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3 HOUSE BILL 3056

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to firearms; amending 21 O.S. 2021,  
8 Section 1290.14, which relates to the Oklahoma Self-  
9 Defense Act; allowing applicants to train and qualify  
10 with air-powered pistols; and providing an effective  
11 date.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2021, Section 1290.14, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 1290.14 SAFETY AND TRAINING COURSE

16 A. Each applicant for a license to carry a concealed or  
17 unconcealed handgun pursuant to the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act must  
18 successfully complete a firearms safety and training course in this  
19 state conducted by a registered and approved firearms instructor as  
20 provided by the provisions of this section or from an interactive  
21 online firearms safety and training course available electronically  
22 via the Internet approved and certified by the Council on Law  
23 Enforcement Education and Training. The applicant must further  
24 demonstrate competence and qualification with an authorized pistol  
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1 of the type or types that the applicant desires to carry as a  
2 concealed or unconcealed handgun pursuant to the provisions of the  
3 Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, except certain persons may be exempt from  
4 such training requirement as provided by the provisions of Section  
5 1290.15 of this title.

6 B. The Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training  
7 (CLEET) shall establish criteria for approving firearms instructors  
8 and interactive online firearms safety and training courses  
9 available electronically via the Internet for purposes of training  
10 and qualifying individuals for a handgun license pursuant to the  
11 provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act. Prior to submitting an  
12 application for CLEET approval as a firearms instructor, applicants  
13 shall attend a firearms instructor school, meeting the following  
14 minimum requirements:

15 1. Firearms instructor training conducted by one of the  
16 following entities:

- 17 a. Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training,
- 18 b. National Rifle Association,
- 19 c. Oklahoma Rifle Association,
- 20 d. federal law enforcement agencies, or
- 21 e. other professionally recognized organizations;

22 2. The course shall be at least sixteen (16) hours in length;  
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1           3. Upon completion of the course, the applicant shall be  
2 qualified to provide instruction on revolvers, semiautomatic  
3 pistols, or both; and

4           4. Receive a course completion certificate.

5           All firearms instructors shall be required to meet the  
6 eligibility requirements for a handgun license as provided in  
7 Sections 1290.9, 1290.10, and 1290.11 of this title and the  
8 application shall be processed as provided for applicants in Section  
9 1290.12 of this title, including the state and national criminal  
10 history records search and fingerprint search. A firearms  
11 instructor shall be required to pay a fee of One Hundred Dollars  
12 (\$100.00) to the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training  
13 (CLEET) each time the person makes application for CLEET approval as  
14 a firearms instructor pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma  
15 Self-Defense Act. The fee shall be retained by CLEET and shall be  
16 deposited into the Firearms Instructors Revolving Fund. CLEET shall  
17 promulgate the rules, forms and procedures necessary to implement  
18 the approval of firearms instructors as authorized by the provisions  
19 of this subsection. CLEET shall periodically review each approved  
20 instructor during a training and qualification course to assure  
21 compliance with the rules and course contents. Any violation of the  
22 rules may result in the revocation or suspension of CLEET and  
23 Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation approval. Unless the  
24 approval has been revoked or suspended, a firearms instructor's  
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1 CLEET approval shall be for a term of five (5) years. Beginning on  
2 July 1, 2003, any firearms instructor who has been issued a four-  
3 year CLEET approval shall not be eligible for the five-year approval  
4 until the expiration of the approval previously issued. CLEET shall  
5 be responsible for notifying all approved firearms instructors of  
6 statutory and policy changes related to the Oklahoma Self-Defense  
7 Act. A firearms instructor shall not be required to submit his or  
8 her fingerprints for a fingerprint search when renewing a firearms  
9 instructor's CLEET approval.

10 C. 1. All firearms instructors approved by CLEET to train and  
11 qualify individuals for a handgun license shall be required to apply  
12 for registration with the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation  
13 after receiving CLEET approval. All firearms instructors teaching  
14 the approved course for a handgun license must display their  
15 registration certificate during each training and qualification  
16 course. Each approved firearms instructor shall complete a  
17 registration form provided by the Bureau and shall have the option  
18 to pay a registration fee of either One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)  
19 for a five-year registration certificate or Two Hundred Dollars  
20 (\$200.00) for a ten-year registration certificate to the Bureau at  
21 the time of each application for registration, except as provided in  
22 paragraph 2 of this subsection. Registration certificates issued by  
23 the Bureau shall be valid for a period of five (5) years or ten (10)  
24 years from the date of issuance. The Bureau shall issue a five-year  
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1 or ten-year handgun license to an approved firearms instructor at  
2 the time of issuance of a registration certificate and no additional  
3 fee shall be required or charged. The Bureau shall maintain a  
4 current listing of all registered firearms instructors in this  
5 state. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to eliminate  
6 the requirement for registration and training with CLEET as provided  
7 in subsection B of this section. Failure to register or be trained  
8 as required shall result in a revocation or suspension of the  
9 instructor certificate by the Bureau.

