

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL No. 119

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Citations Affected: IC 3-7; IC 14-8; IC 14-22; IC 35-47.

Synopsis: Firearms matters. Provides that a person may not sell, give, or in any other manner transfer ownership or possession of a machine gun to any person under 18 years of age. Provides that a person who knowingly or intentionally sells, provides, or in any other manner transfers ownership or possession of a machine gun to a person under 18 years of age commits a: (1) Level 5 felony; (2) Level 4 felony if the person has a prior conviction for the offense; or (3) Level 3 felony if a person under 18 years of age uses the machine gun to commit murder. Designates the following as voter registration offices: (1) Each office (Continued next page)

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January 3, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary. January 31, 2019, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass. February 4, 2019, read second time, ordered engrossed. Engrossed. February 5, 2019, read third time, passed. Yeas 48, nays 1.

HOUSE ACTION
February 26, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Policy.
March 25, 2019, amended, reported — Do Pass. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means pursuant to Rule 127. March 28, 2019, reported — Do Pass.



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affiliated with the Indiana state police. (2) Each office affiliated with the sheriff of a county. (3) Each office affiliated with a municipal law enforcement agency. Specifies that each issuance of a hunting, fishing, or trapping license shall be accompanied by a mail-in voter registration form. Permits a person who may legally possess a firearm to possess a firearm on school property if the person possesses the firearm: (1) as an employee or volunteer of a house of worship located on the school property; or (2) while attending a worship service or religious ceremony conducted at a house of worship. Increases the duration of a four year handgun license to five years. Provides that an individual may simultaneously hold both a five year license and a lifetime license. Requires a law enforcement officer to whom an application for a handgun license is made to consult available local, state, and federal criminal history data banks, including the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS), when determining whether possession of a firearm by an applicant would be a violation of state or federal law. Modifies the fees for five year licenses beginning July 1, 2020. Makes conforming amendments.



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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 3-7-18-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.128-2015,
SECTION 68, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 2. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) and
as provided in 52 U.S.C. 20506(a)(4)(A)(i) and 52 U.S.C.
20506(a)(6)(A), an agency designated under IC 3-7-19 (board of
registration offices), IC 3-7-20.5 (unemployment compensation offices
and law enforcement offices), and IC 3-7-21 (additional designated
voter registration offices) shall distribute a voter registration form
prescribed under this chapter to each person applying for assistance
from the agency whenever the applicant:
(1) applies for service or assistance;
(2) applies for recertification or renewal of services or assistance;
or
(3) submits a change of address form relating to the service or
assistance;
unless the applicant declines in writing to register to vote.
(b) A law enforcement agency is not required to distribute the



voter registration form described under subsection (a) unless a person is applying for a license to carry a handgun under IC 35-47-2-3.

SECTION 2. IC 3-7-20.5-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.128-2015, SECTION 79, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 1. Each office of the department of employment and training services that provides assistance or services concerning unemployment compensation following locations is designated as a voter registration office under 52 U.S.C. 20506:

- (1) Each office of the department of employment and training services that provides assistance or services concerning unemployment compensation.
- (2) Each office affiliated with the Indiana state police.
- (3) Each office affiliated with the sheriff of a county.
- (4) Each office affiliated with a municipal law enforcement agency.

SECTION 3. IC 3-7-20.5-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 3. For purposes of this chapter, the executive director of the department of employment and training services is the following persons shall act as a "governing body" under IC 3-7-18:

- (1) The executive director of the department of employment and training services.
- (2) The superintendent of state police.
- (3) The sheriff of a county.
- (4) The chief of police or comparable law enforcement officer for a municipal law enforcement agency.

SECTION 4. IC 3-7-24-1.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 1.5. (a) An organization or entity that sells a hunting, fishing, or trapping license described under IC 14-22 shall be designated as a distribution site for registration by mail forms.

(b) The NVRA official may enter into an agreement on behalf of the commission with the board of trustees or comparable executive authority for an organization or entity described in subsection (a) to designate the organization or entity described in subsection (a) as a distribution site for registration by mail forms under this section.

SECTION 5. IC 14-8-2-236.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: **Sec. 236.5.** "**Registration by mail form**" means the mail voter registration application form as



1	described under IC 3-7-22.
2	SECTION 6. IC 14-22-11-2.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
3	CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
4	[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 2.5. (a) Except as otherwise
5	provided, the issuance of any license described in this chapter shall
6	be accompanied by a registration by mail form.
7	(b) A person provided with a registration by mail form under
8	this section may refuse receipt of the registration by mail form.
9	The issuance of a license described under this chapter may not be
10	contingent upon a person:
11	(1) accepting the registration by mail form described in
12	subsection (a); or
13	(2) registering to vote.
14	SECTION 7. IC 35-47-2-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.86-2018,
15	SECTION 335, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
16	[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 3. (a) A person desiring a license
17	to carry a handgun shall apply:
18	(1) to the chief of police or corresponding law enforcement officer
19	of the municipality in which the applicant resides;
20	(2) if that municipality has no such officer, or if the applicant does
21	not reside in a municipality, to the sheriff of the county in which
22	the applicant resides after the applicant has obtained an
23	application form prescribed by the superintendent; or
24	(3) if the applicant is a resident of another state and has a regular
25	place of business or employment in Indiana, to the sheriff of the
26	county in which the applicant has a regular place of business or
27	employment.
28	The superintendent and local law enforcement agencies shall allow an
29	applicant desiring to obtain or renew a license to carry a handgun to
30	submit an application electronically under this chapter if funds are
31	available to establish and maintain an electronic application system.
32	(b) The law enforcement agency which accepts an application for a
33	handgun license shall not collect a fee from a person applying for a
34	five (5) year handgun license and shall collect the following
35	application fees:
36	(1) From a person applying for a four (4) year handgun license, a
37	ten dollar (\$10) application fee, five dollars (\$5) of which shall be
38	refunded if the license is not issued.
39	(2) (1) From a person applying for a lifetime handgun license who
40	does not currently possess a valid Indiana handgun license, a fifty
41	dollar (\$50) application fee, thirty dollars (\$30) of which shall be



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refunded if the license is not issued.

