

1 AN ACT relating to firearms.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 237.109 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) Persons age ***eighteen (18)***~~[*twenty one (21)*]~~ or older, and otherwise able to lawfully  
5 possess a firearm, may carry concealed firearms or other concealed deadly weapons  
6 without a license in the same locations as persons with valid licenses issued under  
7 KRS 237.110.

8 (2) Nothing in this section shall be construed to allow the carrying or possession of any  
9 deadly weapon where it is prohibited by federal law.

10 ➔Section 2. KRS 237.110 is amended to read as follows:

11 (1) The Department of Kentucky State Police is authorized to issue and renew licenses  
12 to carry concealed firearms or other deadly weapons, or a combination thereof, to  
13 persons qualified as provided in this section.

14 (2) An original or renewal license issued pursuant to this section shall:

15 (a) Be valid throughout the Commonwealth and, except as provided in this  
16 section or other specific section of the Kentucky Revised Statutes or federal  
17 law, permit the holder of the license to carry firearms, ammunition, or other  
18 deadly weapons, or a combination thereof, at any location in the  
19 Commonwealth;

20 (b) Unless revoked or suspended as provided by law, be valid for a period of five  
21 (5) years from the date of issuance;

22 (c) Authorize the holder of the license to carry a concealed firearm or other  
23 deadly weapon, or a combination thereof, on or about his or her person; and

24 (d) Authorize the holder of the license to carry ammunition for a firearm on or  
25 about his or her person.

26 (3) Prior to the issuance of an original or renewal license to carry a concealed deadly  
27 weapon, the Department of Kentucky State Police, upon receipt of a completed

1 application, applicable fees, and any documentation required by this section or  
2 administrative regulation promulgated by the Department of Kentucky State Police,  
3 shall conduct a background check to ascertain whether the applicant is eligible  
4 under 18 U.S.C. sec. 922(g) and (n), any other applicable federal law, and state law  
5 to purchase, receive, or possess a firearm or ammunition, or both. The background  
6 check shall include:

7 (a) A state records check covering the items specified in this subsection, together  
8 with any other requirements of this section;

9 (b) A federal records check, which shall include a National Instant Criminal  
10 Background Check System (NICS) check;

11 (c) A federal Immigration Alien Query if the person is an alien who has been  
12 lawfully admitted to the United States by the United States government or an  
13 agency thereof; and

14 (d) In addition to the Immigration Alien Query, if the applicant has not been  
15 lawfully admitted to the United States under permanent resident status, the  
16 Department of Kentucky State Police shall, if a doubt exists relating to an  
17 alien's eligibility to purchase a firearm, consult with the United States  
18 Department of Homeland Security, United States Department of Justice,  
19 United States Department of State, or other federal agency to confirm whether  
20 the alien is eligible to purchase a firearm in the United States, bring a firearm  
21 into the United States, or possess a firearm in the United States under federal  
22 law.

23 (4) The Department of Kentucky State Police shall issue an original or renewal license  
24 if the applicant:

25 (a) Is not prohibited from the purchase, receipt, or possession of firearms,  
26 ammunition, or both pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 922(g), 18 U.S.C. 922(n), or  
27 applicable federal or state law;

- 1 (b) 1. Is a citizen of the United States who is a resident of this Commonwealth;
- 2 2. Is a citizen of the United States who is a member of the Armed Forces of
- 3 the United States who is on active duty, who is at the time of application
- 4 assigned to a military posting in Kentucky;
- 5 3. Is lawfully admitted to the United States by the United States
- 6 government or an agency thereof, is permitted by federal law to purchase
- 7 a firearm, and is a resident of this Commonwealth; or
- 8 4. Is lawfully admitted to the United States by the United States
- 9 government or an agency thereof; ~~is~~ is permitted by federal law to
- 10 purchase a firearm; ~~is~~ is, at the time of the application, assigned to a
- 11 military posting in Kentucky; ~~and~~ and has been assigned to a posting in
- 12 the Commonwealth;
- 13 (c) Is *eighteen (18)* ~~twenty-one (21)~~ years of age or older;
- 14 (d) Has not been committed to a state or federal facility for the abuse of a
- 15 controlled substance or been convicted of a misdemeanor violation of KRS
- 16 Chapter 218A or similar laws of any other state relating to controlled
- 17 substances, within a three (3) year period immediately preceding the date on
- 18 which the application is submitted;
- 19 (e) Does not chronically and habitually use alcoholic beverages as evidenced by
- 20 the applicant having two (2) or more convictions for violating KRS 189A.010
- 21 within the three (3) years immediately preceding the date on which the
- 22 application is submitted, or having been committed as an alcoholic pursuant to
- 23 KRS Chapter 222 or similar laws of another state within the three (3) year
- 24 period immediately preceding the date on which the application is submitted;
- 25 (f) Does not owe a child support arrearage which equals or exceeds the
- 26 cumulative amount which would be owed after one (1) year of nonpayment, if
- 27 the Department of Kentucky State Police has been notified of the arrearage by

1 the Cabinet for Health and Family Services;

