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Kansas Personal and Family Protection Act
K.S.A. 75-7c01 et seq.

75-7c01. Personal and family protection act; citation of act.

K.S.A. 75-7c01 through 75-7c23, and amendments thereto, shall be known and may be cited as the personal and family protection act.

History: L. 2006, ch. 32, § 1; L. 2010, ch. 140, § 1; L. 2015, ch. 16, § 7; July 1.

75-7c02. Definitions.

As used in the personal and family protection act, except as otherwise provided:

- (a) "Attorney general" means the attorney general of the state of Kansas.
- (b) "Handgun" means a "firearm," as defined in K.S.A. 75-7b01, and amendments thereto.
- (c) "Athletic event" means athletic instruction, practice or competition held at any location and including any number of athletes.
- (d) "Dependent" means a resident of the household of an active duty member of any branch of the armed forces of the United States who depends in whole or in substantial part upon the member for financial support.
- (e) "License" means a provisional or standard license issued by the attorney general pursuant to K.S.A. 75-7c03, and amendments thereto.

History: L. 2006, ch. 32, § 2; L. 2010, ch. 140, § 2; L. 2021, ch. 94, § 8; July 1.

75-7c03. License to carry concealed handgun; issuance; form; recognition of licenses issued by other jurisdictions; issuance of authorization documents.

(a) The attorney general shall issue licenses to carry concealed handguns to persons who comply with the application and training requirements of this act and who are not disqualified under K.S.A. 75-7c04, and amendments thereto. Such licenses shall be valid throughout the state for a period of four years from the date of issuance. The availability of licenses to carry concealed handguns under this act shall not be construed to impose a general prohibition on the carrying of handguns without such license, whether carried openly or concealed, or loaded or unloaded.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (d), the license shall be a separate card, in a form prescribed by the attorney general, that is approximately the size of a Kansas driver's license, shall indicate whether the license is a provisional or standard license and shall bear the licensee's signature, name, address, date of birth and driver's license number or nondriver's identification card number except that the attorney general shall assign a unique number for military applicants or their dependents described in K.S.A. 75-7c05(a)(1)(B), and amendments thereto.

(c) (1) Subject to the provisions of subsection (c)(2), a valid license or permit to carry a concealed firearm issued by another jurisdiction shall be recognized in this state, but only while the holder is not a resident of Kansas.

(2) A valid license or permit that is recognized pursuant to this subsection shall only entitle the lawful holder thereof to carry concealed handguns, as defined by K.S.A. 75-7c02, and amendments thereto, in accordance with the laws of this state while such holder is present in this state. The recognition of a license or permit pursuant to this subsection shall not be construed to impose a general prohibition on

the carrying of handguns without such license, whether carried openly or concealed, or loaded or unloaded.

(3) As used in this subsection, the terms "jurisdiction" and "license or permit" shall have the same meanings as provided in K.S.A. 75-7c04, and amendments thereto.

(d) If at any time it becomes impractical for the division of vehicles of the department of revenue to issue physical cards consistent with the requirements of this act and the attorney general determines that the conditions for such impracticality have existed for at least 30 days, the attorney general shall issue an authorization document to each licensee that authorizes the licensee to exercise the rights and privileges to carry a concealed handgun as set forth in this act. Such document shall include the licensee information required under subsection (b) and state that the document is proof that the licensee holds a valid license to carry concealed handguns. All such documents issued during any such period that it is impractical for the division of vehicles of the department of revenue to issue a physical card shall expire 90 days after such conditions have ceased and it is practical for the division of vehicles to resume issuing physical cards.

History: L. 2006, ch. 32, § 3; L. 2006, ch. 210, § 1; L. 2009, ch. 101, § 1; L. 2010, ch. 140, § 3; L. 2011, ch. 30, § 266; L. 2013, ch. 36, § 4; L. 2015, ch. 16, § 8; L. 2021, ch. 94, § 9; July 1.

75-7c04. Same; disqualifications; handgun safety and training course; training requirements for license in other jurisdictions, list.

(a) The attorney general shall not issue a license pursuant to this act if the applicant:

(1) Is not a resident of the county where application for licensure is made or is not a resident of the state;

(2) is prohibited from shipping, transporting, possessing or receiving a firearm or ammunition under 18 U.S.C. § 922(g) or (n), and amendments thereto, or K.S.A. 21-4204, prior to its repeal, or K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6301 (a)(10) through (a)(13) or K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6304 (a)(1) through (a)(3), and amendments thereto; or

(3) (A) For a provisional license, is less than 18 years of age; or

(B) for a standard license, is less than 21 years of age.

(b) (1) The attorney general shall adopt rules and regulations establishing procedures and standards as authorized by this act for an eight-hour handgun safety and training course required by this section. Such standards shall include:

(A) A requirement that trainees receive training in the safe storage of handguns, actual firing of handguns and instruction in the laws of this state governing the carrying of concealed handguns and the use of deadly force;

(B) general guidelines for courses which are compatible with the industry standard for basic handgun training for civilians;

(C) qualifications of instructors; and

(D) a requirement that the course be:

(i) A handgun course certified or sponsored by the attorney general; or

(ii) a handgun course certified or sponsored by the national rifle association or by a law enforcement agency, college, private or public institution or organization or handgun training school, if the attorney general determines that such course meets or exceeds the standards required by rules and regulations adopted by the attorney general and is taught by instructors certified by the attorney general or by the national rifle association, if the attorney general determines that the requirements for certification of instructors by such association meet or exceed the standards required by rules and regulations adopted by the attorney general. Any person wanting to be certified by the attorney general as an instructor shall submit to the attorney general an application in the form required by the attorney general and a fee not to

exceed \$150.

(2) The cost of the handgun safety and training course required by this section shall be paid by the applicant. The following shall constitute satisfactory evidence of satisfactory completion of an approved handgun safety and training course:

- (A) Evidence of completion of a course that satisfies the requirements of subsection (b)(1), in the form provided by rules and regulations adopted by the attorney general;
- (B) an affidavit from the instructor, school, club, organization or group that conducted or taught such course attesting to the completion of the course by the applicant;
- (C) evidence of completion of a course offered in another jurisdiction which is determined by the attorney general to have training requirements that are equal to or greater than those required by this act; or
- (D) a determination by the attorney general pursuant to subsection (c).

(c) (1) The attorney general may:

- (A) Create a list of concealed carry handgun licenses or permits issued by other jurisdictions that the attorney general finds have training requirements that are equal to or greater than those of this state; and
- (B) review each application received pursuant to K.S.A. 75-7c05, and amendments thereto, to determine if the applicant's previous training qualifications were equal to or greater than those of this state.