(3) (2) From a person applying for a lifetime handgun license who currently possesses a valid Indiana handgun license, a forty dollar (\$40) application fee, thirty dollars (\$30) of which shall be refunded if the license is not issued.

Except as provided in subsection (h), the fee shall be deposited into the law enforcement agency's firearms training fund or other appropriate training activities fund and used by the agency to train law enforcement officers in the proper use of firearms or in other law enforcement duties, or to purchase firearms, firearm related equipment, or body armor (as defined in IC 35-47-5-13(a)) for the law enforcement officers employed by the law enforcement agency. The state board of accounts shall establish rules for the proper accounting and expenditure of funds collected under this subsection.

(c) The officer to whom the application is made shall ascertain the applicant's name, full address, length of residence in the community, whether the applicant's residence is located within the limits of any city or town, the applicant's occupation, place of business or employment, criminal record, if any, and convictions (minor traffic offenses excepted), age, race, sex, nationality, date of birth, citizenship, height, weight, build, color of hair, color of eyes, scars and marks, whether the applicant has previously held an Indiana license to carry a handgun and, if so, the serial number of the license and year issued, whether the applicant's license has ever been suspended or revoked, and if so, the year and reason for the suspension or revocation, and the applicant's reason for desiring a license. If the applicant is not a United States citizen, the officer to whom the application is made shall ascertain the applicant's country of citizenship, place of birth, and any alien or admission number issued by United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement or any successor agency as applicable. The officer to whom the application is made shall conduct an investigation into the applicant's official records and verify thereby the applicant's character and reputation, and shall in addition verify for accuracy the information contained in the application, and shall forward this information together with the officer's recommendation for approval or disapproval and one (1) set of legible and classifiable fingerprints of the applicant to the superintendent. An investigation conducted under this section must include the consulting of available local, state, and federal criminal history data banks, including the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS), to determine whether possession of a firearm by an applicant would be a violation of state or federal law.

(d) The superintendent may make whatever further investigation the



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1	superintendent deems necessary. Whenever disapproval is
2	recommended, the officer to whom the application is made shall
3	provide the superintendent and the applicant with the officer's complete
4	and specific reasons, in writing, for the recommendation of
5	disapproval.
6	(e) If it appears to the superintendent that the applicant:
7	(1) has a proper reason for carrying a handgun;
8	(2) is of good character and reputation;
9	(3) is a proper person to be licensed; and
10	(4) is:
11	(A) a citizen of the United States; or
12	(B) not a citizen of the United States but is allowed to carry a
13	firearm in the United States under federal law;

the superintendent shall issue to the applicant a qualified or an unlimited license to carry any handgun lawfully possessed by the applicant. The original license shall be delivered to the licensee. A copy shall be delivered to the officer to whom the application for license was made. A copy shall be retained by the superintendent for at least four (4) five (5) years in the case of a four (4) five (5) year license. The superintendent may adopt guidelines to establish a records retention policy for a lifetime license. A four (4) five (5) year license shall be valid for a period of four (4) five (5) years from the date of issue. A lifetime license is valid for the life of the individual receiving the license. The license of police officers, sheriffs or their deputies, and law enforcement officers of the United States government who have twenty (20) or more years of service shall be valid for the life of these individuals. However, a lifetime license is automatically revoked if the license holder does not remain a proper person.

- (f) At the time a license is issued and delivered to a licensee under subsection (e), the superintendent shall include with the license information concerning handgun safety rules that:
 - (1) neither opposes nor supports an individual's right to bear arms; and
 - (2) is:
 - (A) recommended by a nonprofit educational organization that is dedicated to providing education on safe handling and use of firearms;
 - (B) prepared by the state police department; and
 - (C) approved by the superintendent.

The superintendent may not deny a license under this section because the information required under this subsection is unavailable at the time the superintendent would otherwise issue a license. The state



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- (g) A license to carry a handgun shall not be issued to any person who:
 - (1) has been convicted of a felony;

- (2) has had a license to carry a handgun suspended, unless the person's license has been reinstated;
- (3) is under eighteen (18) years of age;
- (4) is under twenty-three (23) years of age if the person has been adjudicated a delinquent child for an act that would be a felony if committed by an adult; or
- (5) has been arrested for a Class A or Class B felony for an offense committed before July 1, 2014, for a Level 1, Level 2, Level 3, or Level 4 felony for an offense committed after June 30, 2014, or any other felony that was committed while armed with a deadly weapon or that involved the use of violence, if a court has found probable cause to believe that the person committed the offense charged; **or**

(6) is prohibited by federal law from possessing or receiving firearms under 18 U.S.C. 922(g).

In the case of an arrest under subdivision (5), a license to carry a handgun may be issued to a person who has been acquitted of the specific offense charged or if the charges for the specific offense are dismissed. The superintendent shall prescribe all forms to be used in connection with the administration of this chapter.