2 (g) Has complied with any subpoena or warrant relating to child support or  
3 paternity proceedings. If the Department of Kentucky State Police has not  
4 been notified by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services that the applicant  
5 has failed to meet this requirement, the Department of Kentucky State Police  
6 shall assume that paternity and child support proceedings are not an issue;

7 (h) Has not been convicted of a violation of KRS 508.030 or 508.080 within the  
8 three (3) years immediately preceding the date on which the application is  
9 submitted. The commissioner of the Department of Kentucky State Police  
10 may waive this requirement upon good cause shown and a determination that  
11 the applicant is not a danger and that a waiver would not violate federal law;

12 (i) Demonstrates competence with a firearm by successful completion of a  
13 firearms safety or training course that is conducted by a firearms instructor  
14 who is certified by a national organization with membership open to residents  
15 of any state or territory of the United States, which was created to promote  
16 firearms education, safety, and the profession of firearms use and training, and  
17 to foster professional behavior in its members. The organization shall require  
18 members to adhere to its own code of ethics and conduct a program which  
19 certifies firearms instructors and includes the use of written tests, in person  
20 instruction, and a component of live-fire training. These national  
21 organizations shall include but are not limited to the National Rifle  
22 Association, the United States Concealed Carry Association, and the National  
23 Shooting Sports Foundation. The training requirement may also be fulfilled  
24 through any firearms safety course offered or approved by the Department of  
25 Criminal Justice Training. The firearms safety course offered or approved by  
26 the Department of Criminal Justice Training shall:

27 1. Be not more than eight (8) hours in length;

- 1           2.    Include instruction on handguns, the safe use of handguns, the care and  
2                    cleaning of handguns, and handgun marksmanship principles;
- 3           3.    Include actual range firing of a handgun in a safe manner, and the firing  
4                    of not more than twenty (20) rounds at a full-size silhouette target,  
5                    during which firing, not less than eleven (11) rounds must hit the  
6                    silhouette portion of the target; and
- 7           4.    Include information on and a copy of laws relating to possession and  
8                    carrying of firearms, as set forth in KRS Chapters 237 and 527, and the  
9                    laws relating to the use of force, as set forth in KRS Chapter 503; and
- 10       (j)   Demonstrates knowledge of the law regarding the justifiable use of force by  
11                    including with the application a copy of the concealed carry deadly weapons  
12                    legal handout made available by the Department of Criminal Justice Training  
13                    and a signed statement that indicates that applicant has read and understands  
14                    the handout.
- 15       (5)   (a)   A legible photocopy or electronic copy of a certificate of completion issued by  
16                    a firearms instructor certified by a national organization or the Department of  
17                    Criminal Justice Training shall constitute evidence of qualification under  
18                    subsection (4)(i) of this section.
- 19       (b)   Persons qualifying under subsection (6)(d) of this section may submit with  
20                    their application:
  - 21           1.    At least one (1) of the following paper or electronic forms or their  
22                    successor forms showing evidence of handgun training or handgun  
23                    qualifications:
    - 24           a.    Department of Defense Form DD 2586;
    - 25           b.    Department of Defense Form DD 214;
    - 26           c.    Coast Guard Form CG 3029;
    - 27           d.    Department of the Army Form DA 88-R;

- 1 e. Department of the Army Form DA 5704-R;
- 2 f. Department of the Navy Form OPNAV 3591-1; or
- 3 g. Department of the Air Force Form AF 522; or
- 4 2. a. Documentary evidence of an honorable discharge; and
- 5 b. A notarized affidavit on a form provided by the Department of
- 6 Kentucky State Police, signed under penalty of perjury, stating the
- 7 person has met the training requirements of subsection (6)(d) of
- 8 this section.
- 9 (6) (a) Peace officers who are currently certified as peace officers by the Kentucky
- 10 Law Enforcement Council pursuant to KRS 15.380 to 15.404 and peace
- 11 officers who are retired and are members of the Kentucky Employees
- 12 Retirement System, State Police Retirement System, or County Employees
- 13 Retirement System or other retirement system operated by or for a city,
- 14 county, or urban-county in Kentucky shall be deemed to have met the training
- 15 requirement.
- 16 (b) Current and retired peace officers of the following federal agencies shall be
- 17 deemed to have met the training requirement:
- 18 1. Any peace officer employed by a federal agency specified in KRS
- 19 61.365;
- 20 2. Any peace officer employed by a federal civilian law enforcement
- 21 agency not specified above who has successfully completed the basic
- 22 law enforcement training course required by that agency;
- 23 3. Any military peace officer of the United States Army, Navy, Marine
- 24 Corps, or Air Force, or a reserve component thereof, or of the Army
- 25 National Guard or Air National Guard who has successfully completed
- 26 the military law enforcement training course required by that branch of
- 27 the military;

