

By Senator Hutson

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to private investigative and security  
3       services; amending s. 493.6111, F.S.; requiring the  
4       Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to  
5       issue a Class "G" license to persons who meet  
6       specified requirements; amending s. 493.6115, F.S.;  
7       revising eligibility requirements for Class "C" and  
8       Class "CC" licensees to carry firearms; providing an  
9       effective date.

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11       WHEREAS, all citizens, including licensed private  
12       investigators, are entitled to self-defense and self-protection,  
13       including the right to protections afforded under the Second  
14       Amendment of the United States Constitution, and

15       WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that licensed private  
16       investigators who hold a valid state license to carry concealed  
17       firearms are entitled to carry a concealed firearm at any time  
18       and at any location unless prohibited under this state's laws,  
19       and that licensed private investigators have the right to carry  
20       a firearm during the course of their duties, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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24       Section 1. Subsection (7) is added to section 493.6111,  
25       Florida Statutes, to read:

26       493.6111 License; contents; identification card.-

27       (7) The department shall issue a Class "G" license to any  
28       Class "C" or Class "CC" licensee who has a license to carry  
29       concealed firearms issued pursuant to s. 790.06.

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30 Section 2. Subsections (2) and (4) of section 493.6115,  
31 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

32 493.6115 Weapons and firearms.—

33 (2) (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), only Class "C,"  
34 Class "CC," Class "D," Class "M," Class "MA," or Class "MB"  
35 licensees are permitted to bear a firearm and any such licensee  
36 who bears a firearm shall also have a Class "G" license.

37 (b)1. A Class "C" or Class "CC" licensee who does not have  
38 a Class "G" license may carry a concealed firearm if the  
39 licensee has a license to carry concealed firearms issued  
40 pursuant to s. 790.06.

41 2. A Class "C" or Class "CC" licensee who does not have a  
42 Class "G" license but who is a retired law enforcement officer;  
43 who separated from service in good standing; who, before such  
44 separation, served as a law enforcement officer for at least 10  
45 years; and who maintains her or his annual firearms proficiency  
46 qualification may carry a concealed firearm in the performance  
47 of her or his duties. However, such licensee must have a valid  
48 federal Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act qualification card  
49 in her or his possession at all times while carrying a concealed  
50 firearm on duty.

51 (4) A Class "C" or Class "CC" licensee who is 21 years of  
52 age or older and has also been issued a Class "G" license, who  
53 has a license to carry concealed firearms, or who meets the  
54 requirements of subparagraph (2) (b)2. may carry, in the  
55 performance of her or his duties, a concealed firearm. A Class  
56 "D" licensee who is 21 years of age or older and has also been  
57 issued a Class "G" license may carry a concealed firearm in the  
58 performance of her or his duties under the conditions specified

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59 in s. 493.6305(3) and (4). The Class "G" license must clearly  
60 indicate such authority. The authority of any such licensee to  
61 carry a concealed firearm is valid in any location throughout  
62 the state while performing services within the scope of the  
63 license.

64 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.