- (h) If the law enforcement agency that charges a fee under subsection (b) is a city or town law enforcement agency, the fee shall be deposited in the law enforcement continuing education fund established under IC 5-2-8-2.
- (i) If a person who holds a valid license to carry a handgun issued under this chapter:
 - (1) changes the person's name;
 - (2) changes the person's address; or
 - (3) experiences a change, including an arrest or a conviction, that may affect the person's status as a proper person (as defined in IC 35-47-1-7) or otherwise disqualify the person from holding a license;

the person shall, not later than thirty (30) days after the date of a change described under subdivision (3), and not later than sixty (60) days after the date of the change described under subdivision (1) or (2), notify the superintendent, in writing, of the event described under



1	subdivision (3) or, in the case of a change under subdivision (1) or (2),
2	the person's new name or new address.
3	(j) The state police shall indicate on the form for a license to carry
4	a handgun the notification requirements of subsection (i).
5	(k) The state police department shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to:
6	(1) implement an electronic application system under subsection
7	(a); and
8	(2) expedite the processing of an application made by a person
9	described in section 2.1(b) of this chapter.
10	Rules adopted under this section must require the superintendent to
11	keep on file one (1) set of classifiable and legible fingerprints from
12	every person who has received a license to carry a handgun so that a
13	person who applies to renew a license will not be required to submit an
14	additional set of fingerprints.
15	(l) Except as provided in subsection (m), for purposes of
16	IC 5-14-3-4(a)(1), the following information is confidential, may not
17	be published, and is not open to public inspection:
18	(1) Information submitted by a person under this section to:
19	(A) obtain; or
20	(B) renew;
21	a license to carry a handgun.
22	(2) Information obtained by a federal, state, or local government
23	entity in the course of an investigation concerning a person who
24	applies to:
25	(A) obtain; or
26	(B) renew;
27	a license to carry a handgun issued under this chapter.
28	(3) The name, address, and any other information that may be
29	used to identify a person who holds a license to carry a handgun
30	issued under this chapter.
31	(m) Notwithstanding subsection (l):
32	(1) any information concerning an applicant for or a person who
33	holds a license to carry a handgun issued under this chapter may
34	be released to a federal, state, or local government entity:
35	(A) for law enforcement purposes; or
36	(B) to determine the validity of a license to carry a handgun;
37	and
38	(2) general information concerning the issuance of licenses to
39	carry handguns in Indiana may be released to a person conducting
40	journalistic or academic research, but only if all personal
41	information that could disclose the identity of any person who
42	holds a license to carry a handgun issued under this chapter has



1	been removed from the general information.
2	(n) A person who knowingly or intentionally violates this section
3	commits a Class B misdemeanor.
4	SECTION 8. IC 35-47-2-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.17-2017,
5	SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
6	JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 4. (a) Licenses to carry handguns shall be either
7	qualified or unlimited, and are valid for:
8	(1) four (4) five (5) years from the date of issue in the case of a
9	four (4) five (5) year license; or
10	(2) the life of the individual receiving the license in the case of a
11	lifetime license.
12	A qualified license shall be issued for hunting and target practice. An
13	individual may separately apply for and simultaneously hold both
14	a five (5) year license and a lifetime license. The superintendent may
15	adopt rules imposing limitations on the use and carrying of handguns
16	under a license when handguns are carried by a licensee as a condition
17	of employment. Unlimited licenses shall be issued for the purpose of
18	the protection of life and property.
19	(b) This subsection applies before July 1, 2020. In addition to the
20	application fee, the fee for:
21	(1) a qualified license shall be:
22	(A) five dollars (\$5) for a four (4) five (5) year qualified
23	license;
24	(B) twenty-five dollars (\$25) for a lifetime qualified license
25	from a person who does not currently possess a valid Indiana
26	handgun license; or
27	(C) twenty dollars (\$20) for a lifetime qualified license from
28	a person who currently possesses a valid Indiana handgur
29	license; and
30	(2) an unlimited license shall be:
31	(A) thirty dollars (\$30) for a four (4) five (5) year unlimited
32	license;
33	(B) seventy-five dollars (\$75) for a lifetime unlimited license
34	from a person who does not currently possess a valid Indiana
35	handgun license; or
36	(C) sixty dollars (\$60) for a lifetime unlimited license from a
37	person who currently possesses a valid Indiana handgur
38	license.
39	The superintendent shall charge a twenty dollar (\$20) fee for the
40	issuance of a duplicate license to replace a lost or damaged license.
41	These fees shall be deposited in accordance with subsection (f). (g).