- 1           4. Any member of the United States Coast Guard serving in a peace officer  
2           role who has successfully completed the law enforcement training  
3           course specified by the United States Coast Guard.
- 4           (c) Corrections officers who are currently employed by a consolidated local  
5           government, an urban-county government, or the Department of Corrections  
6           who have successfully completed a basic firearms training course required for  
7           their employment, and corrections officers who were formerly employed by a  
8           consolidated local government, an urban-county government, or the  
9           Department of Corrections who are retired, and who successfully completed a  
10          basic firearms training course required for their employment, and are members  
11          of a state-administered retirement system or other retirement system operated  
12          by or for a city, county, or urban-county government in Kentucky shall be  
13          deemed to have met the training requirement.
- 14          (d) Active or honorably discharged service members in the United States Army,  
15          Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Coast Guard, or a reserve component  
16          thereof, or of the Army National Guard or Air National Guard shall be  
17          deemed to have met the training requirement if these persons:
- 18               1. Successfully completed handgun training which was conducted by the  
19               United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Coast Guard, or  
20               a reserve component thereof, or of the Army National Guard or Air  
21               National Guard; or
- 22               2. Successfully completed handgun qualification within the United States  
23               Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Coast Guard, or a reserve  
24               component thereof, or of the Army Guard or Air Force National Guard.
- 25          (7) (a) 1. A paper application for a license, or renewal of a license, to carry a  
26               concealed deadly weapon shall be obtained from and submitted to the  
27               office of the sheriff in the county in which the person resides.

- 1           2. An applicant, in lieu of a paper application, may submit an electronic  
2           application for a license, or renewal of a license, to carry a concealed  
3           deadly weapon to the Department of Kentucky State Police.
- 4           3. Persons qualifying under subsection (6)(d) of this section shall be  
5           supplied the information in subsection (4)(i)4. of this section upon  
6           obtaining an application.
- 7       (b) 1. The completed paper application and any documentation required by this  
8           section plus an application fee or renewal fee, as appropriate, of sixty  
9           dollars (\$60) shall be presented to the office of the sheriff of the county  
10          in which the applicant resides.
- 11       2. The sheriff shall transmit the paper application and accompanying  
12          material to the Department of Kentucky State Police within five (5)  
13          working days.
- 14       3. Twenty dollars (\$20) of the paper application fee shall be retained by the  
15          office of the sheriff for official expenses of the office. Twenty dollars  
16          (\$20) shall be sent to the Department of Kentucky State Police with the  
17          application. Ten dollars (\$10) shall be transmitted by the sheriff to the  
18          Administrative Office of the Courts to fund background checks for  
19          youth leaders, and ten dollars (\$10) shall be transmitted to the  
20          Administrative Office of the Courts to fund background checks for  
21          applicants for concealed weapons.
- 22       (c) 1. A completed electronic application submitted in lieu of a paper  
23           application, any documentation required by this section, and an  
24           application fee or renewal fee, as appropriate, of seventy dollars (\$70)  
25           shall be presented to the Department of Kentucky State Police.
- 26       2. If an electronic application is submitted in lieu of a paper application,  
27          thirty dollars (\$30) of the electronic application fee shall be retained by



1 the Department of Kentucky State Police. Twenty dollars (\$20) shall be  
2 sent to the office of the sheriff of the applicant's county of residence for  
3 official expenses of the office. Ten dollars (\$10) shall be transmitted to  
4 the Administrative Office of the Courts to fund background checks for  
5 youth leaders, and ten dollars (\$10) shall be transmitted to the  
6 Administrative Office of the Courts to fund background checks for  
7 applicants for concealed weapon carry permits.

8 (d) A full-time or part-time peace officer who is currently certified as a peace  
9 officer by the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council and who is authorized by  
10 his or her employer or government authority to carry a concealed deadly  
11 weapon at all times and all locations within the Commonwealth pursuant to  
12 KRS 527.020, or a retired peace officer who is a member of the Kentucky  
13 Employees Retirement System, State Police Retirement System, County  
14 Employees Retirement System, or other retirement system operated by or for a  
15 city, county, or urban-county government in Kentucky, shall be exempt from  
16 paying the paper or electronic application or renewal fees.

17 (e) The application, whether paper or electronic, shall be completed, under oath,  
18 on a form or in a manner promulgated by the Department of Kentucky State  
19 Police by administrative regulation which shall include:

20 1. a. The name, address, place and date of birth, citizenship, gender,  
21 Social Security number of the applicant; and

22 b. If not a citizen of the United States, alien registration number if  
23 applicable, passport number, visa number, mother's maiden name,  
24 and other information necessary to determine the immigration  
25 status and eligibility to purchase a firearm under federal law of a  
26 person who is not a citizen of the United States;

27 2. A statement that, to the best of his or her knowledge, the applicant is in

- 1 compliance with criteria contained within subsections (3) and (4) of this  
2 section;
- 3 3. A statement that the applicant, if qualifying under subsection (6)(c) of  
4 this section, has provided:
- 5 a. At least one (1) of the forms listed in subsection (5) of this section;  
6 or
- 7 b. i. Documentary evidence of an honorable discharge; and  
8 ii. A notarized affidavit on a form provided by the Department  
9 of Kentucky State Police stating the person has met the  
10 training requirements of subsection (6)(c) of this section;
- 11 4. A statement that the applicant has been furnished a copy of this section  
12 and is knowledgeable about its provisions;
- 13 5. A statement that the applicant has been furnished a copy of, has read,  
14 and understands KRS Chapter 503 as it pertains to the use of deadly  
15 force for self-defense in Kentucky; and
- 16 6. A conspicuous warning that the application is executed under oath and  
17 that a materially false answer to any question, or the submission of any  
18 materially false document by the applicant, subjects the applicant to  
19 criminal prosecution under KRS 523.030.
- 20 (8) The applicant shall submit to the sheriff of the applicant's county of residence or  
21 county of military posting if submitting a paper application, or to the Department of  
22 Kentucky State Police if submitting an electronic application:
- 23 (a) A completed application as described in subsection (7) of this section;  
24 (b) A recent color photograph of the applicant, as prescribed by administrative  
25 regulation;
- 26 (c) A paper or electronic certificate or an affidavit or document as described in  
27 subsection (5) of this section;