10 2. On or after July 1, 2003, the registered instructors listed  
11 in subparagraphs a and b of this paragraph shall not be required to  
12 renew the firearms instructor registration certificate with the  
13 Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation at the expiration of the  
14 registration term, provided the instructor is not subject to any  
15 suspension or revocation of the firearms instructor certificate.  
16 The firearms instructor registration with the Oklahoma State Bureau  
17 of Investigation shall automatically renew together with the handgun  
18 license authorized in paragraph 1 of this subsection for an  
19 additional five-year term and no additional cost or fee may be  
20 charged for the following individuals:

- 21 a. an active duty law enforcement officer of this state  
22 or any of its political subdivisions or of the federal  
23 government who has a valid CLEET approval as a  
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1 firearms instructor pursuant to the Oklahoma Self-  
2 Defense Act, and

3 b. a retired law enforcement officer authorized to carry  
4 a firearm pursuant to Section 1289.8 of this title who  
5 has a valid CLEET approval as a firearms instructor  
6 pursuant to the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act.

7 D. The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation shall approve  
8 registration for a firearms instructor applicant who is in full  
9 compliance with CLEET rules regarding firearms instructors and the  
10 provisions of subsection B of this section, if completion of the  
11 federal fingerprint search is the only reason for delay of  
12 registration of that firearms instructor applicant. Upon receipt of  
13 the federal fingerprint search information, if the Bureau receives  
14 information which precludes the person from having a handgun  
15 license, the Bureau shall revoke both the registration and the  
16 handgun license previously issued to the firearms instructor.

17 E. The required firearms safety and training course and the  
18 actual demonstration of competency and qualification required of the  
19 applicant shall be designed and conducted in such a manner that the  
20 course can be reasonably completed by the applicant within an eight-  
21 hour period. CLEET shall establish the course content and  
22 promulgate rules, procedures and forms necessary to implement the  
23 provisions of this subsection. For the training and qualification  
24 course, an applicant may be charged a fee which shall be determined  
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1 by the instructor or entity that is conducting the course. The  
2 maximum class size shall be determined by the instructor conducting  
3 the course; provided, however, practice shooting sessions shall not  
4 have more than ten participating students at one time. CLEET may  
5 establish criteria for assistant instructors and any other  
6 requirements deemed necessary to conduct a safe and effective  
7 training and qualification course. The course content shall include  
8 a safety inspection of the firearm to be used by the applicant in  
9 the training course; instruction on pistol handling, safety and  
10 storage; dynamics of ammunition and firing; methods or positions for  
11 firing a pistol; information about the criminal provisions of the  
12 Oklahoma law relating to firearms; the requirements of the Oklahoma  
13 Self-Defense Act as it relates to the applicant; self-defense and  
14 the use of appropriate force; a practice shooting session; and a  
15 familiarization course. The firearms instructor shall refuse to  
16 train or qualify any person when the pistol to be used or carried by  
17 the person is either deemed unsafe or unfit for firing or is a  
18 weapon not authorized by the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act. The course  
19 shall provide an opportunity for the applicant to qualify himself or  
20 herself on either a derringer, a revolver, a semiautomatic pistol,  
21 an air-powered pistol or any combination of a derringer, a revolver  
22 ~~and,~~ a semiautomatic pistol, and an air-powered pistol, provided no  
23 pistol shall be capable of firing larger than .45 caliber  
24 ammunition. Any applicant who successfully trains and qualifies  
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1 himself or herself with a semiautomatic pistol may be approved by  
2 the firearms instructor on the training certificate for a  
3 semiautomatic pistol, a revolver ~~and~~, a derringer, and an air-  
4 powered pistol upon request of the applicant. Any person who  
5 qualifies on a derringer ~~or~~, revolver or an air-powered pistol shall  
6 not be eligible for a semiautomatic rating until the person has  
7 demonstrated competence and qualifications on a semiautomatic  
8 pistol. Upon successful completion of the training and  
9 qualification course, a certificate of training and a certificate of  
10 competency and qualification shall be issued to each applicant who  
11 successfully completes the course. The certificate of training and  
12 certificate of competency and qualification shall comply with the  
13 forms established by CLEET and shall be submitted with an  
14 application for a handgun license pursuant to the provisions of  
15 paragraph 2 of subsection A of Section 1290.12 of this title. The  
16 certificate of training and certificate of competency and  
17 qualification issued to an applicant shall be valid for a period of  
18 three (3) years.

19 F. There is hereby created a revolving fund for the Council on  
20 Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET), to be designated the  
21 "Firearms Instructors Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a  
22 continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall  
23 consist of all funds received for approval of firearms instructors  
24 for purposes of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act. All funds received

1 shall be deposited to the fund. All monies accruing to the credit  
2 of said fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and  
3 expended by the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training,  
4 for implementation of the training and qualification course  
5 contents, approval of firearms instructors and any other CLEET  
6 requirement pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense  
7 Act or as may otherwise be deemed appropriate by CLEET.  
8 Expenditures from said fund shall be made upon warrants issued by  
9 the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with  
10 the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for  
11 approval and payment.

12 G. Firearms instructors shall keep on file for a period of not  
13 less than three (3) years a roster of each training class, the  
14 safety test score of each individual, the caliber and type of weapon  
15 each individual used when qualifying and whether or not each  
16 individual successfully completed the training course. Firearms  
17 instructors shall be authorized to destroy all training documents  
18 and records upon expiration of the three-year time period.

19 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.  
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