

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 2075

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An Act relating to crimes and punishments; amending 21 O.S. 2001, Sections 1290.5, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 122, O.S.L. 2003 and 1290.8, as amended by Section 6, Chapter 465, O.S.L. 2003 (21 O.S. Supp. 2005, Sections 1290.5 and 1290.8), which relate to the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act; authorizing unconcealed carry of long guns under certain circumstances; modifying license renewal period; removing concealment requirement for handguns under certain circumstances; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2001, Section 1290.5, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 122, O.S.L. 2003 (21 O.S. Supp. 2005, Section 1290.5), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1290.5

TERM OF LICENSE AND RENEWAL

A. A concealed handgun license when issued shall authorize the person to whom the license is issued to carry a loaded or unloaded concealed handgun as authorized by the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, and any future modifications thereto. A concealed handgun license when issued shall also authorize the person to whom the license is issued to carry an unconcealed magazine-loaded long gun that is not chamber loaded as authorized by the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, and any future modifications thereto. The license shall be valid in this state for a period of five (5) years, unless subsequently surrendered, suspended or revoked as provided by law. The person shall have no authority to continue to

carry a concealed handgun in this state pursuant to the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act when a license is expired or when a license has been voluntarily surrendered or suspended or revoked for any reason.

B. A license may be renewed any time within ninety (90) days prior to the expiration date as provided in this subsection. The Bureau shall send a renewal application to each eligible licensee with a return address requested. There shall be a thirty-day grace period on license renewals beginning on the date of expiration, thereafter the license is considered expired. However, any applicant shall have ~~one (1) year~~ five (5) years from the expiration of the license to comply with the renewal requirements of this section.

1. To renew a handgun license, the licensee must first obtain a renewal form from the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation.

2. The applicant must complete the renewal form, attach two current passport size photographs of the applicant, and submit a renewal fee in the amount of Eighty-five Dollars (\$85.00) to the Bureau. The renewal fee may be paid with a nationally recognized credit card as provided in subparagraph b of paragraph 4 of subsection A of Section 1290.12 of this title, or by a cashier's check or money order made payable to the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation.

3. Upon receipt of the renewal application, photographs and fee, the Bureau will conduct a criminal history records name search, an investigation of medical records or other records or information deemed by the Bureau to be relevant to the renewal application. If the applicant appears not to have any prohibition to renewing the handgun license, the Bureau shall issue the renewed license for a period of five (5) years.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2001, Section 1290.8, as amended by Section 6, Chapter 465, O.S.L. 2003 (21 O.S. Supp. 2005, Section 1290.8), is amended to read as follows:

POSSESSION OF LICENSE REQUIRED

NOTIFICATION TO POLICE OF GUN

A. Except as otherwise prohibited by law, an eligible person shall have authority to carry a concealed handgun in this state when the person has been issued a handgun license from the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, provided the person is in compliance with the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, and the license has not expired or been subsequently suspended or revoked. A person in possession of a valid handgun license and in compliance with the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act shall be authorized to carry such ~~concealed~~ handgun while bow hunting or fishing without concealing the handgun.

B. The person shall be required to have possession of his or her valid handgun license and a valid Oklahoma driver license or an Oklahoma State photo identification at all times when in possession of an authorized pistol. Any violation of the provisions of this subsection may be punishable as a criminal offense as authorized by Section 1272 of this title or pursuant to any other applicable provision of law. In addition to any criminal prosecution which may result from not carrying the handgun license and the required identification with the authorized pistol as required by the provisions of this subsection, the person may be subject to an administrative fine for violation of the provisions of this subsection. The administrative fine shall be Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) and shall be assessed by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation after a hearing and determination that the licensee is in violation of the provisions of this subsection. Any second or subsequent violation of the provisions of this subsection shall be grounds for the Bureau to suspend the handgun license for a period of six (6) months, in addition to any other penalty imposed.

Upon the arrest of any person for a violation of the provisions of this subsection, the person may show proof to the court that a valid handgun license and the other required identification has been issued to such person and the person may state any reason why the handgun license or the other required identification was not carried by the person as required by the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act. The court shall dismiss an alleged violation of Section 1272 of this title upon payment of court costs, if proof of a valid handgun license and other required identification is shown to the court within ten (10) days of the arrest of the person. The court shall report a dismissal of a charge to the Bureau for consideration of administrative proceedings against the licensee.

C. It shall be unlawful for any person to fail or refuse to identify the fact that the person is in actual possession of a concealed handgun pursuant to the authority of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act when the person first comes into contact with any law enforcement officer of this state or its political subdivisions or a federal law enforcement officer during the course of any arrest, detainment, or routine traffic stop. No person shall be required to identify himself or herself as a concealed handgun licensee when no handgun is in the person's possession or in any vehicle in which the person is driving or is a passenger. Any violation of the provisions of this subsection shall, upon conviction, be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not exceeding Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. In addition to any criminal prosecution for a violation of the provisions of this subsection, the licensee shall be subject to a six-month suspension of the license and an administrative fine of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), upon a hearing and determination by the Bureau that the person is in violation of the provisions of this subsection.

D. Any law enforcement officer coming in contact with a person whose handgun license is suspended, revoked, or expired, or who is in possession of a handgun license which has not been lawfully issued to that person, shall confiscate the license and return it to the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation for appropriate administrative proceedings against the licensee when the license is no longer needed as evidence in any criminal proceeding.

E. Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize a law enforcement officer to inspect any weapon properly concealed without probable cause that a crime has been committed.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2006.

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