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**A BILL**

To amend section 2923.125 of the Revised Code to  
waive the concealed carry license fee for active  
members of the armed forces and retired and  
honorably discharged veterans, to accept  
military experience with firearms as proof of  
competency with firearms regardless of when the  
applicant for a license acquired the experience,  
and to permit a licensee to renew a concealed  
handgun license at any time prior to the  
expiration of the license.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That section 2923.125 of the Revised Code be  
amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 2923.125.** It is the intent of the general assembly

that Ohio concealed handgun license law be compliant with the 14  
national instant criminal background check system, that the 15  
bureau of alcohol, tobacco, firearms, and explosives is able to 16  
determine that Ohio law is compliant with the national instant 17  
criminal background check system, and that no person shall be 18  
eligible to receive a concealed handgun license permit under 19  
section 2923.125 or 2923.1213 of the Revised Code unless the 20  
person is eligible lawfully to receive or possess a firearm in 21  
the United States. 22

(A) This section applies with respect to the application 23  
for and issuance by this state of concealed handgun licenses 24  
other than concealed handgun licenses on a temporary emergency 25  
basis that are issued under section 2923.1213 of the Revised 26  
Code. Upon the request of a person who wishes to obtain a 27  
concealed handgun license with respect to which this section 28  
applies or to renew a concealed handgun license with respect to 29  
which this section applies, a sheriff, as provided in division 30  
(I) of this section, shall provide to the person free of charge 31  
an application form and the web site address at which a 32  
printable version of the application form that can be downloaded 33  
and the pamphlet described in division (B) of section 109.731 of 34  
the Revised Code may be found. A sheriff shall accept a 35  
completed application form and the fee, items, materials, and 36  
information specified in divisions (B) (1) to (5) of this section 37  
at the times and in the manners described in division (I) of 38  
this section. 39

(B) An applicant for a concealed handgun license who is a 40  
resident of this state shall submit a completed application form 41  
and all of the material and information described in divisions 42  
(B) (1) to (6) of this section to the sheriff of the county in 43  
which the applicant resides or to the sheriff of any county 44

adjacent to the county in which the applicant resides. An 45  
applicant for a license who resides in another state shall 46  
submit a completed application form and all of the material and 47  
information described in divisions (B) (1) to (7) of this section 48  
to the sheriff of the county in which the applicant is employed 49  
or to the sheriff of any county adjacent to the county in which 50  
the applicant is employed: 51

(1) (a) A nonrefundable license fee as described in either 52  
of the following: 53

(i) For an applicant who has been a resident of this state 54  
for five or more years, a fee of sixty-seven dollars; 55

(ii) For an applicant who has been a resident of this 56  
state for less than five years or who is not a resident of this 57  
state, but who is employed in this state, a fee of sixty-seven 58  
dollars plus the actual cost of having a background check 59  
performed by the federal bureau of investigation. 60

(b) No sheriff shall require an applicant to pay for the 61  
cost of a background check performed by the bureau of criminal 62  
identification and investigation. 63

(c) A sheriff shall waive the payment of the license fee 64  
described in division (B) (1) (a) of this section in connection 65  
with an initial or renewal application for a license that is 66  
submitted by an applicant who is an active or reserve member of 67  
the armed forces of the United States or has retired from or was 68  
honorably discharged from military service in the active or 69  
reserve armed forces of the United States, a retired peace 70  
officer, a retired person described in division (B) (1) (b) of 71  
section 109.77 of the Revised Code, or a retired federal law 72  
enforcement officer who, prior to retirement, was authorized 73

under federal law to carry a firearm in the course of duty, 74  
unless the retired peace officer, person, or federal law 75  
enforcement officer retired as the result of a mental 76  
disability. 77

(d) The sheriff shall deposit all fees paid by an 78  
applicant under division (B) (1) (a) of this section into the 79  
sheriff's concealed handgun license issuance fund established 80  
pursuant to section 311.42 of the Revised Code. The county shall 81  
distribute the fees in accordance with section 311.42 of the 82  
Revised Code. 83

(2) A color photograph of the applicant that was taken 84  
within thirty days prior to the date of the application; 85