1 (d) A paper or electronic document establishing the training exemption as  
2 described in subsection (6) of this section; and

3 (e) For an applicant who is not a citizen of the United States and has been  
4 lawfully admitted to the United States by the United States government or an  
5 agency thereof, an affidavit as prescribed by administrative regulation  
6 concerning his or her immigration status and his or her United States  
7 government issued:

- 8 1. Permanent Resident Card I-551 or its equivalent successor  
9 identification;
- 10 2. Other United States government issued evidence of lawful admission to  
11 the United States which includes the category of admission, if admission  
12 has not been granted as a permanent resident; and
- 13 3. Evidence of compliance with the provisions of 18 U.S.C. sec. 922(g)(5),  
14 18 U.S.C. sec. 922(d)(5), or 18 U.S.C. sec. 922(y)(2), and 27 C.F.R. Part  
15 178, including, as appropriate, but not limited to evidence of ninety (90)  
16 day residence in the Commonwealth, a valid current Kentucky hunting  
17 license if claiming exemption as a hunter, or other evidence of eligibility  
18 to purchase a firearm by an alien which is required by federal law or  
19 regulation.

20 If an applicant presents identification specified in this paragraph, the sheriff  
21 shall examine the identification, may record information from the  
22 identification presented, and shall return the identification to the applicant.

23 (9) The Department of Kentucky State Police shall, within sixty (60) days after the date  
24 of receipt of the items listed in subsection (8) of this section if the applicant  
25 submitted a paper application, or within fifteen (15) business days after the date of  
26 receipt of the items listed in subsection (8) of this section if the applicant applied  
27 electronically, either:

- 1 (a) Issue the license; or
- 2 (b) Deny the application based solely on the grounds that the applicant fails to
- 3 qualify under the criteria listed in subsection (3) or (4) of this section. If the
- 4 Department of Kentucky State Police denies the application, it shall notify the
- 5 applicant in writing, stating the grounds for denial and informing the applicant
- 6 of a right to submit, within thirty (30) days, any additional documentation
- 7 relating to the grounds of denial. Upon receiving any additional
- 8 documentation, the Department of Kentucky State Police shall reconsider its
- 9 decision and inform the applicant within twenty (20) days of the result of the
- 10 reconsideration. The applicant shall further be informed of the right to seek de
- 11 novo review of the denial in the District Court of his or her place of residence
- 12 within ninety (90) days from the date of the letter advising the applicant of the
- 13 denial.
- 14 (10) The Department of Kentucky State Police shall maintain an automated listing of
- 15 license holders and pertinent information, and this information shall be available
- 16 upon request, at all times to all Kentucky, federal, and other states' law enforcement
- 17 agencies. A request for the entire list of licensees, or for all licensees in a
- 18 geographic area, shall be denied. Only requests relating to a named licensee shall be
- 19 honored or available to law enforcement agencies. Information on applications for
- 20 licenses, names and addresses, or other identifying information relating to license
- 21 holders shall be confidential and shall not be made available except to law
- 22 enforcement agencies. No request for lists of local or statewide permit holders shall
- 23 be made to any state or local law enforcement agency, peace officer, or other agency
- 24 of government other than the Department of Kentucky State Police, and no state or
- 25 local law enforcement agency, peace officer, or agency of government, other than
- 26 the Department of Kentucky State Police, shall provide any information to any
- 27 requester not entitled to it by law.

- 1 (11) Within thirty (30) days after the changing of a permanent address, or within thirty  
2 (30) days after the loss, theft, or destruction of a license, the licensee shall notify the  
3 Department of Kentucky State Police of the loss, theft, or destruction. Failure to  
4 notify the Department of Kentucky State Police shall constitute a noncriminal  
5 violation with a penalty of twenty-five dollars (\$25) payable to the clerk of the  
6 District Court. No court costs shall be assessed for a violation of this subsection.  
7 When a licensee makes application to change his or her residence address or other  
8 information on the license, neither the sheriff nor the Department of Kentucky State  
9 Police shall require a surrender of the license until a new license is in the office of  
10 the applicable sheriff and available for issuance. Upon the issuance of a new  
11 license, the old license shall be destroyed by the sheriff.
- 12 (12) If a license is lost, stolen, or destroyed, the license shall be automatically invalid,  
13 and the person to whom the same was issued may, upon payment of fifteen dollars  
14 (\$15) for a paper request, or twenty-five dollars (\$25) for an electronic request  
15 submitted in lieu of a paper request, to the Department of Kentucky State Police,  
16 obtain a duplicate, upon furnishing a notarized statement to the Department of  
17 Kentucky State Police that the license has been lost, stolen, or destroyed.
- 18 (13) (a) The commissioner of the Department of Kentucky State Police, or his or her  
19 designee in writing, shall revoke the license of any person who becomes  
20 permanently ineligible to be issued a license or have a license renewed under  
21 the criteria set forth in this section.
- 22 (b) The commissioner of the Department of Kentucky State Police, or his or her  
23 designee in writing, shall suspend the license of any person who becomes  
24 temporarily ineligible to be issued a license or have a license renewed under  
25 the criteria set forth in this section. The license shall remain suspended until  
26 the person is again eligible for the issuance or renewal of a license.
- 27 (c) Upon the suspension or revocation of a license, the commissioner of the

