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3 HOUSE BILL 3180

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to firearms; amending 21 O.S. 2021,  
8 Sections 1290.9, 1290.12, 1290.14, as amended by  
9 Section 1, Chapter 156, O.S.L. 2024, and 1290.15, as  
10 amended by Section 2, Chapter 156, O.S.L. 2024, and  
11 1290.18 (21 O.S. Supp. 2025, Sections 1290.14 and  
12 1290.15), which relate to the Oklahoma Self-Defense  
13 Act; deleting firearm safety and training course  
requirement for handgun permits; making firearms  
safety and training courses optional; removing  
certain weapons restrictions; deleting references to  
ammunition capacity; deleting list of persons exempt  
from firearm safety and training course; and  
providing an effective date.

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

17 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2021, Section 1290.9, is  
18 amended to read as follows:

19 Section 1290.9.

20 ELIGIBILITY

21 The following requirements shall apply to any person making  
22 application to the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation for a  
23 handgun license pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-  
24 Defense Act. The person must:

1       1. Be a citizen of the United States with established residency  
2       in the State of Oklahoma; or  
3       2. Be a lawful permanent resident in the United States and have  
4       established residency in the State of Oklahoma.

5       For purposes of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act:

6       a.      the term "residency" shall apply to any person who  
7           either possesses a valid Oklahoma driver license or  
8           state photo identification card, and physically  
9           maintains a residence in this state or to any person,  
10          including the spouse of such person, who has permanent  
11          military orders within this state and possesses a  
12          valid driver license from another state where such  
13          person and spouse of such person claim residency, and  
14       b.      the term "lawful permanent resident" shall mean a  
15          noncitizen who is lawfully authorized to live  
16          permanently within the United States;

17       3. Be at least:

18       a.      twenty-one (21) years of age, or  
19       b.      eighteen (18) years of age but not yet twenty-one (21)  
20          years of age and the person is a member or veteran of  
21          the United States Armed Forces, the Reserves or  
22          National Guard, or the person was discharged under  
23          honorable conditions from the United States Armed  
24          Forces, Reserves or National Guard;

1       4. Complete a firearms safety and training course and  
2 demonstrate competence and qualifications with the type of pistol to  
3 be carried by the person as provided in Section 1290.14 of this  
4 title, and submit proof of training and qualification or an  
5 exemption for training and qualification as authorized by Section  
6 1290.14 of this title;

7       5. Submit the required fee and complete the application process  
8 as provided in Section 1290.12 of this title; and

9       6. 5. Comply in good faith with the provisions of the Oklahoma  
10 Self-Defense Act.

11       SECTION 2.       AMENDATORY       21 O.S. 2021, Section 1290.12, is  
12 amended to read as follows:

13       Section 1290.12.

14                    PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATION

15       A. Except as provided in paragraph 11 10 of this subsection,  
16 the procedure for applying for a handgun license and processing the  
17 application shall be as follows:

18       1. An eligible person may request an application packet for a  
19 handgun license from the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation or  
20 the county sheriff's office either in person or by mail. The Bureau  
21 may provide application packets to each sheriff not exceeding two  
22 hundred packets per request. The Bureau shall provide the following  
23 information in the application packet:

24                   a. an application form,

1                   b. procedures to follow to process the application form,

2                   and

3                   c. if available, a copy of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act

4                   with any modifications thereto;

5                   2. ~~The person shall be required to successfully complete a~~

6                   ~~firearms safety and training course from a firearms instructor who~~

7                   ~~is approved and registered in this state as provided in Section~~

8                   ~~1290.14 of this title or from an interactive online firearms safety~~

9                   ~~and training course available electronically via the Internet which~~

10                   ~~has been approved as to curriculum by the Council on Law Enforcement~~

11                   ~~Education and Training, and the person shall be required to~~

12                   ~~demonstrate competency and qualification with a pistol authorized~~

13                   ~~for concealed or unconcealed carry by the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act.~~

14                   ~~The original certificate of successful completion of a firearms~~

15                   ~~safety and training course and an original certificate of successful~~

16                   ~~demonstration of competency and qualification to carry and handle a~~

17                   ~~pistol or exemption from training certificate shall be submitted~~

18                   ~~with the application for a handgun license. No duplicate, copy,~~

19                   ~~facsimile or other reproduction of the certificate of training,~~

20                   ~~certificate of competency and qualification or exemption from~~