(c) This subsection applies after June 30, 2020. In addition to the



1	application fee, the fee for:
2	(1) a qualified license is:
3	(A) zero dollars (\$0) for a five (5) year qualified license;
4	(B) twenty-five dollars (\$25) for a lifetime qualified license
5	from a person who does not currently possess a valid
6	Indiana handgun license; and
7	(C) twenty dollars (\$20) for a lifetime qualified license
8	from a person who currently possesses a valid Indiana
9	handgun license; and
10	(2) an unlimited license is:
11	(A) zero dollars (\$0) for a five (5) year unlimited license;
12	(B) seventy-five dollars (\$75) for a lifetime unlimited
13	license from a person who does not currently possess a
14	valid Indiana handgun license; and
15	(C) sixty dollars (\$60) for a lifetime unlimited license from
16	a person who currently possesses a valid Indiana handgun
17	license.
18	The superintendent shall charge a twenty dollar (\$20) fee for the
19	issuance of a duplicate license to replace a lost or damaged license.
20	These fees shall be deposited in accordance with subsection (g).
21	(c) (d) Licensed dealers are exempt from the payment of fees
22	specified in subsection subsections (b) and (c) for a qualified license
23	or an unlimited license.
24	(d) (e) The following officers of this state or the United States who
25	have been honorably retired by a lawfully created pension board or its
26	equivalent after at least twenty (20) years of service or because of a
27	disability are exempt from the payment of fees specified in subsection
28	subsections (b) and (c):
29	(1) Police officers.
30	(2) Sheriffs or their deputies.
31	(3) Law enforcement officers.
32	(4) Correctional officers.
33	(e) (f) The following officers described in section 3(e) of this
34	chapter who have at least twenty (20) years of service are exempt from
35	the payment of fees for a lifetime qualified license or a lifetime
36	unlimited license specified in subsection subsections (b) and (c):
37	(1) Police officers.
38	(2) Sheriffs or their deputies.
39	(3) Law enforcement officers of the United States government.
40	(f) (g) Fees collected under this section shall be deposited in the
41	state general fund.
42	(g) (h) The superintendent may not issue a lifetime qualified license



or a lifetime unlimited license to a person who is a resident of another
state. The superintendent may issue a four (4) five (5) year qualified
license or a four (4) five (5) year unlimited license to a person who is
a resident of another state and who has a regular place of business or
employment in Indiana as described in section 3(a)(3) of this chapter.

- (h) (i) A person who knowingly or intentionally violates this section commits a Class B misdemeanor.
- (j) If the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives certifies the five (5) year license described under this section as a valid National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) compliant background check for firearm purchases:
 - (1) a five (5) year license issued under this section must conspicuously display the term "Brady Exempt"; and
 - (2) a person bearing a valid license described in subdivision
 - (1) is exempt from undergoing a:
 - (A) state; or

(B) federal;

background check when purchasing a firearm.

SECTION 9. IC 35-47-2-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.152-2014, SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 7. (a) As used in this section, "machine gun" means any weapon that shoots, is designed to shoot, or can be readily restored to shoot automatically more than one (1) shot, without manual reloading, by a single function of the trigger. The term includes the frame or receiver of any such weapon, any part designed and intended solely and exclusively, or a combination of parts designed and intended, for use in converting a weapon into a machine gun, and any combination of parts from which a machine gun can be assembled if such parts are in the possession or under the control of a person.

(a) (b) Except an individual acting within a parent-minor child or guardian-minor protected person relationship or any other individual who is also acting in compliance with IC 35-47-10 (governing children and firearms) and federal law, a person may not sell, give, or in any other manner transfer the ownership or possession of a handgun or assault weapon machine gun to any person under eighteen (18) years of age. A person who knowingly or intentionally sells, gives, or in any other manner transfers ownership or possession of a machine gun to a person under eighteen (18) years of age commits a Level 5 felony. However, the offense is a Level 4 felony if the person who sells, gives, or transfers ownership of the machine gun has a prior conviction under this section, and a Level 3 felony if a person



1 2	under eighteen (18) years of age uses the machine gun to commi murder (IC 35-42-1-1).
3	(b) (c) A person who knowingly or intentionally sells, gives, or in
4	any other manner transfers the ownership or possession of a handgur
5	to another person who the person knows:
6	(1) is ineligible for any reason other than the person's age to
7	purchase or otherwise receive from a dealer a handgun; or
8	(2) intends to use the handgun to commit a crime;
9	commits criminal transfer of a handgun, a Level 5 felony. However, the
10	offense is a Level 3 felony if the other person uses the handgun to
11	commit murder (IC 35-42-1-1).
12	(c) (d) A person who purchases a handgun with the intent to:
13	(1) resell or otherwise provide the handgun to another person who
14	the person knows is ineligible for any reason to purchase o
15	otherwise receive from a dealer a handgun;
16	(2) resell or otherwise provide the handgun to another person who
17	the person knows intends to use the handgun to commit a crime
18	or
19	(3) transport the handgun outside Indiana to be resold o
20	otherwise provided to another person who the transferor knows
21	(A) is ineligible to purchase or otherwise receive a handgun
21 22 23 24 25 26 27	or
23	(B) intends to use the handgun to commit a crime;
24	commits the straw purchase of a handgun, a Level 5 felony. However
25	the offense is a Level 3 felony if the other person uses the handgun to
26	commit murder (IC 35-42-1-1).
	(d) (e) As used in this subsection, "NICS" has the meaning set forth
28	in IC 35-47-2.5-2.5. It is a defense to a prosecution under subsection
29	(b)(1) (c)(1) that:
30	(1) the accused person contacted NICS (or had a dealer contact
31	NICS on the person's behalf) to request a background check or
32	the other person before the accused person sold, gave, or in any
33	other manner transferred the ownership or possession of the
34	handgun to the other person; and
35	(2) the accused person (or dealer acting on the person's behalf
36	received authorization from NICS to sell, give, or in any othe
37	manner transfer ownership or possession of the handgun to the
38	other person.
39	SECTION 10. IC 35-47-9-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.157-2014
40	SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
41	JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 1. (a) This chapter does not apply to the following
42	(1) A:



1	(A) federal;
2	(B) state; or
3	(C) local;
4	law enforcement officer.
5	(2) A person who may legally possess a firearm and who has been
6	authorized by:
7	(A) a school board (as defined by IC 20-26-9-4); or
8	(B) the body that administers a charter school established
9	under IC 20-24;
10	to carry a firearm in or on school property.
11	(3) Except as provided in subsection (b) or (c), a person who:
12	(A) may legally possess a firearm; and
13	(B) possesses the firearm in a motor vehicle.
14	(4) A person who is a school resource officer, as defined in
15	IC 20-26-18.2-1.
16	(5) Except as provided in subsection (b) or (c), a person who:
17	(A) may legally possess a firearm; and
18	(B) possesses only a firearm that is:
19	(i) locked in the trunk of the person's motor vehicle;
20	(ii) kept in the glove compartment of the person's locked
21	motor vehicle; or
22	(iii) stored out of plain sight in the person's locked motor
22 23 24	vehicle.
24	(6) A person who:
25	(A) may legally possess a firearm; and
26	(B) possesses a firearm on school property in connection
27	with or while:
28	(i) attending a worship service or religious ceremony
29	conducted at a house of worship located on the school
30	property; or
31	(ii) carrying out the person's official duties at a house of
32	worship located on the school property, if the person is
33 34	employed by or a volunteer at the house of worship.
35	This subdivision does not affect the right of a property owner
36	to prohibit, in whole or in part, the possession of a firearm on a property where a school or house of worship is located.
37	(b) For purposes of subsection (a)(3) and (a)(5), a person does not
38	include a person who is:
39	(1) enrolled as a student in any high school except if the person is
40	a high school student and is a member of a shooting sports team
41	and the school's principal has approved the person keeping a
42.	firearm concealed in the person's motor vehicle on the days the



1	person is competing or practicing as a member of a shooting
2	sports team; or
3	(2) a former student of the school if the person is no longer
4	enrolled in the school due to a disciplinary action within the
5	previous twenty-four (24) months.
6	(c) For purposes of subsection (a)(3) and (a)(5), a motor vehicle
7	does not include a motor vehicle owned, leased, or controlled by a
8	school or school district unless the person who possesses the firearm
9	is authorized by the school or school district to possess a firearm.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 119, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 1, delete lines 13 through 17, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"(a) (b) Except an individual acting within a parent-minor child or guardian-minor protected person relationship or any other individual who is also acting in compliance with IC 35-47-10 (governing children and firearms) and federal law, a person may not sell, give, or in any other manner transfer the ownership or possession of:

- (1) a handgun or assault weapon to any person under eighteen (18) years of age; or
- (2) a machine gun to any person under twenty-one (21) years of age.

A person who knowingly or intentionally sells, gives, or in any other manner transfers ownership or possession of a machine gun to a person under twenty-one (21) years of age commits a Level 5 felony. However, the offense is a Level 4 felony if the person who sells, gives, or transfers ownership of the machine gun has a prior conviction under this section, and a Level 3 felony if a person under twenty-one (21) years of age uses the machine gun to commit murder (IC 35-42-1-1)."

Page 2, delete lines 1 through 11.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 119 as introduced.)

HEAD, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 10, Nays 1.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Public Policy, to which was referred Senate Bill 119, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, between the enacting clause and line 1, begin a new



paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 1. IC 3-7-18-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.128-2015, SECTION 68, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 2. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) and as provided in 52 U.S.C. 20506(a)(4)(A)(i) and 52 U.S.C. 20506(a)(6)(A), an agency designated under IC 3-7-19 (board of registration offices), IC 3-7-20.5 (unemployment compensation offices and law enforcement offices), and IC 3-7-21 (additional designated voter registration offices) shall distribute a voter registration form prescribed under this chapter to each person applying for assistance from the agency whenever the applicant:

- (1) applies for service or assistance;
- (2) applies for recertification or renewal of services or assistance; or
- (3) submits a change of address form relating to the service or assistance;

unless the applicant declines in writing to register to vote.

(b) A law enforcement agency is not required to distribute the voter registration form described under subsection (a) unless a person is applying for a license to carry a handgun under IC 35-47-2-3.

SECTION 2. IC 3-7-20.5-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.128-2015, SECTION 79, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 1. Each office of the department of employment and training services that provides assistance or services concerning unemployment compensation following locations is designated as a voter registration office under 52 U.S.C. 20506:

- (1) Each office of the department of employment and training services that provides assistance or services concerning unemployment compensation.
- (2) Each office affiliated with the Indiana state police.
- (3) Each office affiliated with the sheriff of a county.
- (4) Each office affiliated with a municipal law enforcement agency.

SECTION 3. IC 3-7-20.5-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 3. For purposes of this chapter, the executive director of the department of employment and training services is the following persons shall act as a "governing body" under IC 3-7-18:

- (1) The executive director of the department of employment and training services.
- (2) The superintendent of state police.



- (3) The sheriff of a county.
- (4) The chief of police or comparable law enforcement officer for a municipal law enforcement agency.

SECTION 4. IC 3-7-24-1.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 1.5. (a) An organization or entity that sells a hunting, fishing, or trapping license described under IC 14-22 shall be designated as a distribution site for registration by mail forms.

(b) The NVRA official may enter into an agreement on behalf of the commission with the board of trustees or comparable executive authority for an organization or entity described in subsection (a) to designate the organization or entity described in subsection (a) as a distribution site for registration by mail forms under this section.

SECTION 5. IC 14-8-2-236.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: **Sec. 236.5.** "**Registration by mail form**" means the mail voter registration application form as described under IC 3-7-22.