(3) One or more of the following competency 86  
certifications, each of which shall reflect that, regarding a 87  
certification described in division (B) (3) (a), (b), (c), (e), or 88  
(f) of this section, within the three years immediately 89  
preceding the application the applicant has performed that to 90  
which the competency certification relates and that, regarding a 91  
certification described in division (B) (3) (d) of this section, 92  
the applicant currently is an active or reserve member of the 93  
armed forces of the United States, the applicant has retired 94  
from or was honorably discharged from military service in the 95  
active or reserve armed forces of the United States, or within 96  
the ten years immediately preceding the application the 97  
~~honorable discharge or retirement of the peace officer, person~~ 98  
described in division (B) (1) (b) of section 109.77 of the Revised 99  
Code, or federal law enforcement officer to which the competency 100  
certification relates occurred: 101

(a) An original or photocopy of a certificate of 102  
completion of a firearms safety, training, or requalification or 103

firearms safety instructor course, class, or program that was 104  
offered by or under the auspices of a national gun advocacy 105  
organization and that complies with the requirements set forth 106  
in division (G) of this section; 107

(b) An original or photocopy of a certificate of 108  
completion of a firearms safety, training, or requalification or 109  
firearms safety instructor course, class, or program that 110  
satisfies all of the following criteria: 111

(i) It was open to members of the general public. 112

(ii) It utilized qualified instructors who were certified 113  
by a national gun advocacy organization, the executive director 114  
of the Ohio peace officer training commission pursuant to 115  
section 109.75 or 109.78 of the Revised Code, or a governmental 116  
official or entity of another state. 117

(iii) It was offered by or under the auspices of a law 118  
enforcement agency of this or another state or the United 119  
States, a public or private college, university, or other 120  
similar postsecondary educational institution located in this or 121  
another state, a firearms training school located in this or 122  
another state, or another type of public or private entity or 123  
organization located in this or another state. 124

(iv) It complies with the requirements set forth in 125  
division (G) of this section. 126

(c) An original or photocopy of a certificate of 127  
completion of a state, county, municipal, or department of 128  
natural resources peace officer training school that is approved 129  
by the executive director of the Ohio peace officer training 130  
commission pursuant to section 109.75 of the Revised Code and 131  
that complies with the requirements set forth in division (G) of 132

this section, or the applicant has satisfactorily completed and 133  
been issued a certificate of completion of a basic firearms 134  
training program, a firearms requalification training program, 135  
or another basic training program described in section 109.78 or 136  
109.801 of the Revised Code that complies with the requirements 137  
set forth in division (G) of this section; 138

(d) A document that evidences both of the following: 139

(i) That the applicant is an active or reserve member of 140  
the armed forces of the United States, has retired from or was 141  
honorably discharged from military service in the active or 142  
reserve armed forces of the United States, is a retired trooper 143  
of the state highway patrol, or is a retired peace officer or 144  
federal law enforcement officer described in division (B)(1) of 145  
this section or a retired person described in division (B)(1)(b) 146  
of section 109.77 of the Revised Code and division (B)(1) of 147  
this section; 148

(ii) That, through participation in the military service 149  
or through the former employment described in division (B)(3)(d) 150  
(i) of this section, the applicant acquired experience with 151  
handling handguns or other firearms, and the experience so 152  
acquired was equivalent to training that the applicant could 153  
have acquired in a course, class, or program described in 154  
division (B)(3)(a), (b), or (c) of this section. 155

(e) A certificate or another similar document that 156  
evidences satisfactory completion of a firearms training, 157  
safety, or requalification or firearms safety instructor course, 158  
class, or program that is not otherwise described in division 159  
(B)(3)(a), (b), (c), or (d) of this section, that was conducted 160  
by an instructor who was certified by an official or entity of 161  
the government of this or another state or the United States or 162

by a national gun advocacy organization, and that complies with 163  
the requirements set forth in division (G) of this section; 164

(f) An affidavit that attests to the applicant's 165  
satisfactory completion of a course, class, or program described 166  
in division (B)(3)(a), (b), (c), or (e) of this section and that 167  
is subscribed by the applicant's instructor or an authorized 168  
representative of the entity that offered the course, class, or 169  
program or under whose auspices the course, class, or program 170  
was offered; 171

(g) A document that evidences that the applicant has 172  
successfully completed the Ohio peace officer training program 173  
described in section 109.79 of the Revised Code. 174

(4) A certification by the applicant that the applicant 175  
has read the pamphlet prepared by the Ohio peace officer 176  
training commission pursuant to section 109.731 of the Revised 177  
Code that reviews firearms, dispute resolution, and use of 178  
deadly force matters. 179

