

1                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to concealed weapons or firearms;  
 3           creating s. 790.062, F.S.; providing that otherwise  
 4           qualified members and veterans of the United States  
 5           Armed Forces be issued a concealed weapon or firearm  
 6           license regardless of age or United States residency  
 7           in certain circumstances; providing additional methods  
 8           for the taking of fingerprints from such license  
 9           applicants; amending s. 790.015, F.S.; providing that  
 10          members and veterans of the United States Armed Forces  
 11          be granted reciprocity regardless of age; providing an  
 12          effective date.

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

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 16          Section 1.   Section 790.062, Florida Statutes, is created  
 17          to read:

18          790.062 Members and veterans of United States Armed  
 19          Forces; exceptions from licensure provisions.-

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

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

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

27          (2) The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services  
 28          shall accept fingerprints of an applicant under this section

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29 administered by any law enforcement agency, military provost, or  
 30 other military unit charged with law enforcement duties or as  
 31 otherwise provided for in 790.06(5)(c).

32 Section 2. Section 790.015, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 33 to read:

34 790.015 Nonresidents who are United States citizens and  
 35 hold a concealed weapons license in another state; reciprocity.-

36 (1) Notwithstanding s. 790.01, ~~a resident of the United~~  
 37 ~~States who is~~ a nonresident of Florida may carry a concealed  
 38 weapon or concealed firearm while in this state if the  
 39 nonresident:

40 (a) Is 21 years of age or older; ~~and~~

41 (b) Has in his or her immediate possession a valid license  
 42 to carry a concealed weapon or concealed firearm issued to the  
 43 nonresident in his or her state of residence.

44 (c) Is a resident of the United States.

45 (2) A nonresident is subject to the same laws and  
 46 restrictions with respect to carrying a concealed weapon or  
 47 concealed firearm as a resident of Florida who is so licensed.

48 (3) If the resident of another state who is the holder of  
 49 a valid license to carry a concealed weapon or concealed firearm  
 50 issued in another state establishes legal residence in this  
 51 state by:

52 (a) Registering to vote; ~~or~~

53 (b) Making a statement of domicile pursuant to s. 222.17;  
 54 or

55 (c) Filing for homestead tax exemption on property in this  
 56 state,

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58 the license shall remain in effect for 90 days following the  
59 date on which the holder of the license establishes legal state  
60 residence.

61 (4) This section applies only to nonresident concealed  
62 weapon or concealed firearm licenseholders from states that  
63 honor Florida concealed weapon or concealed firearm licenses.

64 (5) The requirement of paragraph (1)(a) does not apply to  
65 a person who:

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

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

69 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.