

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 2928

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHULTE.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 571.111, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to qualified firearms safety instructors, with penalty provisions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 571.111, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu 2 thereof, to be known as section 571.111, to read as follows:

571.111. 1. An applicant for a concealed carry permit shall demonstrate knowledge 2 of firearms safety training. This requirement shall be fully satisfied if the applicant for a 3 concealed carry permit:

4 (1) Submits a photocopy of a certificate of firearms safety training course completion, 5 as defined in subsection 2 of this section, signed by a qualified firearms safety instructor as 6 defined in subsection 6 of this section; or

7 (2) Submits a photocopy of a certificate that shows the applicant completed a firearms 8 safety course given by or under the supervision of any state, county, municipal, or federal law 9 enforcement agency; or

10 (3) Is a qualified firearms safety instructor as defined in subsection 6 of this section; 11 or

12 (4) Submits proof that the applicant currently holds any type of valid peace officer 13 license issued under the requirements of chapter 590; or

14 (5) Submits proof that the applicant is currently allowed to carry firearms in 15 accordance with the certification requirements of section 217.710; or

16 (6) Submits proof that the applicant is currently certified as any class of corrections 17 officer by the Missouri department of corrections and has passed at least one eight-hour

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [**thus**] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 firearms training course, approved by the director of the Missouri department of corrections
19 under the authority granted to him or her, that includes instruction on the justifiable use of
20 force as prescribed in chapter 563; or

21 (7) Submits a photocopy of a certificate of firearms safety training course completion
22 that was issued on August 27, 2011, or earlier so long as the certificate met the requirements
23 of subsection 2 of this section that were in effect on the date it was issued.

24 2. A certificate of firearms safety training course completion may be issued to any
25 applicant by any qualified firearms safety instructor. On the certificate of course completion
26 the qualified firearms safety instructor shall affirm that the individual receiving instruction
27 has taken and passed a firearms safety course of at least eight hours in length taught by the
28 instructor that included:

29 (1) Handgun safety in the classroom, at home, on the firing range and while carrying
30 the firearm;

31 (2) A physical demonstration performed by the applicant that demonstrated his or her
32 ability to safely load and unload either a revolver or a semiautomatic pistol and demonstrated
33 his or her marksmanship with either firearm;

34 (3) The basic principles of marksmanship;

35 (4) Care and cleaning of concealable firearms;

36 (5) Safe storage of firearms at home;

37 (6) The requirements of this state for obtaining a concealed carry permit from the
38 sheriff of the individual's county of residence;

39 (7) The laws relating to firearms as prescribed in this chapter;

40 (8) The laws relating to the justifiable use of force as prescribed in chapter 563;

41 (9) A live firing exercise of sufficient duration for each applicant to fire either a
42 revolver or a semiautomatic pistol, from a standing position or its equivalent, a minimum of
43 twenty rounds from the handgun at a distance of seven yards from a B-27 silhouette target or
44 an equivalent target;

45 (10) A live-fire test administered to the applicant while the instructor was present of
46 twenty rounds from either a revolver or a semiautomatic pistol from a standing position or its
47 equivalent at a distance from a B-27 silhouette target, or an equivalent target, of seven yards.

48 3. A certificate of firearms safety training course completion may also be issued to an
49 applicant who presents proof to a qualified firearms safety instructor that the applicant has
50 passed a regular or online course on firearm safety conducted by an instructor certified by the
51 National Rifle Association that is at least one hour in length and who also passes the
52 requirements of subdivisions (1), (2), (6), (7), (8), (9), and (10) of subsection 2 of this section
53 in a course, not restricted by a period of hours, that is taught by a qualified firearms safety
54 instructor.

55 4. A qualified firearms safety instructor shall not give a grade of passing to an
56 applicant for a concealed carry permit who:

57 (1) Does not follow the orders of the qualified firearms instructor or cognizant range
58 officer; or

59 (2) Handles a firearm in a manner that, in the judgment of the qualified firearm safety
60 instructor, poses a danger to the applicant or to others; or

61 (3) During the live-fire testing portion of the course fails to hit the silhouette portion
62 of the targets with at least fifteen rounds.

63 5. Qualified firearms safety instructors who provide firearms safety instruction to any
64 person who applies for a concealed carry permit shall:

65 (1) Make the applicant's course records available upon request to the sheriff of the
66 county in which the applicant resides;

67 (2) Maintain all course records on students for a period of no less than four years
68 from course completion date; and

69 (3) Not have more than forty students per certified instructor in the classroom portion
70 of the course or more than five students per range officer engaged in range firing.

71 6. A firearms safety instructor shall be considered to be a qualified firearms safety
72 instructor by any sheriff issuing a concealed carry permit pursuant to sections 571.101 to
73 571.121 if the instructor:

74 (1) Is a valid firearms safety instructor certified by the National Rifle Association
75 holding a rating as a personal protection instructor or pistol marksmanship instructor; or

76 (2) Submits a photocopy of a notarized certificate from a firearms safety instructor's
77 course offered by a local, state, or federal governmental agency; or

78 (3) Submits a photocopy of a notarized certificate from a firearms safety instructor
79 course approved by the department of public safety; or

80 (4) Has successfully completed a firearms safety instructor course given by or under
81 the supervision of any state, county, municipal, or federal law enforcement agency; or

82 (5) Is a certified police officer firearms safety instructor; **or**

83 **(6) Is a valid firearms instructor certified by the United States Concealed Carry
84 Association (USCCA).**

85 7. Any firearms safety instructor qualified under subsection 6 of this section may
86 submit a copy of a training instructor certificate, course outline bearing the notarized
87 signature of the instructor, and a recent photograph of the instructor to the sheriff of the
88 county in which the instructor resides. The sheriff shall review the training instructor
89 certificate along with the course outline and verify the firearms safety instructor is qualified
90 and the course meets the requirements provided under this section. If the sheriff verifies the
91 firearms safety instructor is qualified and the course meets the requirements provided under

92 this section, the sheriff shall collect an annual registration fee of ten dollars from each
93 qualified instructor who chooses to submit such information and submit the registration to the
94 Missouri sheriff methamphetamine relief taskforce. The Missouri sheriff methamphetamine
95 relief taskforce, or its designated agent, shall create and maintain a statewide database of
96 qualified instructors. This information shall be a closed record except for access by any
97 sheriff. Firearms safety instructors may register annually and the registration is only effective
98 for the calendar year in which the instructor registered. Any sheriff may access the statewide
99 database maintained by the Missouri sheriff methamphetamine relief taskforce to verify the
100 firearms safety instructor is qualified and the course offered by the instructor meets the
101 requirements provided under this section. Unless a sheriff has reason to believe otherwise, a
102 sheriff shall presume a firearms safety instructor is qualified to provide firearms safety
103 instruction in counties throughout the state under this section if the instructor is registered on
104 the statewide database of qualified instructors.

105 8. Any firearms safety instructor who knowingly provides any sheriff with any false
106 information concerning an applicant's performance on any portion of the required training and
107 qualification shall be guilty of a class C misdemeanor. A violation of the provisions of this
108 section shall result in the person being prohibited from instructing concealed carry permit
109 classes and issuing certificates.

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