(2) For the purposes of this subsection:

- (A) "Equal to or greater than" means the applicant's prior training meets or exceeds the training established in this section by having required, at a minimum, the applicant to: (i) Receive instruction on the laws of self-defense; and (ii) demonstrate training and competency in the safe handling, storage and actual firing of handguns.
- (B) "Jurisdiction" means another state or the District of Columbia.
- (C) "License or permit" means a concealed carry handgun license or permit from another jurisdiction that has not expired and, except for any residency requirement of the issuing jurisdiction, is currently in good standing.

History: L. 2006, ch. 32, § 4; L. 2006, ch. 210, § 2; L. 2007, ch. 166, § 4; L. 2008, ch. 162, § 3; L. 2009, ch. 101, § 2; L. 2009, ch. 143, § 29; L. 2010, ch. 140, § 4; L. 2011, ch. 30, § 267; L. 2013, ch. 36, § 5; L. 2014, ch. 97, § 15; L. 2015, ch. 16, § 9; L. 2015, ch. 93, § 2; L. 2016, ch. 86, § 3; L. 2021, ch. 94, § 10; July 1.

75-7c05. Same; application; fees; fingerprints; criminal history records report; issuance or denial of license; issuance of authorization documents; retired law enforcement officers; corrections officers; military personnel.

(a) The application for a license pursuant to this act shall be completed, under oath, on a form prescribed by the attorney general and shall only include:

- (1) (A) Subject to the provisions of subsection (a)(1)(B), the name, address, social security number, Kansas driver's license number or Kansas nondriver's license identification number, place and date of birth, a photocopy of the applicant's driver's license or nondriver's identification card and a photocopy of the applicant's certificate of training course completion;
- (B) in the case of an applicant who presents proof that such person is on active duty with any branch of the armed forces of the United States, or is the dependent of such a person, and who does not possess a Kansas driver's license or Kansas nondriver's license identification, the number of such license or identification shall not be required;
- (2) a statement that the applicant is in compliance with criteria contained within K.S.A. 75-7c04, and amendments thereto;
- (3) a statement that the applicant has been furnished a copy of this act and is knowledgeable of its

provisions;

(4) a conspicuous warning that the application is executed under oath and that a false answer to any question, or the submission of any false document by the applicant, subjects the applicant to criminal prosecution under K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5903, and amendments thereto; and

(5) a statement that the applicant desires a concealed handgun license as a means of lawful self-defense.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (i), the applicant shall submit to the sheriff of the county where the applicant resides, during any normal business hours:

(1) A completed application described in subsection (a);

(2) a nonrefundable license fee of \$132.50, if the applicant has not previously been issued a statewide license or if the applicant's license has permanently expired, which fee shall be in the form of two cashier's checks, personal checks or money orders of \$32.50 payable to the sheriff of the county where the applicant resides and \$100 payable to the attorney general;

(3) if applicable, a photocopy of the proof of training required by K.S.A. 75-7c04 (b)(1), and amendments thereto; and

(4) a full frontal view photograph of the applicant taken within the preceding 30 days.

(c) (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (i), the sheriff, upon receipt of the items listed in subsection (b), shall provide for the full set of fingerprints of the applicant to be taken and forwarded to the attorney general for purposes of a criminal history records check as provided by subsection (d). In addition, the sheriff shall forward to the attorney general the application and the portion of the original license fee which is payable to the attorney general. The cost of taking such fingerprints shall be included in the portion of the fee retained by the sheriff. Notwithstanding anything in this section to the contrary, an applicant shall not be required to submit fingerprints for a renewal application under K.S.A. 75-7c08, and amendments thereto.

(2) The sheriff of the applicant's county of residence or the chief law enforcement officer of any law enforcement agency, at the sheriff's or chief law enforcement officer's discretion, may participate in the process by submitting a voluntary report to the attorney general containing readily discoverable information, corroborated through public records, which, when combined with another enumerated factor, establishes that the applicant poses a significantly greater threat to law enforcement or the public at large than the average citizen. Any such voluntary reporting shall be made within 45 days after the date the sheriff receives the application. Any sheriff or chief law enforcement officer submitting a voluntary report shall not incur any civil or criminal liability as the result of the good faith submission of such report.

(3) All funds retained by the sheriff pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be credited to a special fund of the sheriff's office which shall be used solely for the purpose of administering this act.

(d) Each applicant shall be subject to a state and national criminal history records check which conforms to applicable federal standards, including an inquiry of the national instant criminal background check system for the purpose of verifying the identity of the applicant and whether the applicant has been convicted of any crime or has been the subject of any restraining order or any mental health related finding that would disqualify the applicant from holding a license under this act. The attorney general is authorized to use the information obtained from the state or national criminal history record check to determine the applicant's eligibility for such license.

(e) Within 90 days after the date of receipt of the items listed in subsection (b), the attorney general shall:

(1) (A) Issue the license and certify the issuance to the department of revenue; and

(B) if it is impractical for the division of vehicles of the department of revenue to issue physical cards consistent with the requirements of this act and the attorney general has determined that the

conditions for such impracticality have existed for at least 30 days, the attorney general shall issue an authorization document in accordance with K.S.A. 75-7c03 (d), and amendments thereto; or

(2) deny the application based solely on: (A) The report submitted by the sheriff or other chief law enforcement officer under subsection (c)(2) for good cause shown therein; or (B) the ground that the applicant is disqualified under the criteria listed in K.S.A. 75-7c04, and amendments thereto. If the attorney general denies the application, the attorney general shall notify the applicant in writing, stating the ground for denial and informing the applicant the opportunity for a hearing pursuant to the Kansas administrative procedure act.

(f) Each person issued a license shall pay to the department of revenue a fee for the cost of the license which shall be in amounts equal to the fee required pursuant to K.S.A. 8-243 and 8-246, and amendments thereto, for replacement of a driver's license.

(g) (1) A person who is a retired law enforcement officer, as defined in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5111, and amendments thereto, shall be:

(A) Required to pay an original license fee as provided in subsection (b)(2), to be forwarded by the sheriff to the attorney general;

(B) exempt from the required completion of a handgun safety and training course if such person was certified by the Kansas commission on peace officer's standards and training, or similar body from another jurisdiction, not more than eight years prior to submission of the application;

(C) required to pay the license renewal fee;

(D) required to pay to the department of revenue the fees required by subsection (f); and

(E) required to comply with the criminal history records check requirement of this section.