(5) A set of fingerprints of the applicant provided as 180  
described in section 311.41 of the Revised Code through use of 181  
an electronic fingerprint reading device or, if the sheriff to 182  
whom the application is submitted does not possess and does not 183  
have ready access to the use of such a reading device, on a 184  
standard impression sheet prescribed pursuant to division (C)(2) 185  
of section 109.572 of the Revised Code. 186

(6) If the applicant is not a citizen or national of the 187  
United States, the name of the applicant's country of 188  
citizenship and the applicant's alien registration number issued 189  
by the United States citizenship and immigration services 190  
agency. 191

(7) If the applicant resides in another state, adequate 192  
proof of employment in Ohio. 193

(C) Upon receipt of the completed application form, 194  
supporting documentation, and, if not waived, license fee of an 195  
applicant under this section, a sheriff, in the manner specified 196  
in section 311.41 of the Revised Code, shall conduct or cause to 197  
be conducted the criminal records check and the incompetency 198  
records check described in section 311.41 of the Revised Code. 199

(D) (1) Except as provided in division (D) (3) of this 200  
section, within forty-five days after a sheriff's receipt of an 201  
applicant's completed application form for a concealed handgun 202  
license under this section, the supporting documentation, and, 203  
if not waived, the license fee, the sheriff shall make available 204  
through the law enforcement automated data system in accordance 205  
with division (H) of this section the information described in 206  
that division and, upon making the information available through 207  
the system, shall issue to the applicant a concealed handgun 208  
license that shall expire as described in division (D) (2) (a) of 209  
this section if all of the following apply: 210

(a) The applicant is legally living in the United States. 211  
For purposes of division (D) (1) (a) of this section, if a person 212  
is absent from the United States in compliance with military or 213  
naval orders as an active or reserve member of the armed forces 214  
of the United States and if prior to leaving the United States 215  
the person was legally living in the United States, the person, 216  
solely by reason of that absence, shall not be considered to 217  
have lost the person's status as living in the United States. 218

(b) The applicant is at least twenty-one years of age. 219

(c) The applicant is not a fugitive from justice. 220

(d) The applicant is not under indictment for or otherwise 221  
charged with a felony; an offense under Chapter 2925., 3719., or 222  
4729. of the Revised Code that involves the illegal possession, 223  
use, sale, administration, or distribution of or trafficking in 224  
a drug of abuse; a misdemeanor offense of violence; or a 225  
violation of section 2903.14 or 2923.1211 of the Revised Code. 226

(e) Except as otherwise provided in division (D) (4) or (5) 227  
of this section, the applicant has not been convicted of or 228  
pleaded guilty to a felony or an offense under Chapter 2925., 229  
3719., or 4729. of the Revised Code that involves the illegal 230  
possession, use, sale, administration, or distribution of or 231  
trafficking in a drug of abuse; has not been adjudicated a 232  
delinquent child for committing an act that if committed by an 233  
adult would be a felony or would be an offense under Chapter 234  
2925., 3719., or 4729. of the Revised Code that involves the 235  
illegal possession, use, sale, administration, or distribution 236  
of or trafficking in a drug of abuse; has not been convicted of, 237  
pleaded guilty to, or adjudicated a delinquent child for 238  
committing a violation of section 2903.13 of the Revised Code 239  
when the victim of the violation is a peace officer, regardless 240  
of whether the applicant was sentenced under division (C) (4) of 241  
that section; and has not been convicted of, pleaded guilty to, 242  
or adjudicated a delinquent child for committing any other 243  
offense that is not previously described in this division that 244  
is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding 245  
one year. 246

(f) Except as otherwise provided in division (D) (4) or (5) 247  
of this section, the applicant, within three years of the date 248  
of the application, has not been convicted of or pleaded guilty 249  
to a misdemeanor offense of violence other than a misdemeanor 250  
violation of section 2921.33 of the Revised Code or a violation 251

of section 2903.13 of the Revised Code when the victim of the 252  
violation is a peace officer, or a misdemeanor violation of 253  
section 2923.1211 of the Revised Code; and has not been 254  
adjudicated a delinquent child for committing an act that if 255  
committed by an adult would be a misdemeanor offense of violence 256  
other than a misdemeanor violation of section 2921.33 of the 257  
Revised Code or a violation of section 2903.13 of the Revised 258  
Code when the victim of the violation is a peace officer or for 259  
committing an act that if committed by an adult would be a 260  
misdemeanor violation of section 2923.1211 of the Revised Code. 261