1 Department of Kentucky State Police, or his or her designee in writing, shall:

2 1. Order any peace officer to seize the license from the person whose  
3 license was suspended or revoked; or

4 2. Direct the person whose license was suspended or revoked to surrender  
5 the license to the sheriff of the person's county of residence within two  
6 (2) business days of the receipt of the notice.

7 (d) If the person whose license was suspended or revoked desires a hearing on the  
8 matter, the person shall surrender the license as provided in paragraph (c)2. of  
9 this subsection and petition the commissioner of the Department of Kentucky  
10 State Police to hold a hearing on the issue of suspension or revocation of the  
11 license.

12 (e) Upon receipt of the petition, the commissioner of the Department of Kentucky  
13 State Police shall cause a hearing to be held in accordance with KRS Chapter  
14 13B on the suspension or revocation of the license. If the license has not been  
15 surrendered, no hearing shall be scheduled or held.

16 (f) If the hearing officer determines that the licensee's license was wrongly  
17 suspended or revoked, the hearing officer shall order the commissioner of the  
18 Department of Kentucky State Police to return the license and abrogate the  
19 suspension or revocation of the license.

20 (g) Any party may appeal a decision pursuant to this subsection to the District  
21 Court in the licensee's county of residence in the same manner as for the  
22 denial of a license.

23 (h) If the license is not surrendered as ordered, the commissioner of the  
24 Department of Kentucky State Police shall order a peace officer to seize the  
25 license and deliver it to the commissioner.

26 (i) Failure to surrender a suspended or revoked license as ordered is a Class A  
27 misdemeanor.

- 1 (j) The provisions of this subsection relating to surrender of a license shall not  
2 apply if a court of competent jurisdiction has enjoined its surrender.
- 3 (k) When a domestic violence order or emergency protective order is issued  
4 pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 403 against a person holding a  
5 license issued under this section, the holder of the permit shall surrender the  
6 license to the court or to the officer serving the order. The officer to whom the  
7 license is surrendered shall forthwith transmit the license to the court issuing  
8 the order. The license shall be suspended until the order is terminated, or until  
9 the judge who issued the order terminates the suspension prior to the  
10 termination of the underlying domestic violence order or emergency protective  
11 order, in writing and by return of the license, upon proper motion by the  
12 license holder. Subject to the same conditions as above, a peace officer against  
13 whom an emergency protective order or domestic violence order has been  
14 issued shall not be permitted to carry a concealed deadly weapon when not on  
15 duty, the provisions of KRS 527.020 to the contrary notwithstanding.
- 16 (14) (a) Not less than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the expiration date of the  
17 license, the Department of Kentucky State Police shall mail to each licensee a  
18 written notice of the expiration and a renewal form prescribed by the  
19 Department of Kentucky State Police. The outside of the envelope containing  
20 the license renewal notice shall bear only the name and address of the  
21 applicant. No other information relating to the applicant shall appear on the  
22 outside of the envelope sent to the applicant. The licensee may renew his or  
23 her license on or before the expiration date by filing with the sheriff of his or  
24 her county of residence the paper renewal form, or by filing with the  
25 Department of Kentucky State Police an electronic renewal form in lieu of a  
26 paper renewal form, stating that the licensee remains qualified pursuant to the  
27 criteria specified in subsections (3) and (4) of this section, and the required

1 renewal fee set forth in subsection (7) of this section. The sheriff shall issue to  
2 the applicant a receipt for the paper application for renewal of the license and  
3 shall date the receipt. The Department of Kentucky State Police shall issue to  
4 the applicant a receipt for an electronic application for renewal of the license  
5 submitted in lieu of a paper application for renewal and shall date the receipt.

6 (b) A license which has expired shall be void and shall not be valid for any  
7 purpose other than surrender to the sheriff in exchange for a renewal license.

8 (c) The license shall be renewed to a qualified applicant upon receipt of the  
9 completed renewal application, records check as specified in subsection (3) of  
10 this section, determination that the renewal applicant is not ineligible for a  
11 license as specified in subsection (4) *of this section*, and appropriate payment  
12 of fees. Upon the issuance of a new license, the old license shall be destroyed  
13 by the sheriff. A licensee who fails to file a renewal application on or before  
14 its expiration date may renew his or her license by paying, in addition to the  
15 license fees, a late fee of fifteen dollars (\$15). No license shall be renewed six  
16 (6) months or more after its expiration date, and the license shall be deemed to  
17 be permanently expired six (6) months after its expiration date. A person  
18 whose license has permanently expired may reapply for licensure pursuant to  
19 subsections (7), (8), and (9) of this section.