(2) Proof of retirement as a law enforcement officer shall be required and provided to the attorney general in the form of a letter from the agency head, or their designee, of the officer's retiring agency that attests to the officer having retired in good standing from that agency as a law enforcement officer for reasons other than mental instability and that the officer has a nonforfeitable right to benefits under a retirement plan of the agency.

(h) A person who is a corrections officer, a parole officer or a corrections officer employed by the federal bureau of prisons, as defined by K.S.A. 75-5202, and amendments thereto, shall be:

(1) Required to pay an original license fee as provided in subsection (b)(2);

(2) exempt from the required completion of a handgun safety and training course if such person was issued a certificate of firearms training by the department of corrections or the federal bureau of prisons or similar body not more than one year prior to submission of the application;

(3) required to pay the license renewal fee;

(4) required to pay to the department of revenue the fees required by subsection (f); and

(5) required to comply with the criminal history records check requirement of this section.

(i) A person who presents proof that such person is on active duty with any branch of the armed forces of the United States and is stationed at a United States military installation located outside this state, may submit by mail an application described in subsection (a) and the other materials required by subsection (b) to the sheriff of the county where the applicant resides. Provided the applicant is fingerprinted at a United States military installation, the applicant may submit a full set of fingerprints of such applicant along with the application. Upon receipt of such items, the sheriff shall forward to the attorney general the application and the portion of the original license fee which is payable to the attorney general.

History: L. 2006, ch. 32, § 5; L. 2006, ch. 210, § 3; L. 2009, ch. 101, § 3; L. 2010, ch. 140, § 5; L. 2011, ch. 30, § 268; L. 2013, ch. 105, § 7; L. 2013, ch. 133, § 27; L. 2015, ch. 16, § 10; L. 2016, ch. 86, § 4; L. 2021, ch. 94, § 11; July 1.

75-7c06. Same; records related to licenses, disclosure; address change or loss or destruction of license, requirements.

(a) The attorney general shall be the official custodian of all records relating to licenses issued pursuant to the personal and family protection act.

(b) Except as provided by subsections (c) and (d), records relating to persons issued licenses pursuant to this act, persons applying for licenses pursuant to this act or persons who have had a license denied pursuant to this act shall be confidential and shall not be disclosed pursuant to the Kansas open records act. Any disclosure of a record in violation of this subsection is a class A misdemeanor.

(c) Records of a person whose license has been suspended or revoked pursuant to this act shall be subject to public inspection in accordance with the open records act.

(d) The attorney general shall maintain an automated listing of license holders and pertinent information, and such information shall be available at all times to all law enforcement agencies in this state, other states and the District of Columbia when requested for a legitimate law enforcement purpose.

(e) Within 30 days after the changing of a permanent address, or within 30 days after the discovery that a license has been lost or destroyed, the licensee shall notify the attorney general of such change, loss or destruction. The attorney general, upon notice and opportunity for hearing in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas administrative procedure act, may order a licensee to pay a fine of not more than \$100, or may suspend the licensee's license for not more than 180 days, for failure to notify the attorney general pursuant to the provisions of this subsection.

(f) In the event that a concealed handgun license is lost or destroyed, the license shall be automatically invalid, and the person to whom the license was issued, upon payment of \$15 to the attorney general, may obtain a duplicate, or substitute thereof, upon furnishing a notarized statement to the attorney general that such license has been lost or destroyed.

History: L. 2006, ch. 32, § 6; L. 2006, ch. 210, § 4; L. 2010, ch. 140, § 6; L. 2013, ch. 105, § 8; July 1.

75-7c07. Same; denial, revocation or suspension; change of residency.

(a) In accordance with the provisions of the Kansas administrative procedure act, the attorney general shall deny a license to any applicant for license who is ineligible under K.S.A. 75-7c04, and amendments thereto, and, except as provided by subsection (b), shall revoke at any time the license of any person who would be ineligible under K.S.A. 75-7c04, and amendments thereto, if submitting an application for a license at such time. Review by the district court in accordance with the Kansas judicial review act shall be, at the option of the party seeking review, in Shawnee county or the county in which the petitioner resides. The revocation shall remain in effect pending any appeal and shall not be stayed by the court.

(b) The license of a person who is charged for an offense or is subject to a proceeding that could render the person ineligible pursuant to subsection (a) of K.S.A. 75-7c04, and amendments thereto, shall be subject to suspension and shall be reinstated upon final disposition of the charge or outcome of the proceeding as long as the arrest or proceeding does not result in a disqualifying conviction, commitment, finding or order.

(c) The sheriff of the county where a restraining order is issued that would prohibit issuance of a license under subsection (a)(2) of K.S.A. 75-7c04, and amendments thereto, shall notify the attorney general

immediately upon receipt of such order. If the person subject to the restraining order holds a license issued pursuant to this act, the attorney general immediately shall suspend such license upon receipt of notice of the issuance of such order. The attorney general shall adopt rules and regulations establishing procedures which allow for 24-hour notification and suspension of a license under the circumstances described in this subsection. The attorney general shall immediately reinstate the license, if it has not otherwise expired, upon proof of the cancellation of the order.

(d) (1) If the provisions of paragraph (2) are met, a license issued pursuant to this act shall not be revoked until 90 days after the person issued such license is no longer a resident of this state, if being a nonresident of this state is the only grounds for revocation.

(2) A license issued pursuant to this act shall be considered valid for 90 days after a licensee is no longer a resident of Kansas, provided that:

(A) Prior to the change in residency, the licensee notified the attorney general in writing of the pending change; and

(B) the licensee's new state of residence, or any other state or jurisdiction that such licensee travels to during the 90-day period, would recognize such license as valid.

(e) A person who has been issued a license pursuant to this act and who gave up residency in this state, but has returned to reside in this state shall be eligible to have their license reinstated as valid provided that:

(1) The license has not expired; and

(2) (A) the licensee notified the attorney general in writing of both the residency departure and relocation back to this state; or

(B) if such licensee failed to comply with the notification requirements of this subsection, the penalty provisions of subsection (e) of K.S.A. 75-7c06, and amendments thereto, have been satisfied.

History: L. 2006, ch. 32, § 7; L. 2006, ch. 210, § 5; L. 2010, ch. 140, § 7; L. 2013, ch. 36, § 7; July 1.

75-7c08. Same; renewal; fees; permanent expiration, when.