21                   ~~training certificate shall be acceptable as proof of training as~~

22                   ~~required by the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act;~~

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1       3. The application form shall be completed and delivered by the  
2 applicant, in person, to the sheriff of the county wherein the  
3 applicant resides;

4       4. 3. The person shall deliver to the sheriff at the time of  
5 delivery of the completed application form a fee of One Hundred  
6 Dollars (\$100.00) for processing the application through the  
7 Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation and processing the required  
8 fingerprints through the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The  
9 processing fee shall be in the form of:

- a. a money order or a cashier's check made payable to the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation,
- b. a nationally recognized credit card issued to the applicant. For purposes of this paragraph, "nationally recognized credit card" means any instrument or device, whether known as a credit card, credit plate, charge plate, or by any other name, issued with or without fee by the issuer for the use of the cardholder in obtaining goods, services, or anything else of value on credit which is accepted by over one thousand merchants in the state. The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation shall determine which nationally recognized credit cards will be accepted by the Bureau, or
- c. electronic funds transfer.

1 Any person paying application fees to the Oklahoma State Bureau of  
2 Investigation by means of a nationally recognized credit card or by  
3 means of an electronic funds transfer shall be required to complete  
4 and submit his or her application through the online application  
5 process of the Bureau.

6 The processing fee shall not be refundable in the event of a  
7 denial of a handgun license or any suspension or revocation  
8 subsequent to the issuance of a license. Persons making application  
9 for a firearms instructor shall not be required to pay the  
10 application fee as provided in this section, but shall be required  
11 to pay the costs provided in paragraphs 6 5 and 8 7 of this  
12 subsection;

13 5. 4. The completed application form shall be signed by the  
14 applicant in person before the sheriff. The signature shall be  
15 given voluntarily upon a sworn oath that the person knows the  
16 contents of the application and that the information contained in  
17 the application is true and correct. Any person making any false or  
18 misleading statement on an application for a handgun license shall,  
19 upon conviction, be guilty of perjury as defined by Section 491 of  
20 this title. Any conviction shall be punished as provided in Section  
21 500 of this title. In addition to a criminal conviction, the person  
22 shall be denied the right to have a handgun license pursuant to the  
23 provisions of Section 1290.10 of this title and the Oklahoma State  
24 Bureau of Investigation shall revoke the handgun license, if issued;

1       6. 5. Two passport-size photographs of the applicant shall be  
2 submitted with the completed application. The cost of the  
3 photographs shall be the responsibility of the applicant. The  
4 sheriff is authorized to take the photograph of the applicant for  
5 purposes of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act and, if such photographs  
6 are taken by the sheriff, the cost of the photographs shall not  
7 exceed Ten Dollars (\$10.00) for the two photos. All money received  
8 by the sheriff from photographing applicants pursuant to the  
9 provisions of this paragraph shall be retained by the sheriff and  
10 deposited into the Sheriff's Service Fee Account;

11       7. 6. The sheriff shall witness the signature of the applicant  
12 and review or take the photographs of the applicant and shall verify  
13 that the person making application for a handgun license is the same  
14 person in the photographs submitted and the same person who signed  
15 the application form. Proof of a valid Oklahoma driver license with  
16 a photograph of the applicant or an Oklahoma state photo  
17 identification for the applicant shall be required to be presented  
18 by the applicant to the sheriff for verification of the ~~person's~~  
19 identity of the person;

20       8. 7. Upon verification of the identity of the applicant, the  
21 sheriff shall take two complete sets of fingerprints of the  
22 applicant. Both sets of fingerprints shall be submitted by the  
23 sheriff with the completed application, ~~certificate of training,~~  
24 ~~certificate of competency and qualification or an exemption from~~

1 ~~training certificate~~, photographs and processing fee to the Oklahoma  
2 State Bureau of Investigation within fourteen (14) days of taking  
3 the fingerprints. The cost of the fingerprints shall be paid by the  
4 applicant. The sheriff may charge a fee of up to Twenty-five  
5 Dollars (\$25.00) for the two sets of fingerprints. All fees  
6 collected by the sheriff from taking fingerprints pursuant to the  
7 provisions of this paragraph shall be retained by the sheriff and  
8 deposited into the Sheriff's Service Fee Account;

