For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A CONCEALED HANDGUN LICENSE FOR A CURRENT OR FORMER MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES; CONCERNING CONCEALED HANDGUNS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

CONCERNING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A CONCEALED HANDGUN LICENSE FOR A CURRENT OR FORMER MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES; AND CONCERNING CONCEALED HANDGUNS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-73-320 is amended to read as follows:

5-73-320. License for certain members of the Arkansas National Guard or a reserve component or active duty military personnel.

(a) The Department of Arkansas State Police may issue a license under this subchapter to a person who:

   (1) Is currently serving as a federally recognized commissioned or noncommissioned officer of an active duty member of, or has recently been honorably discharged from, the United States Armed Forces, the National Guard, or a reserve component of the United States Armed Forces or an active duty member of the United States Armed Forces;

   (2) Submits the following documents:

      (A) A completed concealed handgun license application as
prescribed by the department;

(B) A form specified by the Director of the Department of Arkansas State Police reflecting the fingerprints of the applicant;

(C) A properly completed and dated certificate from a concealed handgun carry training instructor who is registered with the department;

(D) A live-fire qualification issued or granted by a branch of the United States Armed Forces or, in lieu of a live-fire qualification, a letter dated and personally signed by a commanding officer or his or her designee stating that the applicant:

(i) Is a current member of the National Guard or a reserve component of the United States Armed Forces or an active duty member of the United States Armed Forces;

(ii) Is of good character and sound judgment; and

(iii) Has

(D) A letter dated and personally signed by a commanding officer or his or her designee stating that the applicant is of good character and sound judgment;

(E) A form, as designated by the department, showing that the applicant has met the military qualification requirements for issuance and operation of a handgun within one (1) year of the application date;

(E) A copy of the face or photograph side of a current United States Uniformed Services Identification Card, if the applicant is a member of the United States Armed Forces; and

(F) An electronic passport-style photo of the applicant, if the applicant does not hold an Arkansas driver's license or identification card; and

(3) Submits any required fees.

(b) Except as otherwise specifically stated in this section, the license issued under this section is subject to the provisions of this subchapter and any rules promulgated under § 5-73-317.

/s/Johnson

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