(a) Not less than 90 days prior to the expiration date of the license, the attorney general shall mail to the licensee a written notice of the expiration and a renewal form prescribed by the attorney general. The licensee shall renew the license on or before the expiration date by filing with the attorney general the renewal form, a notarized affidavit, either in person or by certified mail, stating that the licensee remains qualified pursuant to the criteria specified in K.S.A. 75-7c04, and amendments thereto, a full frontal view photograph of the applicant taken within the preceding 30 days and a nonrefundable license renewal fee of \$25 payable to the attorney general. The attorney general shall complete a name-based background check, including a search of the national instant criminal background check system database. A licensee who fails to file a renewal application on or before the expiration date of the license must pay an additional late fee of \$15. A renewal application is considered filed on the date the renewal form, affidavit, and required fees are delivered in person to the attorney general's office or on the date a certified mailing to the attorney general's office containing these items is postmarked.

(b) Upon receipt of a renewal application as specified in subsection (a), a background check in accordance with K.S.A. 75-7c05(d), and amendments thereto, shall be completed. Fingerprints shall not be required for renewal applications. If the licensee is not disqualified as provided by this act, the license shall be renewed upon receipt by the attorney general of the items listed in subsection (a) and the completion of the background check. If the licensee holds a valid provisional license at the time the renewal application is submitted, then the attorney general shall issue a standard license to the licensee if the licensee is not disqualified as provided by this act.

(c) No license shall be renewed if the renewal application is filed six months or more after the expiration date of the license, and such license shall be deemed to be permanently expired. A person whose license has been permanently expired may reapply for licensure but an application for licensure and fees pursuant to K.S.A. 75-7c05, and amendments thereto, shall be submitted, and a background investigation including the submission of fingerprints, shall be conducted pursuant to the provisions of that section.

History: L. 2006, ch. 32, § 8; L. 2006, ch. 210, § 6; L. 2010, ch. 140, § 8; L. 2021, ch. 94, § 12; July 1.

75-7c09. False statements, warning on application.

The application form for an original license and for a renewal license shall include, in a conspicuous place, the following: "WARNING: A false statement on this application may subject the applicant to prosecution for the crime of perjury (K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5903, and amendments thereto)."

History: L. 2006, ch. 32, § 9; L. 2011, ch. 30, § 269; July 1.

75-7c10. Same; restrictions on carrying concealed handgun; exceptions; liabilities; employees permitted to carry; penalties for violations; sign requirements.

Subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 75-7c20, and amendments thereto:

(a) The carrying of a concealed handgun shall not be prohibited in any building unless such building is conspicuously posted in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the attorney general.

(b) Nothing in this act shall be construed to prevent any private employer from restricting or prohibiting by personnel policies persons from carrying a concealed handgun while on the premises of the employer's business or while engaged in the duties of the person's employment by the employer, except that no employer may prohibit possession of a handgun in a private means of conveyance, even if parked on the employer's premises.

(c) (1) Any private entity which provides adequate security measures in a private building and which conspicuously posts signage in accordance with this section prohibiting the carrying of a concealed handgun in such building shall not be liable for any wrongful act or omission relating to actions of persons carrying a concealed handgun concerning acts or omissions regarding such handguns.

(2) Any private entity which does not provide adequate security measures in a private building and which allows the carrying of a concealed handgun shall not be liable for any wrongful act or omission relating to actions of persons carrying a concealed handgun concerning acts or omissions regarding such handguns.

(3) Nothing in this act shall be deemed to increase the liability of any private entity where liability would have existed under the personal and family protection act prior to the effective date of this act.

(d) The governing body or the chief administrative officer, if no governing body exists, of any of the following institutions may permit any employee, who is legally qualified, to carry a concealed handgun in any building of such institution, if the employee meets such institution's own policy requirements regardless of whether such building is conspicuously posted in accordance with the provisions of this section:

(1) A unified school district;

(2) a postsecondary educational institution, as defined in K.S.A. 74-3201b, and amendments thereto;

(3) a state or municipal-owned medical care facility, as defined in K.S.A. 65-425, and amendments thereto;

(4) a state or municipal-owned adult care home, as defined in K.S.A. 39-923, and amendments

thereto;

(5) a community mental health center organized pursuant to K.S.A. 19-4001 et seq., and amendments thereto; or

(6) an indigent health care clinic, as defined by K.S.A. 65-7402, and amendments thereto.

(e) No public employer shall restrict or otherwise prohibit by personnel policies any employee, who is legally qualified, from carrying any concealed handgun while engaged in the duties of such employee's employment outside of such employer's place of business, including while in a means of conveyance. Public employers shall not be liable for any wrongful or negligent act of an employee carrying a concealed handgun that is not being carried in the course and scope of such employee's employment, concerning acts or omissions regarding such handguns.

(f) (1) It shall be a violation of this section to carry a concealed handgun in violation of any restriction or prohibition allowed by subsection (a) or (b) if the building is posted in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the attorney general pursuant to subsection (j). Any person who violates this section shall not be subject to a criminal penalty but may be subject to denial to such premises or removal from such premises.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) or (b), it is not a violation of this section for the United States attorney for the district of Kansas, the attorney general, any district attorney or county attorney, any assistant United States attorney if authorized by the United States attorney for the district of Kansas, any assistant attorney general if authorized by the attorney general, or any assistant district attorney or assistant county attorney if authorized by the district attorney or county attorney by whom such assistant is employed, to possess a handgun within any of the buildings described in subsection (a) or (b), subject to any restrictions or prohibitions imposed in any courtroom by the chief judge of the judicial district.

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) or (b), it is not a violation of this section for a law enforcement officer, as that term is defined in K.S.A. 75-7c22, and amendments thereto, who satisfies the requirements of either K.S.A. 75-7c22(a) or (b), and amendments thereto, to possess a handgun within any of the buildings described in subsection (a) or (b), subject to any restrictions or prohibitions imposed in any courtroom by the chief judge of the judicial district.

(g) The provisions of this section shall not apply to the carrying of a concealed handgun in the state capitol.

(h) For the purposes of this section:

(1) "Adequate security measures" shall have the same meaning as the term is defined in K.S.A. 75-7c20, and amendments thereto;

(2) "building" shall not include any structure, or any area of any structure, designated for the parking of motor vehicles; and

(3) "public employer" means the state and any municipality as those terms are defined in K.S.A. 75-6102, and amendments thereto, except the term "public employer" shall not include school districts.

(i) Nothing in this act shall be construed to authorize the carrying or possession of a handgun where prohibited by federal law.