(g) Except as otherwise provided in division (D) (1) (e) of 262  
this section, the applicant, within five years of the date of 263  
the application, has not been convicted of, pleaded guilty to, 264  
or adjudicated a delinquent child for committing two or more 265  
violations of section 2903.13 or 2903.14 of the Revised Code. 266

(h) Except as otherwise provided in division (D) (4) or (5) 267  
of this section, the applicant, within ten years of the date of 268  
the application, has not been convicted of, pleaded guilty to, 269  
or adjudicated a delinquent child for committing a violation of 270  
section 2921.33 of the Revised Code. 271

(i) The applicant has not been adjudicated as a mental 272  
defective, has not been committed to any mental institution, is 273  
not under adjudication of mental incompetence, has not been 274  
found by a court to be a mentally ill person subject to court 275  
order, and is not an involuntary patient other than one who is a 276  
patient only for purposes of observation. As used in this 277  
division, "mentally ill person subject to court order" and 278  
"patient" have the same meanings as in section 5122.01 of the 279  
Revised Code. 280

(j) The applicant is not currently subject to a civil 281

protection order, a temporary protection order, or a protection order issued by a court of another state.	282 283
(k) The applicant certifies that the applicant desires a legal means to carry a concealed handgun for defense of the applicant or a member of the applicant's family while engaged in lawful activity.	284 285 286 287
(l) The applicant submits a competency certification of the type described in division (B) (3) of this section and submits a certification of the type described in division (B) (4) of this section regarding the applicant's reading of the pamphlet prepared by the Ohio peace officer training commission pursuant to section 109.731 of the Revised Code.	288 289 290 291 292 293
(m) The applicant currently is not subject to a suspension imposed under division (A) (2) of section 2923.128 of the Revised Code of a concealed handgun license that previously was issued to the applicant under this section or section 2923.1213 of the Revised Code or a similar suspension imposed by another state regarding a concealed handgun license issued by that state.	294 295 296 297 298 299
(n) If the applicant resides in another state, the applicant is employed in this state.	300 301
(o) The applicant certifies that the applicant is not an unlawful user of or addicted to any controlled substance as defined in 21 U.S.C. 802.	302 303 304
(p) If the applicant is not a United States citizen, the applicant is an alien and has not been admitted to the United States under a nonimmigrant visa, as defined in the "Immigration and Nationality Act," 8 U.S.C. 1101(a) (26).	305 306 307 308
(q) The applicant has not been discharged from the armed forces of the United States under dishonorable conditions.	309 310

(r) The applicant certifies that the applicant has not 311  
renounced the applicant's United States citizenship, if 312  
applicable. 313

(s) The applicant has not been convicted of, pleaded 314  
guilty to, or adjudicated a delinquent child for committing a 315  
violation of section 2919.25 of the Revised Code or a similar 316  
violation in another state. 317

(2) (a) A concealed handgun license that a sheriff issues 318  
under division (D) (1) of this section shall expire five years 319  
after the date of issuance. 320

If a sheriff issues a license under this section, the 321  
sheriff shall place on the license a unique combination of 322  
letters and numbers identifying the license in accordance with 323  
the procedure prescribed by the Ohio peace officer training 324  
commission pursuant to section 109.731 of the Revised Code. 325

(b) If a sheriff denies an application under this section 326  
because the applicant does not satisfy the criteria described in 327  
division (D) (1) of this section, the sheriff shall specify the 328  
grounds for the denial in a written notice to the applicant. The 329  
applicant may appeal the denial pursuant to section 119.12 of 330  
the Revised Code in the county served by the sheriff who denied 331  
the application. If the denial was as a result of the criminal 332  
records check conducted pursuant to section 311.41 of the 333  
Revised Code and if, pursuant to section 2923.127 of the Revised 334  
Code, the applicant challenges the criminal records check 335  
results using the appropriate challenge and review procedure 336  
specified in that section, the time for filing the appeal 337  
pursuant to section 119.12 of the Revised Code and this division 338  
is tolled during the pendency of the request or the challenge 339  
and review. 340

(c) If the court in an appeal under section 119.12 of the Revised Code and division (D) (2) (b) of this section enters a judgment sustaining the sheriff's refusal to grant to the applicant a concealed handgun license, the applicant may file a new application beginning one year after the judgment is entered. If the court enters a judgment in favor of the applicant, that judgment shall not restrict the authority of a sheriff to suspend or revoke the license pursuant to section 2923.128 or 2923.1213 of the Revised Code or to refuse to renew the license for any proper cause that may occur after the date the judgment is entered. In the appeal, the court shall have full power to dispose of all costs.

