

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2500

5 By: Representatives Thomason, Pate, Wood
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO EXEMPT ACTIVE DUTY MEMBERS OF THE
10 ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD OR THE RESERVED FORCES OF
11 THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FROM THE LICENSING
12 REQUIREMENT TO CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN; AND FOR
13 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT TO EXEMPT ACTIVE DUTY MEMBERS OF
16 THE ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD OR THE
17 RESERVED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES OF
18 AMERICA FROM THE LICENSING REQUIREMENT
19 TO CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 5, Chapter 73, Subchapter 3 is amended
26 to add an additional section to read as follows:

27 5-73-320. License for certain members of the Arkansas National Guard.

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

30 (1) Is currently serving as a federally recognized commissioned
31 or noncommissioned officer of the Arkansas National Guard or the Reserved
32 Forces of the United States of America;

33 (2) Submits the following documents:

34 (A) A completed concealed handgun license application as
35 prescribed by the Department of Arkansas State Police;

36 (B) A form specified by the Director of the Department of



1 Arkansas State Police reflecting the fingerprints of the soldier or airman;

2 (C) A dated letter personally signed by a commanding
3 officer or his or her designee stating that the soldier or airman:

4 (i) Is a current member of the Arkansas National
5 Guard or the Reserved Forces of the United States of America;

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

7 (iii) Is not disqualified by state or federal law
8 from possessing a firearm;

9 (iv) Has met the military qualification requirements
10 for issuance and operation of a handgun within one (1) year of the
11 application date; and

12 (v) Has been a resident of the State of Arkansas for
13 the twelve-month period preceding the application date according to the
14 military and pay records of the soldier or airman;

15 (D) A copy of the military range qualification score card
16 signed and dated within one (1) year of the application date by a range
17 officer or noncommissioned officer in charge of the range; and

18 (E) A copy of the face or photograph side of a current
19 United States Uniformed Services military identification card for members of
20 the armed services; and

21 (3) Submits the required application fee or fees.

22 (b)(1) A license issued under this section shall expire four (4) years
23 from the date of issuance or upon the expiration date of the military
24 identification card of the soldier or airman, whichever occurs first.

25 (2) A license issued under this section shall be renewable under
26 the provisions of § 5-73-313 upon satisfaction of the requirements described
27 in subsection (a) of this section.

28 (c) Except as otherwise specifically stated in this section, the
29 license issued under this section shall be subject to the provisions of §§ 5-
30 73-301 – 5-73-319 and any rules promulgated under § 5-73-317.

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32 /s/ Thomason