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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1678

5 By: Representative Gazaway
6 By: Senator G. Stubblefield
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR A
10 LICENSE TO CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AMENDING CERTAIN LICENSING REQUIREMENTS
16 FOR A LICENSE TO CARRY A CONCEALED
17 HANDGUN.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-73-309(5), concerning the licensing
23 requirements for a license to carry a concealed handgun, is amended to read
24 as follows:

25 (5)~~(A)~~ Has not been convicted of a felony in a court of this
26 state, of any other state, or of the United States ~~without having been~~
27 ~~pardoned for conviction and had firearms possession rights restored, unless:~~

28 ~~(B) A record of a conviction that has been sealed or~~
29 ~~expunged under Arkansas law does not render an applicant ineligible to~~
30 ~~receive a concealed handgun license if:~~

31 ~~(i) The applicant was sentenced prior to March 13,~~
32 ~~1995; or~~

33 ~~(ii) The order sealing or expunging the applicant's~~
34 ~~record of conviction complies with § 16-90-605 [repealed];~~

35 (A) The applicant is subsequently granted a pardon by the
36 Governor or the President of the United States explicitly restoring his or



1 her ability to possess a firearm;

2 (B) The applicant was sentenced prior to March 13, 1995,
3 and the record of conviction has been sealed or expunged under Arkansas law;
4 or

5 (C) The applicant's offense was dismissed and sealed or
6 expunged under § 16-93-301 et seq. or § 16-98-303(g).

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