(3) If the sheriff with whom an application for a concealed handgun license was filed under this section becomes aware that the applicant has been arrested for or otherwise charged with an offense that would disqualify the applicant from holding the license, the sheriff shall suspend the processing of the application until the disposition of the case arising from the arrest or charge.

(4) If an applicant has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to an offense identified in division (D) (1) (e), (f), or (h) of this section or has been adjudicated a delinquent child for committing an act or violation identified in any of those divisions, and if a court has ordered the sealing or expungement of the records of that conviction, guilty plea, or adjudication pursuant to sections 2151.355 to 2151.358, sections 2953.31 to 2953.36, or section 2953.37 of the Revised Code or the applicant has been relieved under operation of law or legal process from the disability imposed pursuant to section 2923.13 of the Revised Code relative to that conviction, guilty plea, or adjudication, the sheriff with whom the application was

submitted shall not consider the conviction, guilty plea, or 372  
adjudication in making a determination under division (D) (1) or 373  
(F) of this section or, in relation to an application for a 374  
concealed handgun license on a temporary emergency basis 375  
submitted under section 2923.1213 of the Revised Code, in making 376  
a determination under division (B) (2) of that section. 377

(5) If an applicant has been convicted of or pleaded 378  
guilty to a minor misdemeanor offense or has been adjudicated a 379  
delinquent child for committing an act or violation that is a 380  
minor misdemeanor offense, the sheriff with whom the application 381  
was submitted shall not consider the conviction, guilty plea, or 382  
adjudication in making a determination under division (D) (1) or 383  
(F) of this section or, in relation to an application for a 384  
concealed handgun license on a temporary basis submitted under 385  
section 2923.1213 of the Revised Code, in making a determination 386  
under division (B) (2) of that section. 387

(E) If a concealed handgun license issued under this 388  
section is lost or is destroyed, the licensee may obtain from 389  
the sheriff who issued that license a duplicate license upon the 390  
payment of a fee of fifteen dollars and the submission of an 391  
affidavit attesting to the loss or destruction of the license. 392  
The sheriff, in accordance with the procedures prescribed in 393  
section 109.731 of the Revised Code, shall place on the 394  
replacement license a combination of identifying numbers 395  
different from the combination on the license that is being 396  
replaced. 397

(F) (1) (a) Except as provided in division (F) (1) (b) of this 398  
section, a licensee who wishes to renew a concealed handgun 399  
license issued under this section ~~shall~~ may do so ~~not earlier~~ 400  
~~than ninety days~~ at any time before the expiration date of the 401

license or at any time after the expiration date of the license 402  
by filing with the sheriff of the county in which the applicant 403  
resides or with the sheriff of an adjacent county, or in the 404  
case of ~~a~~ an applicant who resides in another state with the 405  
sheriff of the county that issued the applicant's previous 406  
concealed handgun license an application for renewal of the 407  
license obtained pursuant to division (D) of this section, a 408  
certification by the applicant that, subsequent to the issuance 409  
of the license, the applicant has reread the pamphlet prepared 410  
by the Ohio peace officer training commission pursuant to 411  
section 109.731 of the Revised Code that reviews firearms, 412  
dispute resolution, and use of deadly force matters, and a 413  
nonrefundable license renewal fee in an amount determined 414  
pursuant to division (F) (4) of this section unless the fee is 415  
waived. 416

(b) A person on active duty in the armed forces of the 417  
United States or in service with the peace corps, volunteers in 418  
service to America, or the foreign service of the United States 419  
is exempt from the license requirements of this section for the 420  
period of the person's active duty or service and for six months 421  
thereafter, provided the person was a licensee under this 422  
section at the time the person commenced the person's active 423  
duty or service or had obtained a license while on active duty 424  
or service. The spouse or a dependent of any such person on 425  
active duty or in service also is exempt from the license 426  
requirements of this section for the period of the person's 427  
active duty or service and for six months thereafter, provided 428  
the spouse or dependent was a licensee under this section at the 429  
time the person commenced the active duty or service or had 430  
obtained a license while the person was on active duty or 431  
service, and provided further that the person's active duty or 432

service resulted in the spouse or dependent relocating outside 433  
of this state during the period of the active duty or service. 434  
This division does not prevent such a person or the person's 435  
spouse or dependent from making an application for the renewal 436  
of a concealed handgun license during the period of the person's 437  
active duty or service. 438