20 (15) The licensee shall carry the license at all times the licensee is carrying a concealed  
21 firearm or other deadly weapon and shall display the license upon request of a law  
22 enforcement officer. Violation of the provisions of this subsection shall constitute a  
23 noncriminal violation with a penalty of twenty-five dollars (\$25), payable to the  
24 clerk of the District Court, but no court costs shall be assessed.

25 (16) Except as provided in KRS 527.020, no license issued pursuant to this section shall  
26 authorize any person to carry a concealed firearm into:

27 (a) Any police station or sheriff's office;



- 1 (b) Any detention facility, prison, or jail;
- 2 (c) Any courthouse, solely occupied by the Court of Justice courtroom, or court  
3 proceeding;
- 4 (d) Any meeting of the governing body of a county, municipality, or special  
5 district; or any meeting of the General Assembly or a committee of the  
6 General Assembly, except that nothing in this section shall preclude a member  
7 of the body, holding a concealed deadly weapon license, from carrying a  
8 concealed deadly weapon at a meeting of the body of which he or she is a  
9 member;
- 10 (e) Any portion of an establishment licensed to dispense beer or alcoholic  
11 beverages for consumption on the premises, which portion of the  
12 establishment is primarily devoted to that purpose;
- 13 (f) Any elementary or secondary school facility without the consent of school  
14 authorities as provided in KRS 527.070, any child-caring facility as defined in  
15 KRS 199.011, any day-care center as defined in KRS 199.894, or any certified  
16 family child-care home as defined in KRS 199.8982, except however, any  
17 owner of a certified child-care home may carry a concealed firearm into the  
18 owner's residence used as a certified child-care home;
- 19 (g) An area of an airport to which access is controlled by the inspection of  
20 persons and property; or
- 21 (h) Any place where the carrying of firearms is prohibited by federal law.
- 22 (17) The owner, business or commercial lessee, or manager of a private business  
23 enterprise, day-care center as defined in KRS 199.894 or certified or licensed family  
24 child-care home as defined in KRS 199.8982, or a health-care facility licensed  
25 under KRS Chapter 216B, except facilities renting or leasing housing, may prohibit  
26 persons holding concealed deadly weapon licenses from carrying concealed deadly  
27 weapons on the premises and may prohibit employees, not authorized by the

1 employer, holding concealed deadly weapons licenses from carrying concealed  
2 deadly weapons on the property of the employer. If the building or the premises are  
3 open to the public, the employer or business enterprise shall post signs on or about  
4 the premises if carrying concealed weapons is prohibited. Possession of weapons, or  
5 ammunition, or both in a vehicle on the premises shall not be a criminal offense so  
6 long as the weapons, or ammunition, or both are not removed from the vehicle or  
7 brandished while the vehicle is on the premises. A private but not a public employer  
8 may prohibit employees or other persons holding a concealed deadly weapons  
9 license from carrying concealed deadly weapons, or ammunition, or both in vehicles  
10 owned by the employer, but may not prohibit employees or other persons holding a  
11 concealed deadly weapons license from carrying concealed deadly weapons, or  
12 ammunition, or both in vehicles owned by the employee, except that the Justice and  
13 Public Safety Cabinet may prohibit an employee from carrying any weapons, or  
14 ammunition, or both other than the weapons, or ammunition, or both issued or  
15 authorized to be used by the employee of the cabinet, in a vehicle while transporting  
16 persons under the employee's supervision or jurisdiction. Carrying of a concealed  
17 weapon, or ammunition, or both in a location specified in this subsection by a  
18 license holder shall not be a criminal act but may subject the person to denial from  
19 the premises or removal from the premises, and, if an employee of an employer,  
20 disciplinary measures by the employer.

21 (18) All moneys collected by the Department of Kentucky State Police pursuant to this  
22 section shall be used to administer the provisions of this section and KRS 237.138  
23 to 237.142. By March 1 of each year, the Department of Kentucky State Police and  
24 the Administrative Office of the Courts shall submit reports to the Governor, the  
25 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, indicating  
26 the amounts of money collected and the expenditures related to this section, KRS  
27 237.138 to 237.142, and KRS 237.115, 244.125, 527.020, and 527.070, and the

1 administration of the provisions of this section, KRS 237.138 to 237.142, and KRS  
2 237.115, 244.125, 527.020, and 527.070.

3 (19) The General Assembly finds as a matter of public policy that it is necessary to  
4 provide statewide uniform standards for issuing licenses to carry concealed firearms  
5 and to occupy the field of regulation of the bearing of concealed firearms to ensure  
6 that no person who qualifies under the provisions of this section is denied his rights.  
7 The General Assembly does not delegate to the Department of Kentucky State  
8 Police the authority to regulate or restrict the issuing of licenses provided for in this  
9 section beyond those provisions contained in this section. This section shall be  
10 liberally construed to carry out the constitutional right to bear arms for self-defense.

