

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to concealed weapons or firearms; creating  
 3           s. 790.062, F.S.; providing that otherwise qualified  
 4           members and veterans of the United States Armed Forces be  
 5           issued a concealed weapon or firearm license regardless of  
 6           age or United States residency in certain circumstances;  
 7           providing additional methods for the taking of  
 8           fingerprints from such license applicants; providing an  
 9           effective date.

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 11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 13           Section 1. Section 790.062, Florida Statutes, is created  
 14 to read:

15           790.062 Members and veterans of United States Armed  
 16 Forces; exceptions from licensure provisions.-

17           (1) Notwithstanding s. 790.06(2)(a) and (b), the  
 18 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall issue a  
 19 license to carry a concealed weapon or firearm under s. 790.06  
 20 if the applicant is otherwise qualified and:

21           (a) Is a servicemember, as defined in s. 250.01; or

22           (b) Is a veteran of the United States Armed Forces who was  
 23 discharged under honorable conditions.

24           (2) The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services  
 25 shall accept fingerprints of an applicant under this section  
 26 administered by any law enforcement agency, military provost, or  
 27 other military unit charged with law enforcement duties or as  
 28 otherwise provided for in 790.06(5)(c).

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Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.