(2) A sheriff shall accept a completed renewal 439  
application, the license renewal fee, and the information 440  
specified in division (F)(1) of this section at the times and in 441  
the manners described in division (I) of this section. Upon 442  
receipt of a completed renewal application, of certification 443  
that the applicant has reread the specified pamphlet prepared by 444  
the Ohio peace officer training commission, and of a license 445  
renewal fee unless the fee is waived, a sheriff, in the manner 446  
specified in section 311.41 of the Revised Code shall conduct or 447  
cause to be conducted the criminal records check and the 448  
incompetency records check described in section 311.41 of the 449  
Revised Code. The sheriff shall renew the license if the sheriff 450  
determines that the applicant continues to satisfy the 451  
requirements described in division (D)(1) of this section, 452  
except that the applicant is not required to meet the 453  
requirements of division (D)(1)(1) of this section. A renewed 454  
license shall expire five years after the date of issuance. A 455  
renewed license is subject to division (E) of this section and 456  
sections 2923.126 and 2923.128 of the Revised Code. A sheriff 457  
shall comply with divisions (D)(2) and (3) of this section when 458  
the circumstances described in those divisions apply to a 459  
requested license renewal. If a sheriff denies the renewal of a 460  
concealed handgun license, the applicant may appeal the denial, 461  
or challenge the criminal record check results that were the 462  
basis of the denial if applicable, in the same manner as 463

specified in division (D) (2) (b) of this section and in section 464  
2923.127 of the Revised Code, regarding the denial of a license 465  
under this section. 466

(3) A renewal application submitted pursuant to division 467  
(F) of this section shall only require the licensee to list on 468  
the application form information and matters occurring since the 469  
date of the licensee's last application for a license pursuant 470  
to division (B) or (F) of this section. A sheriff conducting the 471  
criminal records check and the incompetency records check 472  
described in section 311.41 of the Revised Code shall conduct 473  
the check only from the date of the licensee's last application 474  
for a license pursuant to division (B) or (F) of this section 475  
through the date of the renewal application submitted pursuant 476  
to division (F) of this section. 477

(4) An applicant for a renewal concealed handgun license 478  
under this section shall submit to the sheriff of the county in 479  
which the applicant resides or to the sheriff of any county 480  
adjacent to the county in which the applicant resides, or in the 481  
case of an applicant who resides in another state to the sheriff 482  
of the county that issued the applicant's previous concealed 483  
handgun license, a nonrefundable license fee as described in 484  
either of the following: 485

(a) For an applicant who has been a resident of this state 486  
for five or more years, a fee of fifty dollars; 487

(b) For an applicant who has been a resident of this state 488  
for less than five years or who is not a resident of this state 489  
but who is employed in this state, a fee of fifty dollars plus 490  
the actual cost of having a background check performed by the 491  
federal bureau of investigation. 492

(5) The concealed handgun license of a licensee who is no longer a resident of this state or no longer employed in this state, as applicable, is valid until the date of expiration on the license, and the licensee is prohibited from renewing the concealed handgun license.

(G)(1) Each course, class, or program described in division (B)(3)(a), (b), (c), or (e) of this section shall provide to each person who takes the course, class, or program the web site address at which the pamphlet prepared by the Ohio peace officer training commission pursuant to section 109.731 of the Revised Code that reviews firearms, dispute resolution, and use of deadly force matters may be found. Each such course, class, or program described in one of those divisions shall include at least eight hours of training in the safe handling and use of a firearm that shall include training, provided as described in division (G)(3) of this section, on all of the following:

(a) The ability to name, explain, and demonstrate the rules for safe handling of a handgun and proper storage practices for handguns and ammunition;

(b) The ability to demonstrate and explain how to handle ammunition in a safe manner;

(c) The ability to demonstrate the knowledge, skills, and attitude necessary to shoot a handgun in a safe manner;

(d) Gun handling training;

(e) A minimum of two hours of in-person training that consists of range time and live-fire training.