SECTION 6. IC 14-22-11-2.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: **Sec. 2.5.** (a) **Except as otherwise provided, the issuance of any license described in this chapter shall be accompanied by a registration by mail form.**

- (b) A person provided with a registration by mail form under this section may refuse receipt of the registration by mail form. The issuance of a license described under this chapter may not be contingent upon a person:
 - (1) accepting the registration by mail form described in subsection (a); or
 - (2) registering to vote.

SECTION 8. IC 35-47-2-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.86-2018, SECTION 335, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 3. (a) A person desiring a license to carry a handgun shall apply:

- (1) to the chief of police or corresponding law enforcement officer of the municipality in which the applicant resides;
- (2) if that municipality has no such officer, or if the applicant does not reside in a municipality, to the sheriff of the county in which the applicant resides after the applicant has obtained an application form prescribed by the superintendent; or
- (3) if the applicant is a resident of another state and has a regular



place of business or employment in Indiana, to the sheriff of the county in which the applicant has a regular place of business or employment.

The superintendent and local law enforcement agencies shall allow an applicant desiring to obtain or renew a license to carry a handgun to submit an application electronically under this chapter if funds are available to establish and maintain an electronic application system.

- (b) The law enforcement agency which accepts an application for a handgun license shall **not collect a fee from a person applying for a five (5) year handgun license and shall** collect the following application fees:
 - (1) From a person applying for a four (4) year handgun license, a ten dollar (\$10) application fee, five dollars (\$5) of which shall be refunded if the license is not issued.
 - (2) (1) From a person applying for a lifetime handgun license who does not currently possess a valid Indiana handgun license, a fifty dollar (\$50) application fee, thirty dollars (\$30) of which shall be refunded if the license is not issued.
 - (3) (2) From a person applying for a lifetime handgun license who currently possesses a valid Indiana handgun license, a forty dollar (\$40) application fee, thirty dollars (\$30) of which shall be refunded if the license is not issued.

Except as provided in subsection (h), the fee shall be deposited into the law enforcement agency's firearms training fund or other appropriate training activities fund and used by the agency to train law enforcement officers in the proper use of firearms or in other law enforcement duties, or to purchase firearms, firearm related equipment, or body armor (as defined in IC 35-47-5-13(a)) for the law enforcement officers employed by the law enforcement agency. The state board of accounts shall establish rules for the proper accounting and expenditure of funds collected under this subsection.

(c) The officer to whom the application is made shall ascertain the applicant's name, full address, length of residence in the community, whether the applicant's residence is located within the limits of any city or town, the applicant's occupation, place of business or employment, criminal record, if any, and convictions (minor traffic offenses excepted), age, race, sex, nationality, date of birth, citizenship, height, weight, build, color of hair, color of eyes, scars and marks, whether the applicant has previously held an Indiana license to carry a handgun and, if so, the serial number of the license and year issued, whether the applicant's license has ever been suspended or revoked, and if so, the year and reason for the suspension or revocation, and the applicant's



reason for desiring a license. If the applicant is not a United States citizen, the officer to whom the application is made shall ascertain the applicant's country of citizenship, place of birth, and any alien or admission number issued by United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement or any successor agency as applicable. The officer to whom the application is made shall conduct an investigation into the applicant's official records and verify thereby the applicant's character and reputation, and shall in addition verify for accuracy the information contained in the application, and shall forward this information together with the officer's recommendation for approval or disapproval and one (1) set of legible and classifiable fingerprints of the applicant to the superintendent. An investigation conducted under this section must include the consulting of available local, state, and federal criminal history data banks, including the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS), to determine whether possession of a firearm by an applicant would be a violation of state or federal law.

- (d) The superintendent may make whatever further investigation the superintendent deems necessary. Whenever disapproval is recommended, the officer to whom the application is made shall provide the superintendent and the applicant with the officer's complete and specific reasons, in writing, for the recommendation of disapproval.
 - (e) If it appears to the superintendent that the applicant:
 - (1) has a proper reason for carrying a handgun;
 - (2) is of good character and reputation;
 - (3) is a proper person to be licensed; and
 - (4) is:
 - (A) a citizen of the United States; or
 - (B) not a citizen of the United States but is allowed to carry a firearm in the United States under federal law;

the superintendent shall issue to the applicant a qualified or an unlimited license to carry any handgun lawfully possessed by the applicant. The original license shall be delivered to the licensee. A copy shall be delivered to the officer to whom the application for license was made. A copy shall be retained by the superintendent for at least four (4) five (5) years in the case of a four (4) five (5) year license. The superintendent may adopt guidelines to establish a records retention policy for a lifetime license. A four (4) five (5) year license shall be valid for a period of four (4) five (5) years from the date of issue. A lifetime license is valid for the life of the individual receiving the license. The license of police officers, sheriffs or their deputies, and



law enforcement officers of the United States government who have twenty (20) or more years of service shall be valid for the life of these individuals. However, a lifetime license is automatically revoked if the license holder does not remain a proper person.

- (f) At the time a license is issued and delivered to a licensee under subsection (e), the superintendent shall include with the license information concerning handgun safety rules that:
 - (1) neither opposes nor supports an individual's right to bear arms; and
 - (2) is:
 - (A) recommended by a nonprofit educational organization that is dedicated to providing education on safe handling and use of firearms;
 - (B) prepared by the state police department; and
 - (C) approved by the superintendent.

The superintendent may not deny a license under this section because the information required under this subsection is unavailable at the time the superintendent would otherwise issue a license. The state police department may accept private donations or grants to defray the cost of printing and mailing the information required under this subsection.