11 (20) (a) A person who is not a resident of Kentucky and who has a valid license issued  
12 by another state of the United States to carry a concealed deadly weapon in  
13 that state may, subject to provisions of Kentucky law, carry a concealed  
14 deadly weapon in Kentucky, and his or her license shall be considered as valid  
15 in Kentucky.

16 (b) If a person with a valid license to carry a concealed deadly weapon issued  
17 from another state that has entered into a reciprocity agreement with the  
18 Department of Kentucky State Police becomes a resident of Kentucky, the  
19 license issued by the other state shall be considered as valid for the first one  
20 hundred twenty (120) days of the person's residence in Kentucky, if within  
21 sixty (60) days of moving to Kentucky, the person completes a form  
22 promulgated by the Department of Kentucky State Police which shall include:

23 1. A signed and notarized statement averring that to the best of his or her  
24 knowledge the person's license to carry a concealed deadly weapon is  
25 valid and in compliance with applicable out-of-state law, and has not  
26 been revoked or suspended for any reason except for valid forfeiture due  
27 to departure from the issuing state;

- 1           2. The person's name, date of birth, citizenship, gender, Social Security  
2           number if applicable, proof that he or she is a citizen of the United  
3           States, a permanent resident of the United States, or otherwise lawfully  
4           present in the United States, former out-of-state address, current address  
5           within the state of Kentucky, date on which Kentucky residence began,  
6           state which issued the concealed carry license, the issuing state's  
7           concealed carry license number, and the state of issuance of license; and  
8           3. A photocopy of the person's out-of-state license to carry a concealed  
9           deadly weapon.
- 10          (c) Within sixty (60) days of moving to Kentucky, the person shall deliver the  
11          form and accompanying documents by registered or certified mail, return  
12          receipt requested, to the address indicated on the form provided by the  
13          Department of Kentucky State Police pursuant to this subsection.
- 14          (d) The out-of-state concealed carry license shall become invalid in Kentucky  
15          upon the earlier of:
- 16               1. The out-of-state person having resided in Kentucky for more than one  
17               hundred twenty (120) days; or
- 18               2. The person being issued a Kentucky concealed deadly weapon license  
19               pursuant to this section.
- 20          (e) The Department of Kentucky State Police shall, not later than thirty (30) days  
21          after July 15, 1998, and not less than once every twelve (12) months  
22          thereafter, make written inquiry of the concealed deadly weapon carrying  
23          licensing authorities in each other state as to whether a Kentucky resident may  
24          carry a concealed deadly weapon in their state based upon having a valid  
25          Kentucky concealed deadly weapon license, or whether a Kentucky resident  
26          may apply for a concealed deadly weapon carrying license in that state based  
27          upon having a valid Kentucky concealed deadly weapon license. The

1 Department of Kentucky State Police shall attempt to secure from each other  
2 state permission for Kentucky residents who hold a valid Kentucky concealed  
3 deadly weapon license to carry concealed deadly weapons in that state, either  
4 on the basis of the Kentucky license or on the basis that the Kentucky license  
5 is sufficient to permit the issuance of a similar license by the other state. The  
6 Department of Kentucky State Police shall enter into a written reciprocity  
7 agreement with the appropriate agency in each state that agrees to permit  
8 Kentucky residents to carry concealed deadly weapons in the other state on the  
9 basis of a Kentucky-issued concealed deadly weapon license or that will issue  
10 a license to carry concealed deadly weapons in the other state based upon a  
11 Kentucky concealed deadly weapon license. If a reciprocity agreement is  
12 reached, the requirement to recontact the other state each twelve (12) months  
13 shall be eliminated as long as the reciprocity agreement is in force. The  
14 information shall be a public record and shall be available to individual  
15 requesters free of charge for the first copy and at the normal rate for open  
16 records requests for additional copies.

17 (21) By March 1 of each year, the Department of Kentucky State Police shall submit a  
18 statistical report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the  
19 House of Representatives, indicating the number of licenses issued, revoked,  
20 suspended, and denied since the previous report and in total and also the number of  
21 licenses currently valid. The report shall also include the number of arrests,  
22 convictions, and types of crimes committed since the previous report by individuals  
23 licensed to carry concealed weapons.

24 (22) The following provisions shall apply to concealed deadly weapon training classes  
25 conducted by the Department of Criminal Justice Training or any other agency  
26 pursuant to this section:

27 (a) No concealed deadly weapon instructor trainer shall have his or her

- 1 certification as a concealed deadly weapon instructor trainer reduced to that of  
2 instructor or revoked except after a hearing conducted pursuant to KRS  
3 Chapter 13B in which the instructor is found to have committed an act in  
4 violation of the applicable statutes or administrative regulations;
- 5 (b) No concealed deadly weapon instructor shall have his or her certification as a  
6 concealed deadly weapon instructor license suspended or revoked except after  
7 a hearing conducted pursuant to KRS Chapter 13B in which the instructor is  
8 found to have committed an act in violation of the applicable statutes or  
9 administrative regulations;
- 10 (c) The department shall not require prior notification that an applicant class or  
11 instructor class will be conducted by a certified instructor or instructor trainer;
- 12 (d) Each concealed deadly weapon instructor or instructor trainer who teaches a  
13 concealed deadly weapon applicant or concealed deadly weapon instructor  
14 class shall supply the Department of Criminal Justice Training with a class  
15 roster indicating which students enrolled and successfully completed the class,  
16 and which contains the name and address of each student, within five (5)  
17 working days of the completion of the class. The information may be sent by  
18 mail, facsimile, e-mail, or other method which will result in the receipt of or  
19 production of a hard copy of the information. The postmark, facsimile date, or  
20 e-mail date shall be considered as the date on which the notice was sent.  
21 Concealed deadly weapon class applicant, instructor, and instructor trainer  
22 information and records shall be confidential. The department may release to  
23 any person or organization the name, address, and telephone number of a  
24 concealed deadly weapon instructor or instructor trainer if that instructor or  
25 instructor trainer authorizes the release of the information in writing. The  
26 department shall include on any application for an instructor or instructor  
27 trainer certification a statement that the applicant either does or does not

- 1           desire the applicant's name, address, and telephone number to be made public;
- 2           (e) An instructor trainer who assists in the conduct of a concealed deadly weapon
- 3           instructor class or concealed deadly weapon applicant class for more than two
- 4           (2) hours shall be considered as to have taught a class for the purpose of
- 5           maintaining his or her certification. All class record forms shall include spaces
- 6           for assistant instructors to sign and certify that they have assisted in the
- 7           conduct of a concealed deadly weapon instructor or concealed deadly weapon
- 8           class;
- 9           (f) An instructor who assists in the conduct of a concealed deadly weapon
- 10          applicant class for more than two (2) hours shall be considered as to have
- 11          taught a class for the purpose of maintaining his or her license. All class
- 12          record forms shall include spaces for assistant instructors to sign and certify
- 13          that they have assisted in the conduct of a concealed deadly weapon class;
- 14          (g) If the Department of Criminal Justice Training believes that a firearms
- 15          instructor trainer or certified firearms instructor has not in fact complied with
- 16          the requirements for teaching a certified firearms instructor or applicant class
- 17          by not teaching the class as specified in KRS 237.126, or who has taught an
- 18          insufficient class as specified in KRS 237.128, the department shall send to
- 19          each person who has been listed as successfully completing the concealed
- 20          deadly weapon applicant class or concealed deadly weapon instructor class a
- 21          verification form on which the time, date, date of range firing if different from
- 22          the date on which the class was conducted, location, and instructor of the class
- 23          is listed by the department and which requires the person to answer "yes" or
- 24          "no" to specific questions regarding the conduct of the training class. The
- 25          form shall be completed under oath and shall be returned to the Department of
- 26          Criminal Justice Training not later than forty-five (45) days after its receipt. A
- 27          person who fails to complete the form, to sign the form, or to return the form

1 to the Department of Criminal Justice Training within the time frame  
2 specified in this section or who, as a result of information on the returned  
3 form, is determined by the Department of Criminal Justice Training, following  
4 a hearing pursuant to KRS Chapter 13B, to not have received the training  
5 required by law shall have his or her concealed deadly weapon license  
6 revoked by the Department of Kentucky State Police, following a hearing  
7 conducted by the Department of Criminal Justice Training pursuant to KRS  
8 Chapter 13B, at which hearing the person is found to have violated the  
9 provisions of this section or who has been found not to have received the  
10 training required by law;

11 (h) The department shall annually, not later than December 31 of each year, report  
12 to the Legislative Research Commission:

- 13 1. The number of firearms instructor trainers and certified firearms  
14 instructors whose certifications were suspended, revoked, denied, or  
15 who were otherwise disciplined;
- 16 2. The reasons for the imposition of suspensions, revocations, denials, or  
17 other discipline; and
- 18 3. Suggestions for improvement of the concealed deadly weapon applicant  
19 training program and instructor process;

20 (i) If a concealed deadly weapon license holder is convicted of, pleads guilty to,  
21 or enters an Alford plea to a felony offense, then his or her concealed deadly  
22 weapon license shall be forthwith revoked by the Department of Kentucky  
23 State Police as a matter of law;

24 (j) If a concealed deadly weapon instructor or instructor trainer is convicted of,  
25 pleads guilty to, or enters an Alford plea to a felony offense, then his or her  
26 concealed deadly weapon instructor certification or concealed deadly weapon  
27 instructor trainer certification shall be revoked by the Department of Criminal



1 Justice Training as a matter of law; and

2 (k) The following shall be in effect:

3 1. Action to eliminate the firearms instructor trainer program is prohibited.

4 The program shall remain in effect, and no firearms instructor trainer  
5 shall have his or her certification reduced to that of certified firearms  
6 instructor;

7 2. The Department of Kentucky State Police shall revoke the concealed  
8 deadly weapon license of any person who received no firearms training  
9 as required by KRS 237.126 and administrative regulations, or who  
10 received insufficient training as required by KRS 237.128 and  
11 administrative regulations, if the person voluntarily admits nonreceipt of  
12 training or admits receipt of insufficient training, or if either nonreceipt  
13 of training or receipt of insufficient training is proven following a  
14 hearing conducted by the Department of Criminal Justice Training  
15 pursuant to KRS Chapter 13B.