(2) To satisfactorily complete the course, class, or program described in division (B)(3)(a), (b), (c), or (e) of

this section, the applicant shall pass a competency examination 522  
that shall include both of the following: 523

(a) A written section, provided as described in division 524  
(G) (3) of this section, on the ability to name and explain the 525  
rules for the safe handling of a handgun and proper storage 526  
practices for handguns and ammunition; 527

(b) An in-person physical demonstration of competence in 528  
the use of a handgun and in the rules for safe handling and 529  
storage of a handgun and a physical demonstration of the 530  
attitude necessary to shoot a handgun in a safe manner. 531

(3) (a) Except as otherwise provided in this division, the 532  
training specified in division (G) (1) (a) of this section shall 533  
be provided to the person receiving the training in person by an 534  
instructor. If the training specified in division (G) (1) (a) of 535  
this section is provided by a course, class, or program 536  
described in division (B) (3) (a) of this section, or it is 537  
provided by a course, class, or program described in division 538  
(B) (3) (b), (c), or (e) of this section and the instructor is a 539  
qualified instructor certified by a national gun advocacy 540  
organization, the training so specified, other than the training 541  
that requires the person receiving the training to demonstrate 542  
handling abilities, may be provided online or as a combination 543  
of in-person and online training, as long as the online training 544  
includes an interactive component that regularly engages the 545  
person. 546

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this division, the 547  
written section of the competency examination specified in 548  
division (G) (2) (a) of this section shall be administered to the 549  
person taking the competency examination in person by an 550  
instructor. If the training specified in division (G) (1) (a) of 551

this section is provided to the person receiving the training by 552  
a course, class, or program described in division (B) (3) (a) of 553  
this section, or it is provided by a course, class, or program 554  
described in division (B) (3) (b), (c), or (e) of this section and 555  
the instructor is a qualified instructor certified by a national 556  
gun advocacy organization, the written section of the competency 557  
examination specified in division (G) (2) (a) of this section may 558  
be administered online, as long as the online training includes 559  
an interactive component that regularly engages the person. 560

(4) The competency certification described in division (B) 561  
(3) (a), (b), (c), or (e) of this section shall be dated and 562  
shall attest that the course, class, or program the applicant 563  
successfully completed met the requirements described in 564  
division (G) (1) of this section and that the applicant passed 565  
the competency examination described in division (G) (2) of this 566  
section. 567

(H) Upon deciding to issue a concealed handgun license, 568  
deciding to issue a replacement concealed handgun license, or 569  
deciding to renew a concealed handgun license pursuant to this 570  
section, and before actually issuing or renewing the license, 571  
the sheriff shall make available through the law enforcement 572  
automated data system all information contained on the license. 573  
If the license subsequently is suspended under division (A) (1) 574  
or (2) of section 2923.128 of the Revised Code, revoked pursuant 575  
to division (B) (1) of section 2923.128 of the Revised Code, or 576  
lost or destroyed, the sheriff also shall make available through 577  
the law enforcement automated data system a notation of that 578  
fact. The superintendent of the state highway patrol shall 579  
ensure that the law enforcement automated data system is so 580  
configured as to permit the transmission through the system of 581  
the information specified in this division. 582

(I) A sheriff shall accept a completed application form or 583  
renewal application, and the fee, items, materials, and 584  
information specified in divisions (B) (1) to (5) or division (F) 585  
of this section, whichever is applicable, and shall provide an 586  
application form or renewal application to any person during at 587  
least fifteen hours a week and shall provide the web site 588  
address at which a printable version of the application form 589  
that can be downloaded and the pamphlet described in division 590  
(B) of section 109.731 of the Revised Code may be found at any 591  
time, upon request. The sheriff shall post notice of the hours 592  
during which the sheriff is available to accept or provide the 593  
information described in this division. 594

**Section 2.** That existing section 2923.125 of the Revised 595  
Code is hereby repealed. 596

**Section 3.** Section 2923.125 of the Revised Code is 597  
presented in this act as a composite of the section as amended 598  
by both Am. Sub. H.B. 234 and Am. Sub. S.B. 43 of the 130th 599  
General Assembly. The General Assembly, applying the principle 600  
stated in division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that 601  
amendments are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of 602  
simultaneous operation, finds that the composite is the 603  
resulting version of the section in effect prior to the 604  
effective date of the section as presented in this act. 605