

FINAL BILL REPORT

HB 1934

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Renewing a concealed pistol license by members of the armed forces.

Sponsors: Representatives Caldier, Kilduff, Mosbrucker, Irwin, Pollet, Chapman, Leavitt and Van Werven.

House Committee on Civil Rights & Judiciary
Senate Committee on Law & Justice

Background:

It is generally unlawful for a person to carry a pistol concealed on his or her person, except in the person's abode or fixed place of business, unless the person has a valid concealed pistol license (CPL). Carrying a concealed pistol without having been issued a CPL is a misdemeanor offense. Failure to carry a CPL in one's immediate possession while carrying a concealed pistol is a civil infraction.

In order to obtain a CPL a person must apply with the local law enforcement agency and undergo a fingerprint-based background check. A CPL must be issued if the applicant is not ineligible to possess a firearm under state or federal law and if the applicant meets other eligibility requirements. A copy of the CPL must be delivered to the Department of Licensing, which maintains records of CPLs in an electronic database. The Department of License is responsible for sending renewal notifications to CPL holders approximately 90 days prior to the expiration date of the CPL.

A CPL is valid for a period of five years. The fee for an original CPL is \$36 plus additional charges imposed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation that are passed on to the applicant. A CPL holder may renew the license by applying for renewal within 90 days before or after expiration of the license. The renewal takes effect on the expiration date of the previous license. The renewal fee is \$32, and if the licensee renews after the expiration date, an additional \$10 late renewal penalty applies.

The \$10 penalty for late renewal does not apply to a member of the Armed Forces who is serving outside the state when his or her CPL expires and who applies for renewal within 90 days of returning to the state. The person must provide to the issuing authority, at the time of renewal, a copy of the original order of deployment or assignment for out-of-state military

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service and a copy of the person's discharge, or order of deployment or assignment back to this state.

Summary:

Local law enforcement agencies must implement a procedure for the renewal of concealed pistol licenses (CPLs) through a mail application process, and may develop an online application process, for members of the Armed Forces who are unable to renew their CPLs because of their assignment, reassignment, or deployment for out-of-state military service.

A member of the Armed Forces applying for a mail or online license renewal must:

- provide a copy of the person's original order designating the specific period of assignment, reassignment, or deployment for out-of-state military service;
- apply for renewal within 90 days before or after the expiration date of the license; and
- pay the renewal licensing fee, and if applicable, the late renewal penalty.

A license renewed under this process takes effect on the expiration date of the prior license and is valid for a period of one year.

Votes on Final Passage:

House	97	0
Senate	46	1

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