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22 follows:

23 "12-15-202. Eligibility to carry concealed handgun.

24 (a) Any certified law enforcement officer:

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26 department, office, or agency; and

27 (2) Who is authorized by the public law enforcement department,  
28 office, or agency to carry a firearm in the course and scope of his or her  
29 duties; and

30 (3) Who is not subject to any disciplinary action by the public  
31 law enforcement department, office, or agency; and

32 (4) Who is carrying appropriate written identification issued by  
33 the public law enforcement department, office, or agency identifying him or  
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35 (5) Who is not otherwise prohibited under state or federal law;  
36 may carry a concealed handgun.

1 (b)(1) Any retired law enforcement officer:

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9 retirement plan of the public law enforcement department, office, or agency;  
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17 enforcement officer of the city or county in which he resides, or in the case  
18 of retired State Police officers, written authorization from the Director,  
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20 may carry a concealed handgun in accordance with regulations prescribed by the  
21 board created by § 12-15-203.

22 (2) The chief law enforcement officer of the city or county shall  
23 keep a record of all retired law enforcement officers authorized to carry a  
24 concealed handgun in his jurisdiction and shall revoke any authorization for  
25 good cause shown."

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27 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
28 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
29 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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31 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
32 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
33 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
34 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
35 act are declared to be severable.

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