(j) The attorney general shall adopt rules and regulations prescribing the location, content, size and other characteristics of signs to be posted on a building where carrying a concealed handgun is prohibited pursuant to subsections (a) and (b). Such regulations shall prescribe, at a minimum, that:

(1) The signs be posted at all exterior entrances to the prohibited buildings;

(2) the signs be posted at eye level of adults using the entrance and not more than 12 inches to the right or left of such entrance;

- (3) the signs not be obstructed or altered in any way; and
- (4) signs which become illegible for any reason be immediately replaced.

History: L. 2006, ch. 32, § 10; L. 2006, ch. 210, § 7; L. 2007, ch. 166, § 5; L. 2009, ch. 92, § 5; L. 2010, ch. 140, § 9; L. 2013, ch. 105, § 9; L. 2014, ch. 134, § 4; L. 2015, ch. 16, § 11; L. 2016, ch. 86, § 5; L. 2017, ch. 93, § 1; July 1.

75-7c11.

History: L. 2006, ch. 32, § 11; L. 2006, ch. 210, § 8; L. 2007, ch. 166, § 6; L. 2009, ch. 92, § 6; Repealed, L. 2010, ch. 140, § 18; July 1.

75-7c12.

History: L. 2006, ch. 32, § 12; L. 2006, ch. 210, § 9; L. 2010, ch. 140, § 10; Repealed, L. 2014, ch. 97, § 17; July 1.

75-7c13. Concealed handgun licensure fund; uses of moneys.

(a) All moneys received by the attorney general pursuant to this act shall be remitted to the state treasurer who shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury and credit it to the concealed handgun licensure fund, which is hereby created in the state treasury.

(b) Moneys in the concealed handgun licensure fund shall be used only for:

- (1) Payment of the expenses of administration of the personal and family protection act; and
- (2) transfers to the county law enforcement equipment fund and to the forensic laboratory and materials fee fund as provided by subsection (e).

(c) On or before the 10th day of each month, the director of accounts and reports shall transfer from the state general fund to the concealed handgun licensure fund the amount of money certified by the pooled money investment board in accordance with this subsection. Prior to the 10th day of each month, the pooled money investment board shall certify to the director of accounts and reports the amount of money equal to the proportionate amount of all the interest credited to the state general fund for the preceding month, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4210a, and amendments thereto, that is attributable to moneys in the concealed handgun licensure fund. Such amount of money shall be determined by the pooled money investment board based on:

- (1) The average daily balance of moneys in the concealed handgun licensure fund for the preceding month; and
- (2) the net earnings for the pooled money investment portfolio for the preceding month.

(d) All expenditures from the concealed handgun licensure fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the attorney general for the purposes set forth in this section.

(e) The attorney general shall certify to the director of accounts and reports on each July 1 and January 1 after moneys are first credited to the concealed handgun licensure fund the amount of moneys in such fund needed to administer this act. On or before the 15th day of each month after moneys are first credited to the concealed handgun licensure fund, the director of accounts and reports shall transfer moneys in the concealed handgun licensure fund as follows:

- (1) Of the amount in excess of the amount certified by the attorney general, 20% shall be credited to the county law enforcement equipment fund; and

(2) the remaining 80% shall be credited to a separate account in the forensic laboratory and materials fee fund cited in K.S.A. 28-176, and amendments thereto, to be used solely to assist city and county law enforcement agencies to obtain prompt laboratory services from the bureau. Moneys credited to the forensic laboratory and materials fee fund as provided by this subsection shall be used to supplement existing appropriations and shall not be used to supplant general fund appropriations to the attorney general.

History: L. 2006, ch. 32, § 13; L. 2010, ch. 140, § 11; July 1.

75-7c14. County law enforcement equipment fund; uses of moneys.

(a) There is hereby created in the state treasury the county law enforcement equipment fund.

(b) Moneys in the county law enforcement equipment fund shall be used only to fund grants to sheriffs' departments for purchases of law enforcement equipment other than motor vehicles. Such grants shall be administered by the attorney general. Such grants shall be based on applications submitted by sheriffs' departments that demonstrate the need for the equipment for which the grant is sought and substantiate that grant moneys will not be used to supplant existing funding of the recipient sheriff's department.

(c) On or before the 10th day of each month, the director of accounts and reports shall transfer from the state general fund to the county law enforcement equipment fund interest earnings based on:

- (1) The average daily balance of moneys in the county law enforcement equipment fund for the preceding month; and
- (2) the net earnings rate of the pooled money investment portfolio for the preceding month.

(d) All expenditures from the county law enforcement equipment fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the attorney general for the purposes set forth in this section.

History: L. 2006, ch. 32, § 14; July 1.

75-7c15. Liability insurance, persons conducting handgun safety and training courses.

The committee on surety bonds and insurance, within the limitations of appropriations made therefor, shall purchase such liability insurance as it deems necessary for the protection of persons engaged in conducting an approved handgun safety and training course against any liability for injuries or damages arising from the conducting of such course of instruction by such persons.

History: L. 2006, ch. 32, § 15; L. 2010, ch. 140, § 12; July 1.

75-7c16. Rules and regulations; annual report.

(a) The attorney general shall adopt such rules and regulations as necessary to administer the provisions of this act.

(b) On or before January 1 of each year, the attorney general shall submit a statistical report to the governor, president of the senate, the senate minority leader, the speaker of the house of representatives and the house minority leader indicating the number of licenses issued, revoked, suspended and denied during the preceding fiscal year and the reasons for the revocations, suspensions and denials.

History: L. 2006, ch. 32, § 16; July 1.

75-7c17. Legislative findings regarding uniform standards for licensing and regulation; certain local ordinances and resolutions inapplicable; limitations on authority of attorney general; liberal construction of act.

(a) The legislature finds as a matter of public policy and fact that it is necessary to provide statewide uniform standards for issuing licenses to carry concealed handguns for self-defense and finds it necessary to occupy the field of regulation of the bearing of concealed handguns for self-defense to ensure that no honest, law-abiding person who qualifies under the provisions of this act is subjectively or arbitrarily denied the person's rights. No city, county or other political subdivision of this state shall regulate, restrict or prohibit the carrying of concealed handguns by individuals except as provided in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6301, 21-6302, 21-6304, 21-6309, 75-7c10 or 75-7c20, and amendments thereto, or K.S.A. 21-4218(f), prior to its repeal. Any existing or future law, ordinance, rule, regulation or resolution enacted by any city, county or other political subdivision of this state that regulates, restricts or prohibits the carrying of concealed handguns by individuals except as provided in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6301, 21-6302, 21-6304, 21-6309, 75-7c10 or 75-7c20, and amendments thereto, or K.S.A. 21-4218(f), prior to its repeal, shall be null and void.