9 9. 8. The sheriff shall submit to the Oklahoma State Bureau of  
10 Investigation within the fourteen-day period, together with the  
11 completed application, ~~including the certificate of training,~~  
12 ~~certificate of competency and qualification, exemption from training~~  
13 ~~certificate,~~ photographs, processing fee and legible fingerprints  
14 meeting the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation's Automated  
15 Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) submission standards, and a  
16 report of information deemed pertinent to an investigation of the  
17 applicant for a handgun license. The sheriff shall make a  
18 preliminary investigation of pertinent information about the  
19 applicant and the court clerk shall assist the sheriff in locating  
20 pertinent information in court records for this purpose. If no  
21 pertinent information is found to exist either for or against the  
22 applicant, the sheriff shall so indicate in the report;

23 10. 9. The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, upon receipt  
24 of the application and required information from the sheriff, shall

1 forward one full set of fingerprints of the applicant to the Federal  
2 Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history records  
3 search. The cost of processing the fingerprints nationally shall be  
4 paid from the processing fee collected by the Oklahoma State Bureau  
5 of Investigation;

6 11. 10. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-  
7 Defense Act, or any other provisions of law, any person who has been  
8 granted a permanent victim protective order by the court, as  
9 provided for in the Protection from Domestic Abuse Act, may be  
10 issued a temporary handgun license for a period not to exceed six  
11 (6) months. A temporary handgun license may be issued if the person  
12 has ~~successfully passed the required weapons course,~~ completed the  
13 application process for the handgun license, passed the preliminary  
14 investigation by the sheriff and court clerk, and provided the  
15 sheriff proof of a certified permanent victim protective order and a  
16 valid Oklahoma state photo identification card or driver license.  
17 The sheriff shall issue a temporary handgun license on a form  
18 approved by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, at no cost.  
19 Any person who has been issued a temporary license shall carry the  
20 temporary handgun license and a valid Oklahoma state photo  
21 identification on his or her person at all times, and shall be  
22 subject to all the requirements of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act  
23 when carrying a handgun. The person may proceed with the handgun  
24 licensing process. In the event the victim protective order is no

1 longer enforceable, the temporary handgun license shall cease to be  
2 valid;

3       12. 11. The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation shall make a  
4 reasonable effort to investigate the information submitted by the  
5 applicant and the sheriff to ascertain whether or not the issuance  
6 of a handgun license would be in violation of the provisions of the  
7 Oklahoma Self-Defense Act. The investigation by the Bureau of an  
8 applicant shall include, but shall not be limited to: a statewide  
9 criminal history records search, a national criminal history records  
10 search, a Federal Bureau of Investigation fingerprint search, a  
11 check of the National Instant Criminal Background Check System  
12 (NICS), an Immigration Alien Query (IAQ) for non-United-States  
13 citizens and, if applicable, an investigation of medical records or  
14 other records or information deemed by the Bureau to be relevant to  
15 the application.

16           a. In the course of the investigation by the Bureau, it  
17           shall present the name of the applicant along with any  
18           known aliases, the address of the applicant and the  
19           Social Security number of the applicant to the  
20           Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse  
21           Services. The Department of Mental Health and  
22           Substance Abuse Services shall respond within ten (10)  
23           days of receiving such information to the Bureau as  
24           follows:

- (1) with a "Yes" answer, if the records of the Department indicate that the person was involuntarily committed to a mental institution in Oklahoma,
- (2) with a "No" answer, if there are no records indicating the name of the person as a person involuntarily committed to a mental institution in Oklahoma, or
- (3) with an "Inconclusive" answer if the records of the Department suggest the applicant may be a formerly committed person. In the case of an inconclusive answer, the Bureau shall ask the applicant whether he or she was involuntarily committed. If the applicant states under penalty of perjury that he or she has not been involuntarily committed, the Bureau shall continue processing the application for a license.

b. In the course of the investigation by the Bureau, it shall check the name of any applicant who is twenty-eight (28) years of age or younger along with any known aliases, the address of the applicant and the Social Security number of the applicant against the records in the Juvenile Online Tracking System (JOLTS)

1 of the Office of Juvenile Affairs. The Office of  
2 Juvenile Affairs shall provide the Bureau direct  
3 access to check the applicant against the records  
4 available on JOLTS:

5 (1) if the Bureau finds a record on JOLTS that  
6 indicates the person was adjudicated a delinquent  
7 for an offense that would constitute a felony  
8 offense if committed by an adult within the last  
9 ten (10) years, the Bureau shall deny the  
10 license,