- (g) A license to carry a handgun shall not be issued to any person who:
 - (1) has been convicted of a felony;
 - (2) has had a license to carry a handgun suspended, unless the person's license has been reinstated;
 - (3) is under eighteen (18) years of age;
 - (4) is under twenty-three (23) years of age if the person has been adjudicated a delinquent child for an act that would be a felony if committed by an adult; or
 - (5) has been arrested for a Class A or Class B felony for an offense committed before July 1, 2014, for a Level 1, Level 2, Level 3, or Level 4 felony for an offense committed after June 30, 2014, or any other felony that was committed while armed with a deadly weapon or that involved the use of violence, if a court has found probable cause to believe that the person committed the offense charged; **or**
 - (6) is prohibited by federal law from possessing or receiving firearms under 18 U.S.C. 922(g).

In the case of an arrest under subdivision (5), a license to carry a handgun may be issued to a person who has been acquitted of the specific offense charged or if the charges for the specific offense are



dismissed. The superintendent shall prescribe all forms to be used in connection with the administration of this chapter.

- (h) If the law enforcement agency that charges a fee under subsection (b) is a city or town law enforcement agency, the fee shall be deposited in the law enforcement continuing education fund established under IC 5-2-8-2.
- (i) If a person who holds a valid license to carry a handgun issued under this chapter:
 - (1) changes the person's name;
 - (2) changes the person's address; or
 - (3) experiences a change, including an arrest or a conviction, that may affect the person's status as a proper person (as defined in IC 35-47-1-7) or otherwise disqualify the person from holding a license;

the person shall, not later than thirty (30) days after the date of a change described under subdivision (3), and not later than sixty (60) days after the date of the change described under subdivision (1) or (2), notify the superintendent, in writing, of the event described under subdivision (3) or, in the case of a change under subdivision (1) or (2), the person's new name or new address.

- (j) The state police shall indicate on the form for a license to carry a handgun the notification requirements of subsection (i).
 - (k) The state police department shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to:
 - (1) implement an electronic application system under subsection (a); and
 - (2) expedite the processing of an application made by a person described in section 2.1(b) of this chapter.

Rules adopted under this section must require the superintendent to keep on file one (1) set of classifiable and legible fingerprints from every person who has received a license to carry a handgun so that a person who applies to renew a license will not be required to submit an additional set of fingerprints.

- (l) Except as provided in subsection (m), for purposes of IC 5-14-3-4(a)(1), the following information is confidential, may not be published, and is not open to public inspection:
 - (1) Information submitted by a person under this section to:
 - (A) obtain; or
 - (B) renew;
 - a license to carry a handgun.
 - (2) Information obtained by a federal, state, or local government entity in the course of an investigation concerning a person who applies to:



- (A) obtain; or
- (B) renew;
- a license to carry a handgun issued under this chapter.
- (3) The name, address, and any other information that may be used to identify a person who holds a license to carry a handgun issued under this chapter.
- (m) Notwithstanding subsection (l):
 - (1) any information concerning an applicant for or a person who holds a license to carry a handgun issued under this chapter may be released to a federal, state, or local government entity:
 - (A) for law enforcement purposes; or
 - (B) to determine the validity of a license to carry a handgun; and
 - (2) general information concerning the issuance of licenses to carry handguns in Indiana may be released to a person conducting journalistic or academic research, but only if all personal information that could disclose the identity of any person who holds a license to carry a handgun issued under this chapter has been removed from the general information.
- (n) A person who knowingly or intentionally violates this section commits a Class B misdemeanor.
- SECTION 9. IC 35-47-2-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.17-2017, SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 4. (a) Licenses to carry handguns shall be either qualified or unlimited, and are valid for:
 - (1) four (4) five (5) years from the date of issue in the case of a four (4) five (5) year license; or
 - (2) the life of the individual receiving the license in the case of a lifetime license.

A qualified license shall be issued for hunting and target practice. An individual may separately apply for and simultaneously hold both a five (5) year license and a lifetime license. The superintendent may adopt rules imposing limitations on the use and carrying of handguns under a license when handguns are carried by a licensee as a condition of employment. Unlimited licenses shall be issued for the purpose of the protection of life and property.

- (b) **This subsection applies before July 1, 2020.** In addition to the application fee, the fee for:
 - (1) a qualified license shall be:
 - (A) five dollars (\$5) for a four (4) five (5) year qualified license;
 - (B) twenty-five dollars (\$25) for a lifetime qualified license



- from a person who does not currently possess a valid Indiana handgun license; or
- (C) twenty dollars (\$20) for a lifetime qualified license from a person who currently possesses a valid Indiana handgun license; and
- (2) an unlimited license shall be:
 - (A) thirty dollars (\$30) for a four (4) five (5) year unlimited license:
 - (B) seventy-five dollars (\$75) for a lifetime unlimited license from a person who does not currently possess a valid Indiana handgun license; or
 - (C) sixty dollars (\$60) for a lifetime unlimited license from a person who currently possesses a valid Indiana handgun license.

The superintendent shall charge a twenty dollar (\$20) fee for the issuance of a duplicate license to replace a lost or damaged license. These fees shall be deposited in accordance with subsection (f). (g).

