

INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2015-149

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3 REQUESTING THAT THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGING, CHILDREN AND YOUTH,
4 LEGISLATIVE AND MILITARY AFFAIRS CONDUCT A STUDY TO EXEMPT NEWLY
5 RETIRED MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD OR A RESERVE
6 COMPONENT OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES AND RETIRED ACTIVE
7 DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL FROM CONCEALED HANDGUN LICENSING
8 REQUIRMENTS.

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11 WHEREAS, military personnel have recently been targeted victims of gun
12 violence throughout the country, and the safety of military personnel, active
13 duty and retired, is important to the State of Arkansas; and

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15 WHEREAS, Arkansas Code Annotated § 5-73-301 et seq. and the Concealed
16 Handgun Carry License Rules of the Department of Arkansas State Police
17 require that retired members of the Arkansas National Guard or a reserve
18 component of the United States Armed Forces and retired active duty military
19 personnel comply with handgun licensing procedures, which can take up to four
20 (4) months to complete, in order to carry a concealed weapon in the State of
21 Arkansas; and

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23 WHEREAS, Arkansas Code § 5-73-320 authorizes the Department of Arkansas
24 State Police to issue a concealed handgun carry license to certain members of
25 the Arkansas National Guard or a reserve component of the United States Armed
26 Forces or active duty military personnel; and

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28 WHEREAS, Arkansas Code § 5-73-304 exempts former law enforcement
29 officers from licensing requirements if otherwise authorized to carry a
30 concealed handgun; similarly, recently retired military personnel who comply
31 with Arkansas Code § 5-73-320(a)(2)(D), or complete mandatory annual or
32 biennial military weapons qualification training prior to their military
33 retirement, should be exempt from state licensing requirements for the first
34 five(5) years following their military retirement,

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36 NOW THEREFORE,

1 BE IT PROPOSED BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGING, CHILDREN AND YOUTH,
2 LEGISLATIVE AND MILITARY AFFAIRS OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
3 STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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5 THAT the House Committee on Aging, Children And Youth, Legislative and
6 Military Affairs conduct a study to exempt newly retired members of the
7 Arkansas National Guard or a reserve component of the United States Armed
8 Forces and retired active duty military personnel from concealed handgun
9 licensing requirements for the first five (5) years following their military
10 retirement.
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12 Respectfully submitted,
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