11 (2) if the Bureau finds no record on JOLTS indicating  
12 the named person was adjudicated delinquent for  
13 an offense that would constitute a felony offense  
14 if committed by an adult within the last ten (10)  
15 years, the Bureau shall continue processing the  
16 application for a license, or

17 (3) if the records suggest the applicant may have  
18 been adjudicated delinquent for an offense that  
19 would constitute a felony offense if committed by  
20 an adult but such record is inconclusive, the  
21 Bureau shall ask the applicant whether he or she  
22 was adjudicated a delinquent for an offense that  
23 would constitute a felony offense if committed by  
24 an adult within the last ten (10) years. If the

applicant states under penalty of perjury that he or she was not adjudicated a delinquent within ten (10) years, the Bureau shall continue processing the application for a license; and

13. 12. If the background check set forth in paragraph 12 11 of

6 this subsection reveals no records pertaining to the applicant, the  
7 Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation shall either issue a handgun  
8 license or deny the application within sixty (60) days of the date  
9 of receipt of the ~~applicant's~~ completed application of the applicant  
10 and the required information from the sheriff. In all other cases,  
11 the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation shall either issue a  
12 handgun license or deny the application within ninety (90) days of  
13 the date of the receipt of the ~~applicant's~~ completed application of  
14 the applicant and the required information from the sheriff. The  
15 Bureau shall deny a license when the applicant fails to properly  
16 complete the application form or application process or, based on  
17 the background check set forth in paragraph 12 11 of this  
18 subsection, is determined not to be eligible as specified by the  
19 provisions of Section 1290.9, 1290.10 or 1290.11 of this title. The  
20 Bureau shall approve an application in all other cases. If an  
21 application is denied, the Bureau shall notify the applicant in  
22 writing of its decision. The notification shall state the grounds  
23 for the denial and inform the applicant of the right to an appeal as  
24 may be provided by the provisions of the Administrative Procedures

1 Act. All notices of denial shall be mailed by first-class mail to  
2 the address of the applicant listed in the application. Within  
3 sixty (60) calendar days from the date of mailing a denial of  
4 application to an applicant, the applicant shall notify the Bureau  
5 in writing of the intent to appeal the decision of denial or the  
6 right of the applicant to appeal shall be deemed waived. Any  
7 administrative hearing on a denial which may be provided shall be  
8 conducted by a hearing examiner appointed by the Bureau. The  
9 decision of the hearing examiner shall be a final decision  
10 appealable to a district court in accordance with the Administrative  
11 Procedures Act. When an application is approved, the Bureau shall  
12 issue the license and shall mail the license by first-class mail to  
13 the address of the applicant listed in the application.

14       B. Nothing contained in any provision of the Oklahoma Self-  
15 Defense Act shall be construed to require or authorize the  
16 registration, documentation or providing of serial numbers with  
17 regard to any firearm. For purposes of the Oklahoma Self-Defense  
18 Act, the sheriff may designate a person to receive, fingerprint,  
19 photograph or otherwise process applications for handgun licenses.

20       SECTION 3.       AMENDATORY       21 O.S. 2021, Section 1290.14, as  
21 amended by Section 1, Chapter 156, O.S.L. 2024 (21 O.S. Supp. 2025,  
22 Section 1290.14), is amended to read as follows:

23       Section 1290.14.

24       SAFETY AND TRAINING COURSE

1       A. Each applicant for a license to carry a concealed or  
2 unconcealed handgun pursuant to the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act ~~must~~  
3 ~~successfully shall have the option to~~ complete a firearms safety and  
4 training course in this state conducted by a registered and approved  
5 firearms instructor as provided by the provisions of this section or  
6 from an interactive online firearms safety and training course  
7 available electronically via the Internet approved and certified by  
8 the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training. ~~The~~  
9 ~~applicant must further demonstrate competence and qualification with~~  
10 ~~an authorized pistol to carry as a concealed or unconcealed handgun~~  
11 ~~pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, except~~  
12 ~~certain persons may be exempt from such training requirement as~~  
13 ~~provided by the provisions of Section 1290.15 of this title.~~

14       B. The Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training  
15 (CLEET) shall establish criteria for approving firearms instructors  
16 and interactive online firearms safety and training courses  
17 available electronically via the Internet ~~for purposes of training~~  
18 ~~and qualifying individuals for a handgun license pursuant to the~~  
19 ~~provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act.~~ Prior to submitting an  
20 application for CLEET approval as a firearms instructor, applicants  
21 shall attend a firearms instructor school, meeting the following  
22 minimum requirements:

23       1. Firearms instructor training conducted by one of the  
24 following entities:

- 1                   a.     Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training,
- 2                   b.     National Rifle Association,
- 3                   c.     Oklahoma Rifle Association,
- 4                   d.     federal law enforcement agencies, or
- 5                   e.     other professionally recognized organizations;
- 6                   2.     The course shall be at least sixteen (16) hours in length;
- 7                   3.     Upon completion of the course, the applicant shall be
- 8                   qualified to provide instruction on pistols; and
- 9                   4.     Receive a course completion certificate.

