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**A BILL**

To amend sections 109.731 and 2923.25 of the 1  
Revised Code to require federally licensed 2  
firearms dealers to give each firearm purchaser 3  
a specified brochure that provides information 4  
on using deadly force and outlines the laws 5  
about dispute resolution. 6

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

**Section 1.** That sections 109.731 and 2923.25 of the 7  
Revised Code be amended to read as follows: 8

**Sec. 109.731.** (A) (1) The attorney general shall prescribe, 9  
and shall make available to sheriffs an application form that is 10  
to be used under section 2923.125 of the Revised Code by a 11  
person who applies for a concealed handgun license and an 12  
application form that is to be used under section 2923.125 of 13  
the Revised Code by a person who applies for the renewal of a 14  
license of that nature. The attorney general shall design the 15  
form to enable applicants to provide the information that is 16  
required by law to be collected, and shall update the form as 17  
necessary. Burdens or restrictions to obtaining a concealed 18

handgun license that are not expressly prescribed in law shall 19  
not be incorporated into the form. The attorney general shall 20  
post a printable version of the form on the web site of the 21  
attorney general and shall provide the address of the web site 22  
to any person who requests the form. 23

(2) The Ohio peace officer training commission shall 24  
prescribe, and shall make available to sheriffs, all of the 25  
following: 26

(a) A form for the concealed handgun license that is to be 27  
issued by sheriffs to persons who qualify for a concealed 28  
handgun license under section 2923.125 of the Revised Code and 29  
that conforms to the following requirements: 30

(i) It has space for the licensee's full name, residence 31  
address, and date of birth and for a color photograph of the 32  
licensee. 33

(ii) It has space for the date of issuance of the license, 34  
its expiration date, its county of issuance, the name of the 35  
sheriff who issues the license, and the unique combination of 36  
letters and numbers that identify the county of issuance and the 37  
license given to the licensee by the sheriff in accordance with 38  
division (A) (2) (c) of this section. 39

(iii) It has space for the signature of the licensee and 40  
the signature or a facsimile signature of the sheriff who issues 41  
the license. 42

(iv) It does not require the licensee to include serial 43  
numbers of handguns, other identification related to handguns, 44  
or similar data that is not pertinent or relevant to obtaining 45  
the license and that could be used as a de facto means of 46  
registration of handguns owned by the licensee. 47

(b) A series of three-letter county codes that identify 48  
each county in this state; 49

(c) A procedure by which a sheriff shall give each 50  
concealed handgun license, replacement concealed handgun 51  
license, or renewal concealed handgun license and each concealed 52  
handgun license on a temporary emergency basis or replacement 53  
license on a temporary emergency basis the sheriff issues under 54  
section 2923.125 or 2923.1213 of the Revised Code a unique 55  
combination of letters and numbers that identifies the county in 56  
which the license was issued and that uses the county code and a 57  
unique number for each license the sheriff of that county 58  
issues; 59

(d) A form for a concealed handgun license on a temporary 60  
emergency basis that is to be issued by sheriffs to persons who 61  
qualify for such a license under section 2923.1213 of the 62  
Revised Code, which form shall conform to all the requirements 63  
set forth in divisions (A) (2) (a) (i) to (iv) of this section and 64  
shall additionally conspicuously specify that the license is 65  
issued on a temporary emergency basis and the date of its 66  
issuance. 67

(B) (1) The Ohio peace officer training commission, in 68  
consultation with the attorney general, shall prepare ~~a~~ both of 69  
the following: 70

(a) A pamphlet that does all of the following, in everyday 71  
language: 72

~~(a)~~ (i) Explains the firearms laws of this state; 73

~~(b)~~ (ii) Instructs the reader in dispute resolution and 74  
explains the laws of this state related to that matter; 75

~~(c)~~ (iii) Provides information to the reader regarding all 76

aspects of the use of deadly force with a firearm, including, 77  
but not limited to, the steps that should be taken before 78  
contemplating the use of, or using, deadly force with a firearm, 79  
possible alternatives to using deadly force with a firearm, and 80  
the law governing the use of deadly force with a firearm. 81

(b) A foldable brochure that summarizes the information in 82  
divisions (B) (1) (a) (ii) and (iii) of this section. 83

(2) The attorney general shall consult with and assist the 84  
commission in the preparation of the pamphlet and brochure 85  
described in division (B) (1) of this section and, as necessary, 86  
shall recommend to the commission changes in the pamphlet and 87  
brochure to reflect changes in the law that are relevant to it. 88  
The attorney general shall publish the pamphlet and brochure on 89  
the web site of the attorney general and shall provide the 90  
address of the web site to any person who requests the pamphlet 91  
or brochure. 92

(3) The attorney general shall create and maintain a 93  
section on the attorney general's web site that provides 94  
information on firearms laws of this state specifically 95  
applicable to members of the armed forces of the United States 96  
and a link to the pamphlet described in division (B) (1) of this 97  
section. 98

(C) The Ohio peace officer training commission shall 99  
maintain statistics with respect to the issuance, renewal, 100  
suspension, revocation, and denial of concealed handgun licenses 101  
under section 2923.125 of the Revised Code and the suspension of 102  
processing of applications for those licenses, and with respect 103  
to the issuance, suspension, revocation, and denial of concealed 104  
handgun licenses on a temporary emergency basis under section 105  
2923.1213 of the Revised Code, as reported by the sheriffs 106

pursuant to division (C) of section 2923.129 of the Revised Code. Not later than the first day of March in each year, the commission shall submit a statistical report to the governor, the president of the senate, and the speaker of the house of representatives indicating the number of concealed handgun licenses that were issued, renewed, suspended, revoked, and denied under section 2923.125 of the Revised Code in the previous calendar year, the number of applications for those licenses for which processing was suspended in accordance with division (D)(3) of that section in the previous calendar year, and the number of concealed handgun licenses on a temporary emergency basis that were issued, suspended, revoked, or denied under section 2923.1213 of the Revised Code in the previous calendar year. Nothing in the statistics or the statistical report shall identify, or enable the identification of, any individual who was issued or denied a license, for whom a license was renewed, whose license was suspended or revoked, or for whom application processing was suspended. The statistics and the statistical report are public records for the purpose of section 149.43 of the Revised Code.

(D) As used in this section, "concealed handgun license" and "handgun" have the same meanings as in section 2923.11 of the Revised Code.

**Sec. 2923.25.** (A) Each federally licensed firearms dealer who sells any firearm, at shall do all of the following:

(1) At the time of the sale of the firearm, shall offer for sale to the purchaser of the firearm a trigger lock, gun lock, or gun locking device that is appropriate for that firearm. Each federally licensed firearms dealer shall post;

(2) At the time of the sale of the firearm, provide to the

purchaser of the firearm the brochure prepared pursuant to 137  
section 109.731 of the Revised Code; 138

(3) Post in a conspicuous location in the dealer's place 139  
of business the poster furnished to the dealer pursuant to 140  
section 5502.63 of the Revised Code and ~~shall~~ make available to 141  
all purchasers of firearms from the dealer the brochure 142  
furnished to the dealer pursuant to that section. 143

(B) As used in this section, "federally licensed firearms 144  
dealer" has the same meaning as in section 5502.63 of the 145  
Revised Code. 146

**Section 2.** That existing sections 109.731 and 2923.25 of 147  
the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 148