(b) Prosecution of any person under the personal and family protection act, and amendments thereto, shall be done through the district court.

(c) The legislature does not delegate to the attorney general the authority to regulate or restrict the issuing of licenses provided for in this act, beyond those provisions of this act pertaining to licensing and training. Subjective or arbitrary actions or rules and regulations which encumber the issuing process by placing burdens on the applicant beyond those sworn statements and specified documents detailed in this act or which create restrictions beyond those specified in this act are in conflict with the intent of this act and are prohibited.

(d) This act shall be liberally construed. This act is supplemental and additional to existing constitutional rights to bear arms and nothing in this act shall impair or diminish such rights.

History: L. 2006, ch. 32, § 17; L. 2007, ch. 166, § 7; L. 2010, ch. 140, § 13; L. 2011, ch. 30, § 270; L. 2013, ch. 105, § 10; L. 2015, ch. 16, § 12; July 1.

75-7c18. Severability.

If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application. To this end the provisions of this act are severable.

History: L. 2006, ch. 32, § 18; July 1.

75-7c19.

History: L. 2009, ch. 92, § 4; L. 2010, ch. 140, § 14; L. 2011, ch. 30, § 271; Repealed, L. 2015, ch. 16, § 15; July 1.

75-7c20. Concealed handguns in public buildings and public areas thereof; when prohibited; public buildings exempted; definitions.

(a) The carrying of a concealed handgun shall not be prohibited in any public area of any state or

municipal building unless such public area has adequate security measures to ensure that no weapons are permitted to be carried into such public area and the public area is conspicuously posted with either permanent or temporary signage approved by the governing body, or the chief administrative officer, if no governing body exists, in accordance with K.S.A. 75-7c10, and amendments thereto.

(b) The carrying of a concealed handgun shall not be prohibited throughout any state or municipal building in its entirety unless such building has adequate security measures at all public access entrances to ensure that no weapons are permitted to be carried into such building and the building is conspicuously posted in accordance with K.S.A. 75-7c10, and amendments thereto.

(c) No state agency or municipality shall prohibit an employee from carrying a concealed handgun at the employee's work place unless the building has adequate security measures at all public access entrances to ensure that no weapons are permitted to be carried into such building and the building is conspicuously posted in accordance with K.S.A. 75-7c10, and amendments thereto.

(d) (1) It shall not be a violation of the personal and family protection act for a person to carry a concealed handgun into a state or municipal building, or any public area thereof, so long as that person has authority to enter through a restricted access entrance into such building, or public area thereof, that provides adequate security measures at all public access entrances and the building, or public area thereof, is conspicuously posted in accordance with K.S.A. 75-7c10, and amendments thereto.

(2) Any person, who is not an employee of the state or a municipality and is not otherwise authorized to enter a state or municipal building through a restricted access entrance, shall be authorized to enter through a restricted access entrance, provided such person:

(A) Is authorized by the chief law enforcement officer, governing body, or the chief administrative officer, if no governing body exists, to enter such state or municipal building through a restricted access entrance;

(B) is issued an identification card by the chief law enforcement officer, governing body, or the chief administrative officer, if no governing body exists, which includes such person's photograph, name and any other identifying information deemed necessary by the issuing entity, and which states on the identification card that such person is authorized to enter such building through a restricted access entrance; and

(C) executes an affidavit or other notarized statement that such person acknowledges that certain firearms and weapons may be prohibited in such building and that violating any such regulations may result in the revocation of such person's authority to enter such building through a restricted access entrance.

The chief law enforcement officer, governing body, or the chief administrative officer, if no governing body exists, shall develop criteria for approval of individuals subject to this paragraph to enter the state or municipal building through a restricted access entrance. Such criteria may include the requirement that the individual submit to a state and national criminal history records check before issuance and renewal of such authorization and pay a fee to cover the costs of such background checks. An individual who has been issued a concealed carry permit by the state of Kansas shall not be required to submit to another state and national criminal records check before issuance and renewal of such authorization. Notwithstanding any authorization granted under this paragraph, an individual may be subjected to additional security screening measures upon reasonable suspicion or in circumstances where heightened security measures are warranted. Such authorization does not permit the individual to carry a concealed weapon into a public building, which has adequate security measures, as defined by this act, and which is conspicuously posted in accordance with K.S.A. 75-7c10, and amendments thereto.

(e) A state agency or municipality that provides adequate security measures in a state or municipal building and which conspicuously posts signage in accordance with K.S.A. 75-7c10, and amendments

thereto, prohibiting the carrying of a concealed handgun in such building shall not be liable for any wrongful act or omission relating to actions of persons carrying a concealed handgun concerning acts or omissions regarding such handguns.

(f) A state agency or municipality that does not provide adequate security measures in a state or municipal building and that allows the carrying of a concealed handgun shall not be liable for any wrongful act or omission relating to actions of persons carrying a concealed handgun concerning acts or omissions regarding such handguns.

(g) Nothing in this act shall limit the ability of a corrections facility, a jail facility or a law enforcement agency to prohibit the carrying of a handgun or other firearm concealed or unconcealed by any person into any secure area of a building located on such premises, except those areas of such building outside of a secure area and readily accessible to the public shall be subject to the provisions of subsection (a).

(h) Nothing in this section shall limit the ability of the chief judge of each judicial district to prohibit the carrying of a concealed handgun by any person into courtrooms or ancillary courtrooms within the district provided the public area has adequate security measures to ensure that no weapons are permitted to be carried into such public area and the public area is conspicuously posted in accordance with K.S.A. 75-7c10, and amendments thereto.

(i) The governing body or the chief administrative officer, if no governing body exists, of a state or municipal building, may exempt the building, or any public area thereof, from this section until July 1, 2017, by adopting a resolution, or drafting a letter, listing the legal description of such building, listing the reasons for such exemption, and including the following statement: "A security plan has been developed for the building being exempted which supplies adequate security to the occupants of the building and merits the prohibition of the carrying of a concealed handgun." A copy of the security plan for the building shall be maintained on file and shall be made available, upon request, to the Kansas attorney general and the law enforcement agency of local jurisdiction. Notice of this exemption, together with the resolution adopted or the letter drafted, shall be sent to the Kansas attorney general and to the law enforcement agency of local jurisdiction. The security plan shall not be subject to disclosure under the Kansas open records act.