10                   All firearms instructors shall be required to meet the  
11                   eligibility requirements for a handgun license as provided in  
12                   Sections 1290.9, 1290.10, and 1290.11 of this title and the  
13                   application shall be processed as provided for applicants in Section  
14                   1290.12 of this title, including the state and national criminal  
15                   history records search and fingerprint search. A firearms  
16                   instructor shall be required to pay a fee of One Hundred Dollars  
17                   (\$100.00) to the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training  
18                   (CLEET) each time the person makes application for CLEET approval as  
19                   a firearms instructor pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma  
20                   Self-Defense Act. The fee shall be retained by CLEET and shall be  
21                   deposited into the Firearms Instructors Revolving Fund. CLEET shall  
22                   promulgate the rules, forms and procedures necessary to implement  
23                   the approval of firearms instructors as authorized by the provisions  
24                   of this subsection. CLEET shall periodically review each approved

1 instructor during a training and qualification course to assure  
2 compliance with the rules and course contents. Any violation of the  
3 rules may result in the revocation or suspension of CLEET and  
4 Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation approval. Unless the  
5 approval has been revoked or suspended, a firearms instructor's  
6 CLEET approval shall be for a term of five (5) years. CLEET shall  
7 be responsible for notifying all approved firearms instructors of  
8 statutory and policy changes related to the Oklahoma Self-Defense  
9 Act. A firearms instructor shall not be required to submit his or  
10 her fingerprints for a fingerprint search when renewing a firearms  
11 instructor's CLEET approval.

12 C. 1. All firearms instructors approved by CLEET to train and  
13 ~~qualify individuals for a handgun license~~ shall be required to apply  
14 for registration with the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation  
15 after receiving CLEET approval. All firearms instructors teaching  
16 the approved course for a handgun license must display their  
17 registration certificate during each training ~~and qualification~~  
18 course. Each approved firearms instructor shall complete a  
19 registration form provided by the Bureau and shall have the option  
20 to pay a registration fee of either One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)  
21 for a five-year registration certificate or Two Hundred Dollars  
22 (\$200.00) for a ten-year registration certificate to the Bureau at  
23 the time of each application for registration, except as provided in  
24 paragraph 2 of this subsection. Registration certificates issued by

1 the Bureau shall be valid for a period of five (5) years or ten (10)  
2 years from the date of issuance. The Bureau shall issue a five-year  
3 or ten-year handgun license to an approved firearms instructor at  
4 the time of issuance of a registration certificate and no additional  
5 fee shall be required or charged. The Bureau shall maintain a  
6 current listing of all registered firearms instructors in this  
7 state. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to eliminate  
8 the requirement for registration and training with CLEET as provided  
9 in subsection B of this section. Failure to register or be trained  
10 as required shall result in a revocation or suspension of the  
11 instructor certificate by the Bureau.

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

23 a. an active duty law enforcement officer of this state  
24 or any of its political subdivisions or of the federal

1                   government who has a valid CLEET approval as a  
2                   firearms instructor pursuant to the Oklahoma Self-  
3                   Defense Act, and

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

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

18                   E. The required optional firearms safety and training course  
19                  and ~~the actual demonstration of competency and qualification~~  
20                  ~~required of the applicant~~ shall be designed and conducted in such a  
21                  manner that the course can be reasonably completed by the applicant  
22                  within an eight-hour period. CLEET shall establish the course  
23                  content and promulgate rules, procedures and forms necessary to  
24                  implement the provisions of this subsection. For the firearms

