

Committee on Military Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security

CS/HB 463 — Concealed Weapons or Firearms

by Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee; and Reps. Kreegel, Brandes, and others
(SB 998 by Senators Negrón, Norman and Evers)

Concealed Weapon or Firearm Licenses for Military Servicemembers and Veterans

The bill provides an exception to the minimum age requirement (21 years of age) for obtaining a license to carry a concealed weapon for members of the United States Armed Forces and honorably discharged veterans. The bill allows Florida resident military servicemembers and honorably discharged veterans who are under the age of 21, and are otherwise qualified, to obtain a concealed weapon or firearm license. The bill also requires the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to accept background check fingerprints for military concealed weapon or firearm permit applicants which have been prepared by military law enforcement officials.

The bill also provides that a military servicemember or an honorably discharged veteran who is a nonresident of Florida and who holds a concealed weapon license from another state which honors Florida's concealed weapon license, is exempt from the age requirement (21 years of age) for carrying a concealed weapon or firearm in Florida.

Discharging a Firearm on Residential Property

The bill amends s. 790.15, F.S., to provide that a person who recklessly or negligently discharges a firearm outdoors on any property used or zoned exclusively for residential use commits a misdemeanor of the first degree.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect upon becoming law.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 116-0