(j) The governing body or the chief administrative officer, if no governing body exists, of any postsecondary educational institution, as defined in K.S.A. 74-3201b, and amendments thereto, may exempt any building of such institution, including any buildings located on the grounds of such institution and any buildings leased by such institution, or any public area thereof, from this section until July 1, 2017, by stating the reasons for such exemption and sending notice of such exemption to the Kansas attorney general.

(k) The provisions of this section shall not apply to:

- (1) Any building located on the grounds of the Kansas state school for the deaf or the Kansas state school for the blind;
- (2) a state or municipal-owned medical care facility, as defined in K.S.A. 65-425, and amendments thereto;
- (3) a state or municipal-owned adult care home, as defined in K.S.A. 39-923, and amendments thereto;
- (4) a community mental health center organized pursuant to K.S.A. 19-4001 et seq., and amendments thereto;
- (5) an indigent health care clinic, as defined by K.S.A. 65-7402, and amendments thereto; or
- (6) any building owned or leased by the authority created under the university of Kansas hospital authority act, any building located within the health care district, as defined in the unified government

of Wyandotte county and Kansas City, Kansas City-wide master plan, Rosedale master plan and traffic study or similar master plan or comprehensive planning or zoning document approved by the unified government of Wyandotte county and Kansas City, Kansas in effect on January 12, 2017.

(l) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit any law enforcement officer, as defined in K.S.A. 75-7c22, and amendments thereto, who satisfies the requirements of either K.S.A. 75-7c22(a) or (b), and amendments thereto, from carrying a concealed handgun into any state or municipal building, or any public area thereof, in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-7c22, and amendments thereto, subject to any restrictions or prohibitions imposed in any courtroom by the chief judge of the judicial district.

(m) For purposes of this section:

(1) "Adequate security measures" means the use of electronic equipment and armed personnel at public entrances to detect and restrict the carrying of any weapons into the state or municipal building, or any public area thereof, including, but not limited to, metal detectors, metal detector wands or any other equipment used for similar purposes to ensure that weapons are not permitted to be carried into such building or public area by members of the public. Adequate security measures for storing and securing lawfully carried weapons, including, but not limited to, the use of gun lockers or other similar storage options may be provided at public entrances.

(2) "Authorized personnel" means employees of a state agency or municipality and any person granted authorization pursuant to subsection (d)(2), who are authorized to enter a state or municipal building through a restricted access entrance.

(3) The terms "municipality" and "municipal" are interchangeable and have the same meaning as the term "municipality" is defined in K.S.A. 75-6102, and amendments thereto, but does not include school districts.

(4) "Public area" means any portion of a state or municipal building that is open to and accessible by the public or which is otherwise designated as a public area by the governing body or the chief administrative officer, if no governing body exists, of such building.

(5) "Restricted access entrance" means an entrance that is restricted to the public and requires a key, keycard, code, or similar device to allow entry to authorized personnel.

(6) "State" means the same as the term is defined in K.S.A. 75-6102, and amendments thereto.

(7) (A) "State or municipal building" means a building owned or leased by such public entity. It does not include a building owned by the state or a municipality which is leased by a private entity whether for profit or not-for-profit or a building held in title by the state or a municipality solely for reasons of revenue bond financing.

(B) The term "state and municipal building" shall not include the state capitol.

(8) "Weapon" means a weapon described in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6301, and amendments thereto, except the term "weapon" shall not include any cutting instrument that has a sharpened or pointed blade.

(n) This section shall be a part of and supplemental to the personal and family protection act.

History: L. 2013, ch. 105, § 2; L. 2014, ch. 97, § 16; L. 2014, ch. 134, § 5; L. 2015, ch. 16, § 13; L. 2016, ch. 86, § 6; L. 2017, ch. 93, § 2; July 1.

75-7c21. Concealed handguns in state capitol.

(a) An individual may carry a concealed handgun in the state capitol if such individual is not prohibited from possessing a firearm under either federal or state law, and is either:

(A) 21 years of age or older; or

(B) possesses a valid provisional license issued pursuant to K.S.A. 75-7c03, and amendments thereto,

or a valid license to carry a concealed handgun issued by another jurisdiction that is recognized in this state pursuant to K.S.A. 75-7c03, and amendments thereto.

(b) This section shall be a part of and supplemental to the personal and family protection act.

History: L. 2013, ch. 105, § 3; L. 2015, ch. 16, § 14; L. 2021, ch. 94, § 13; July 1.

75-7c22. Off-duty, foreign or retired law enforcement officers; carrying a concealed handgun, when.

(a) An off-duty law enforcement officer may carry a concealed handgun in any building where an on-duty law enforcement officer would be authorized to carry a concealed handgun regardless of whether the requirements of K.S.A. 75-7c10 or 75-7c20, and amendments thereto, for prohibiting the carrying of a concealed handgun in such building have been satisfied, provided:

(1) Such officer is in compliance with the firearms policies of such officer's law enforcement agency; and

(2) such officer possesses identification required by such officer's law enforcement agency and presents such identification when requested by another law enforcement officer or by a person of authority for the building where the carrying of concealed handguns is otherwise prohibited.

(b) A law enforcement officer from another state or a retired law enforcement officer meeting the requirements of the federal law enforcement officers safety act, 18 U.S.C. §§ 926B and 926C, may carry a concealed handgun in any building where an on-duty law enforcement officer would be authorized to carry a concealed handgun regardless of whether the requirements of K.S.A. 75-7c10 or 75-7c20, and amendments thereto, for prohibiting the carrying of a concealed handgun in such building have been satisfied, provided, such officer possesses identification required by the federal law enforcement officers safety act and presents such identification when requested by another law enforcement officer or by a person of authority for the building where the carrying of concealed handguns is otherwise prohibited.

(c) Any law enforcement officer or retired law enforcement officer who is issued a license to carry a concealed handgun under the personal and family protection act shall be subject to the provisions of that act, except that for any such law enforcement officer or retired law enforcement officer who satisfies the requirements of either subsection (a) or (b) the provisions of this section shall control with respect to where a concealed handgun may be carried.

(d) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any building where the possession of firearms is prohibited or restricted by an order of the chief judge of a judicial district, or by federal law or regulation.

(e) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any law enforcement officer or retired law enforcement officer who has been denied a license to carry a concealed handgun pursuant to K.S.A. 75-7c04, and amendments thereto, or whose license to carry a concealed handgun has been suspended or revoked in accordance with the provisions of the personal and family protection act.