1 safety and training and qualification course, an applicant may be  
2 charged a fee which shall be determined by the instructor or entity  
3 that is conducting the course. The maximum class size shall be  
4 determined by the instructor conducting the course; provided,  
5 however, practice shooting sessions shall not have more than ten  
6 participating students at one time. CLEET may establish criteria  
7 for assistant instructors and any other requirements deemed  
8 necessary to conduct a safe and effective firearms safety and  
9 training and qualification course. The course content shall include  
10 a safety inspection of the firearm to be used by the applicant in  
11 the training course; instruction on pistol handling, safety and  
12 storage; dynamics of ammunition and firing; methods or positions for  
13 firing a pistol; information about the criminal provisions of the  
14 Oklahoma law relating to firearms; the requirements of the Oklahoma  
15 Self-Defense Act as it relates to the applicant; self-defense and  
16 the use of appropriate force; a practice shooting session; and a  
17 familiarization course. The firearms instructor shall refuse to  
18 train ~~or qualify~~ any person when the pistol to be used or carried by  
19 the person is either deemed unsafe or unfit for firing ~~or is a~~  
20 ~~weapon not authorized by the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act.~~ The course  
21 ~~shall provide an opportunity for the applicant to qualify himself or~~  
22 ~~herself with a pistol; provided, no pistol shall be capable of~~  
23 ~~firing larger than .45 caliber ammunition.~~ Any applicant who  
24 ~~successfully trains and qualifies himself or herself with a pistol~~

1 shall be approved by the firearms instructor on the training  
2 certificate. Upon successful completion of the firearms safety and  
3 ~~training and qualification~~ course, a certificate of training and a  
4 ~~certificate of competency and qualification~~ shall be issued to each  
5 applicant who successfully completes the course. The ~~certificate of~~  
6 ~~training and certificate of competency and qualification shall~~  
7 ~~comply with the forms established by CLEET and shall be submitted~~  
8 ~~with an application for a handgun license pursuant to the provisions~~  
9 ~~of paragraph 2 of subsection A of Section 1290.12 of this title.~~  
10 ~~The certificate of training and certificate of competency and~~  
11 ~~qualification issued to an applicant shall be valid for a period of~~  
12 ~~three (3) years.~~

13 F. There is hereby created a revolving fund for the Council on  
14 Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET), to be designated the  
15 "Firearms Instructors Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a  
16 continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall  
17 consist of all funds received for approval of firearms instructors  
18 for purposes of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act. All funds received  
19 shall be deposited to the fund. All monies accruing to the credit  
20 of the fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended  
21 by the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training, for  
22 implementation of the firearms safety and training and qualification  
23 course contents, approval of firearms instructors and any other  
24 CLEET requirement pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-

1 Defense Act or as may otherwise be deemed appropriate by CLEET.  
2 Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the  
3 State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the  
4 Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for  
5 approval and payment.

6 G. Firearms instructors shall keep on file for a period of not  
7 less than three (3) years a roster of each training class, the  
8 safety test score of each individual, ~~the caliber and the weapon~~  
9 ~~each individual used when qualifying~~ and whether or not each  
10 individual successfully completed the training course. Firearms  
11 instructors shall be authorized to destroy all training documents  
12 and records upon expiration of the three-year time period.

13 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2021, Section 1290.15, as  
14 amended by Section 2, Chapter 156, O.S.L. 2024 (21 O.S. Supp. 2025,  
15 Section 1290.15), is amended to read as follows:

16 Section 1290.15.

17 ~~PERSONS EXEMPT FROM TRAINING COURSE~~

18 A. ~~The following individuals may be exempt from all or part of~~  
19 ~~the required training and qualification course established pursuant~~  
20 ~~to the provisions of Section 1290.14 of this title:~~

21 1. ~~A firearms instructor registered with the Oklahoma State~~  
22 ~~Bureau of Investigation for purposes of the Oklahoma Self-Defense~~  
23 ~~Act;~~

1       2. An active duty or reserve duty law enforcement officer of  
2 this state or any of its political subdivisions or of the federal  
3 government;

4       3. A retired law enforcement officer authorized by this state  
5 pursuant to Section 1289.8 of this title to carry a firearm;

6       4. A Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET)  
7 certified armed security officer, armed guard, correctional officer,  
8 or any other person having a CLEET certification to carry a firearm  
9 in the course of their employment;

10       5. A person on active military duty, National Guard duty or  
11 regular military reserve duty who is a legal resident of this state  
12 and who is trained and qualified in the use of handguns;

13       6. A person honorably discharged from active military duty,  
14 National Guard duty or military reserves who is a legal resident of  
15 this state;

16       7. A person retired as a peace officer in good standing from a  
17 law enforcement agency located in another state, who is a legal  
18 resident of this state, and who has received training equivalent to  
19 the training required for CLEET certification in this state; and

20       8. Any person who is otherwise deemed qualified for a training  
21 exemption by CLEET.