- (c) This subsection applies after June 30, 2020. In addition to the application fee, the fee for:
 - (1) a qualified license is:
 - (A) zero dollars (\$0) for a five (5) year qualified license;
 - (B) twenty-five dollars (\$25) for a lifetime qualified license from a person who does not currently possess a valid Indiana handgun license; and
 - (C) twenty dollars (\$20) for a lifetime qualified license from a person who currently possesses a valid Indiana handgun license; and
 - (2) an unlimited license is:
 - (A) zero dollars (\$0) for a five (5) year unlimited license;
 - (B) seventy-five dollars (\$75) for a lifetime unlimited license from a person who does not currently possess a valid Indiana handgun license; and
 - (C) sixty dollars (\$60) for a lifetime unlimited license from a person who currently possesses a valid Indiana handgun license.

The superintendent shall charge a twenty dollar (\$20) fee for the issuance of a duplicate license to replace a lost or damaged license. These fees shall be deposited in accordance with subsection (g).

- (c) (d) Licensed dealers are exempt from the payment of fees specified in subsection subsections (b) and (c) for a qualified license or an unlimited license.
 - (d) (e) The following officers of this state or the United States who



have been honorably retired by a lawfully created pension board or its equivalent after at least twenty (20) years of service or because of a disability are exempt from the payment of fees specified in subsection subsections (b) and (c):

- (1) Police officers.
- (2) Sheriffs or their deputies.
- (3) Law enforcement officers.
- (4) Correctional officers.
- (e) (f) The following officers described in section 3(e) of this chapter who have at least twenty (20) years of service are exempt from the payment of fees for a lifetime qualified license or a lifetime unlimited license specified in subsection subsections (b) and (c):
 - (1) Police officers.
 - (2) Sheriffs or their deputies.
 - (3) Law enforcement officers of the United States government.
- (f) (g) Fees collected under this section shall be deposited in the state general fund.
- (g) (h) The superintendent may not issue a lifetime qualified license or a lifetime unlimited license to a person who is a resident of another state. The superintendent may issue a four (4) five (5) year qualified license or a four (4) five (5) year unlimited license to a person who is a resident of another state and who has a regular place of business or employment in Indiana as described in section 3(a)(3) of this chapter.
- (h) (i) A person who knowingly or intentionally violates this section commits a Class B misdemeanor.
- (j) If the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives certifies the five (5) year license described under this section as a valid National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) compliant background check for firearm purchases:
 - (1) a five (5) year license issued under this section must conspicuously display the term "Brady Exempt"; and
 - (2) a person bearing a valid license described in subdivision
 - (1) is exempt from undergoing a:
 - (A) state; or
 - (B) federal;

background check when purchasing a firearm.".

- Page 1, line 17, delete ":".
- Page 2, line 1, delete "(1)".
- Page 2, line 1, reset in roman "or".
- Page 2, line 1, after "weapon" insert "machine gun".
- Page 2, line 2, delete "; or" and insert ".".
- Page 2, delete lines 3 through 4.



- Page 1, run in line 17 through page 2, line 5.
- Page 2, line 7, delete "twenty-one (21)" and insert "eighteen (18)".
- Page 2, line 11, delete "twenty-one (21)" and insert "eighteen (18)".
- Page 3, after line 6, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 10. IC 35-47-9-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.157-2014, SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 1. (a) This chapter does not apply to the following:

- (1) A:
 - (A) federal;
 - (B) state; or
 - (C) local;

law enforcement officer.

- (2) A person who may legally possess a firearm and who has been authorized by:
 - (A) a school board (as defined by IC 20-26-9-4); or
 - (B) the body that administers a charter school established under IC 20-24;

to carry a firearm in or on school property.

- (3) Except as provided in subsection (b) or (c), a person who:
 - (A) may legally possess a firearm; and
 - (B) possesses the firearm in a motor vehicle.
- (4) A person who is a school resource officer, as defined in IC 20-26-18.2-1.
- (5) Except as provided in subsection (b) or (c), a person who:
 - (A) may legally possess a firearm; and
 - (B) possesses only a firearm that is:
 - (i) locked in the trunk of the person's motor vehicle;
 - (ii) kept in the glove compartment of the person's locked motor vehicle; or
 - (iii) stored out of plain sight in the person's locked motor vehicle.
- (6) A person who:
 - (A) may legally possess a firearm; and
 - (B) possesses a firearm on school property in connection with or while:
 - (i) attending a worship service or religious ceremony conducted at a house of worship located on the school property; or
 - (ii) carrying out the person's official duties at a house of worship located on the school property, if the person is employed by or a volunteer at the house of worship.

This subdivision does not affect the right of a property owner



to prohibit, in whole or in part, the possession of a firearm on a property where a school or house of worship is located.

- (b) For purposes of subsection (a)(3) and (a)(5), a person does not include a person who is:
 - (1) enrolled as a student in any high school except if the person is a high school student and is a member of a shooting sports team and the school's principal has approved the person keeping a firearm concealed in the person's motor vehicle on the days the person is competing or practicing as a member of a shooting sports team; or
 - (2) a former student of the school if the person is no longer enrolled in the school due to a disciplinary action within the previous twenty-four (24) months.
- (c) For purposes of subsection (a)(3) and (a)(5), a motor vehicle does not include a motor vehicle owned, leased, or controlled by a school or school district unless the person who possesses the firearm is authorized by the school or school district to possess a firearm."

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 119 Digest Correction as printed February 1, 2019.)

SMALTZ

Committee Vote: yeas 13, nays 0.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred Engrossed Senate Bill 119, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to ESB 119 as printed March 26, 2019 First Regular Session of the 121st General Assembly

HUSTON

Committee Vote: Yeas 16, Nays 7

