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SENATE BILL 224

54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019

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AN ACT

RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING FOR CONCEALED HANDGUN
CARRY PRIVILEGES FOR RESERVE POLICE OFFICERS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 29-19-14 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2005,
Chapter 242, Section 7, as amended) is amended to read:

"29-19-14. CURRENT AND RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS
[~~AND~~]~~--NEW MEXICO MOUNTED PATROL MEMBERS--~~RESERVE POLICE
OFFICERS.--

A. An application fee, a renewal fee and a firearms
training course are not required for an applicant or licensee
who is:

(1) a current or retired certified law
enforcement officer pursuant to the Law Enforcement Training
Act; [~~or~~]

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1 (2) a current member of the New Mexico mounted
2 patrol who has successfully completed a New Mexico law
3 enforcement academy basic law enforcement training program for
4 New Mexico mounted patrol members pursuant to Section 29-6-4.1
5 NMSA 1978; or

6 (3) a current reserve police officer.

7 B. A law enforcement officer [~~or~~], New Mexico
8 mounted patrol member or reserve police officer shall submit to
9 the department two full sets of fingerprints and a color
10 photograph of the law enforcement officer [~~or~~], New Mexico
11 mounted patrol member or reserve police officer. The
12 department shall conduct an appropriate check of available
13 records and shall forward the fingerprints to the federal
14 bureau of investigation for a national criminal background
15 check.

16 C. A retired law enforcement officer is not
17 required to submit an application fee or a renewal fee if:

18 (1) the officer was a certified law
19 enforcement officer pursuant to the Law Enforcement Training
20 Act for at least fifteen years prior to retirement; and

21 (2) the retirement is in good standing as
22 shown by a letter from the agency from which the officer
23 retired.

24 D. A retired law enforcement officer who has been
25 retired ten years or less is not required to complete a

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1 firearms training course.

2 E. A retired law enforcement officer who has been
3 retired for more than ten years shall be required to complete a
4 firearms training course. The officer shall be allowed to
5 attend any local law enforcement agency's firearms
6 qualification course; provided that the officer supplies the
7 officer's own ammunition, handgun, targets and range equipment.
8 A local law enforcement agency shall not be liable under the
9 Tort Claims Act for providing a firearms training course to a
10 retired law enforcement officer pursuant to this subsection.

11 F. A retired law enforcement officer's concealed
12 handgun license shall have printed on the license "retired
13 police officer" and shall be valid for a period of five years.

14 G. As used in this section, "reserve police
15 officer" means a volunteer or a temporary or part-time employee
16 of a state or local law enforcement agency who is accepted by
17 that agency as a reserve law enforcement officer after
18 receiving a background check and training as needed by that
19 agency and who is not a member of the New Mexico mounted
20 patrol."

21 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
22 provisions of this act is July 1, 2019.

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