22       B. Nothing contained in any provision of the Oklahoma Self-  
23 Defense Act shall be construed to alter, amend, or modify the  
24 authority of any active duty law enforcement officer, or any person

1 certified by the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training  
2 to carry a pistol during the course of their employment, to carry  
3 any pistol in any manner authorized by law or authorized by the  
4 employing agency.

5 SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2021, Section 1290.18, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Section 1290.18.

8 APPLICATION FORM CONTENTS

9 The application for a handgun license shall be completed upon  
10 the sworn oath of the applicant as provided in paragraph 5 4 of  
11 subsection A of Section 1290.12 of this title. The application form  
12 shall be provided by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation and  
13 shall contain the following information in addition to any other  
14 information deemed relevant by the Bureau:

- 15 1. Applicant's full legal name;
- 16 2. Applicant's birth name, alias names or nicknames;
- 17 3. Applicant's maiden name, if applicable;
- 18 4. County of residence;
- 19 5. Length of residency at the current address;
- 20 6. Previous addresses for the preceding three (3) years;
- 21 7. Place of birth;
- 22 8. Date of birth;
- 23 9. Declaration of citizenship or alien or admission number for  
24 a non-United-States citizen;

1       10. Race;  
2       11. Weight;  
3       12. Height;  
4       13. Sex;  
5       14. Color of eyes;  
6       15. Current driver license number;  
7       16. Military service number, if applicable;  
8       17. Law enforcement identification numbers, if applicable;  
9       18. Current occupation;  
10      19. ~~Authorized type or types of pistol for which the applicant~~

11 ~~qualified as stated on the certificate of training or exemption of~~  
12 ~~training which shall be stated as either derringer, revolver,~~  
13 ~~semiautomatic pistol, or some combination of derringer, revolver and~~  
14 ~~semiautomatic pistol and the maximum ammunition capacity of the~~  
15 ~~firearm shall be .45 caliber;~~

16      20. An acknowledgment that the applicant desires a handgun  
17 license as a means of lawful self-defense and self-protection and  
18 for no other intent or purpose;

19      21. 20. A statement that the applicant has never been convicted  
20 of any felony offense in this state, another state or pursuant to  
21 any federal offense;

22      22. 21. A statement that the applicant has none of the  
23 conditions which would preclude the issuing of a handgun license  
24 pursuant to any of the provisions of Sections 1290.10 and 1290.11 of

1 this title and that the applicant further meets all of the  
2 eligibility criteria required by Section 1290.9 of this title;

3 ~~23.~~ 22. An authorization for the Oklahoma State Bureau of  
4 Investigation to investigate the applicant and any or all records  
5 relating to the applicant for purposes of approving or denying a  
6 handgun license pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-  
7 Defense Act;

8 ~~24.~~ 23. An acknowledgment that the applicant has reviewed the  
9 Federal Bureau of Investigation Privacy Act Statement and the  
10 Oklahoma Self-Defense Act and is knowledgeable about its provisions;

11 ~~25.~~ A statement that the applicant is the identical person who  
12 ~~completed the firearms training course for which the original~~  
13 ~~training certificate is submitted as part of the application or a~~  
14 ~~statement that the applicant is the identical person who is exempt~~  
15 ~~from firearms training for which the original exemption certificate~~  
16 ~~is submitted as part of the application, whichever is applicable to~~  
17 ~~the applicant;~~

18 ~~26.~~ 24. A conspicuous warning that the application is executed  
19 upon the sworn oath of the applicant and that any false or  
20 misleading answer to any question or the submission of any false  
21 information or documentation by the applicant is punishable by  
22 criminal penalty as provided in paragraph ~~5~~ 4 of subsection A of  
23 Section 1290.12 of this title;

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1       27. 25. A signed verification that the contents of the  
2 application are known to the applicant and are true and correct;

3       28. 26. Two separate places for the original signature of the  
4 applicant;

5       29. 27. A place for attachment of a passport-sized photograph  
6 of the applicant; and

7       30. 28. A place for the signature and verification of the  
8 identity of the applicant by the sheriff or the sheriff's designee.

9       Information provided by the person on an application for a  
10 handgun license shall be confidential except to law enforcement  
11 officers or law enforcement agencies.

12       SECTION 6. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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