The license A license to carry a concealed handgun~~  
 16 issued to a former elected county sheriff or appointed county sheriff is  
 17 revocable on the same grounds as other licenses to carry a concealed handgun.

18 (2)(A) The former elected county sheriff or appointed county  
 19 sheriff shall meet the same qualifications as all other applicants.

20 (B) However, the former elected county sheriff or  
 21 appointed county sheriff is exempt from the fee prescribed by § 5-73-  
 22 311(a)(2) and from the training requirements of § 5-73-309(13) for issuance.

23 (d) A lifetime license to carry a concealed handgun issued under this  
 24 section:

25 (1) Does not have a renewal requirement; and

26 (2) Is limited to carrying a concealed handgun and for  
 27 reciprocity recognition in other states.

28 (e) A person issued a standard license to carry a concealed handgun  
 29 may upgrade his or her standard license to carry a concealed handgun to a  
 30 lifetime license to carry a concealed handgun at any point during which the  
 31 person's standard license to carry a concealed handgun is valid by paying the  
 32 additional fee under § 5-73-311(a)(2)(B).

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 34 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 5-73-308, concerning the issuance or denial  
 35 of a concealed carry license, is amended to add an additional subsection to  
 36 read as follows:

1       (c) A licensee with a lifetime license to carry a concealed handgun  
2 that subsequently becomes revoked or suspended under this section is not  
3 eligible to hold a lifetime license to carry a concealed handgun under any  
4 circumstances and instead is eligible only to possess a standard license to  
5 carry a concealed handgun if the revocation or suspension is reversed or  
6 expires.

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8       SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 5-73-311(a)(2), concerning the application  
9 fee to obtain a concealed handgun license, is amended to read as follows:

10       (2)(A) A nonrefundable license fee of ~~one hundred dollars~~  
11 ~~(\$100), except that the nonrefundable license fee is fifty dollars (\$50.00)~~  
12 ~~if the applicant is sixty five (65) years of age or older~~ fifty dollars  
13 (\$50.00) for an applicant who applies for a standard license to carry a  
14 concealed handgun with a paper form provided by the department or if the  
15 applicant applies for a standard license to carry a concealed handgun through  
16 the department website.

17       (B) If a person is applying for a lifetime license to  
18 carry a concealed handgun, the nonrefundable license fee is one hundred fifty  
19 dollars (\$150);

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21       SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 5-73-311, concerning the application  
22 procedure for a concealed carry license, is amended to add an additional  
23 subsection to read as follows:

24       (d) The application procedure for a lifetime license to carry a  
25 concealed handgun shall not require any information or documentation not  
26 required for a standard license to carry a concealed handgun.

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29 Referred by the Arkansas House of Representatives

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