(f) As used in this section:

(1) "Law enforcement officer" means:

(A) Any person employed by a law enforcement agency, who is in good standing and is certified under the Kansas law enforcement training act;

(B) a law enforcement officer who has obtained a similar designation in a jurisdiction outside the state of Kansas but within the United States; or

(C) a federal law enforcement officer who as part of such officer's duties is permitted to make arrests and to be armed.

(2) "Person of authority" means any person who is tasked with screening persons entering the building, or who otherwise has the authority to determine whether a person may enter or remain in the building.

(g) This section shall be a part of and supplemental to the personal and family protection act.

History: L. 2014, ch. 134, § 1; July 1.

75-7c23. Licensure of municipal employees; prohibiting mandatory disclosure and recording of licensure.

(a) No employee of a municipality shall be required to disclose to such person's employer the fact that such employee possesses a valid license to carry a concealed handgun. No employee shall be terminated, demoted, disciplined or otherwise discriminated against due to such employee's refusal to disclose the fact that the employee possesses a valid license to carry a concealed handgun. No municipality shall create or maintain a record of an employee's possession of a valid license to carry a concealed handgun, or that an employee has disclosed the fact that such employee possesses a valid license to carry a concealed handgun. Any such record created and maintained by a municipality on or before June 30, 2014, shall be destroyed by such municipality on or before July 31, 2014.

(b) For purposes of this section, the term "municipality" has the same meaning as that term is defined in K.S.A. 75-6102, and amendments thereto.

(c) This section shall be a part of and supplemental to the personal and family protection act.

History: L. 2014, ch. 97, § 3; July 1.

Additional Statutes of Consideration

75-7c24. Restrictions on carrying unconcealed firearms; exceptions; penalties; sign requirements.

(a) Provided that the building is conspicuously posted in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the attorney general as a building where carrying an unconcealed firearm is prohibited, it shall be unlawful to carry an unconcealed firearm into such building.

(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a law enforcement officer, as defined in K.S.A. 22-2202, and amendments thereto, from acting within the scope of such officer's duties.

(c) It shall be a violation of this section to carry an unconcealed firearm if the building is posted in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the attorney general pursuant to subsection (d). Any person who violates this section shall not be subject to a criminal penalty but may be subject to denial to such premises or removal from such premises.

(d) (1) The attorney general shall adopt rules and regulations prescribing the location, content, size and other characteristics of signs to be posted on a building where carrying an unconcealed firearm is prohibited pursuant to subsection (a). Such regulations shall prescribe, at a minimum, that:

(A) The signs be posted at all exterior entrances to the prohibited buildings;

(B) the signs be posted at eye level of adults using the entrance and not more than 12 inches to the right or left of such entrance;

(C) the signs not be obstructed or altered in any way;

- (D) signs which become illegible for any reason be immediately replaced; and
 - (E) except as provided in paragraph (2), signs shall include the following, which shall be printed in large, conspicuous print: "The open carrying of firearms in this building is prohibited."
- (2) Such rules and regulations shall provide that the same signage used to prohibit the carrying of concealed handguns under K.S.A. 75-7c01 et seq., and amendments thereto, may be used to also prohibit the carrying of unconcealed firearms.

History: L. 2014, ch. 97, § 5; July 1.

75-7c25. Orders of involuntary commitment for treatment of mental illness or alcohol or substance abuse; entry in certain databases; possession of firearms prohibited, when.

(a) After July 1, 2007, all orders of involuntary commitment for care and treatment pursuant to K.S.A. 59-2966 or 59-29b66, and amendments thereto, and any orders of termination of discharge shall be immediately forwarded to the Kansas bureau of investigation for entry into the appropriate state and federal databases.

(b) Upon a finding that the mentally ill person is a danger to self or others, the court shall notify the mentally ill person subject to involuntary commitment for care and treatment that it is a violation of the law to possess a firearm. Upon a finding that a proposed patient is a person with an alcohol or substance abuse problem subject to involuntary commitment for care and treatment, the court shall notify the person that it is a violation of the law to possess a firearm. Upon release, the state hospital shall notify the patient that it is a violation of the law for the patient to possess a firearm and provide information to the patient regarding the restoration procedure.

History: L. 2006, ch. 210, § 11; L. 2007, ch. 166, § 8; L. 2013, ch. 36, § 8; July 1.

75-7c26. Discharge of person involuntarily committed for treatment for mental illness or alcohol or substance abuse; restoration of ability to legally possess firearm, when.

On and after July 1, 2007,

(a) a person who has been discharged pursuant to K.S.A. 59-2973 or 59-29b73, and amendments thereto, may file a petition in the court where treatment was ordered pursuant to K.S.A. 59-2966 or 59-29b66, and amendments thereto, for the restoration of the ability to legally possess a firearm.

(b) Notice of the filing of such petition shall be served on the petitioner who originally filed the action pursuant to K.S.A. 59-2952, 59-2957, 59-29b52 or 59-29b57, and amendments thereto, or the petitioner's attorney and the county or district attorney as appropriate.

(c) If the court finds the person is no longer likely to cause harm to such person's self or others, the court shall issue a certificate of restoration to the person. Such restoration shall have the effect of restoring the person's ability to legally possess a firearm, and the certification of restoration shall so state.

(d) The certificate of registration issued pursuant to this section shall only apply to the possession of a firearm for the purposes of an alleged violation of subsection (a)(7) of K.S.A. 21-4204, prior to its repeal, or subsection (a)(13) of section K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6301, and amendments thereto.

History: L. 2006, ch. 210, § 12; L. 2011, ch. 30, § 272; July 1.

75-7c27. Petition for relief of firearm prohibitions; procedure.

- (a) An individual who has been adjudicated as a mentally ill person subject to involuntary commitment for care and treatment, or who is prohibited from shipping, transporting, possessing or receiving firearms or ammunition by subsection (d)(4) or (g)(4) of 18 U.S.C. § 922, may petition for relief of disabilities for the purpose of firearm prohibitions imposed under state and federal laws.
- (b) A petitioner shall submit such petition to a court of competent jurisdiction within this state.
- (c) The court may only consider petitions for relief due to mental health adjudications or commitments that occurred within the state.
- (d) The court shall consider the petition for relief, in accordance with the principles of due process. Such petitioner shall submit, and such court shall receive and consider:
 - (1) The circumstances regarding the firearm disability imposed by federal law;
 - (2) such petitioner's mental health records;
 - (3) such petitioner's criminal history records; and
 - (4) such petitioner's reputation, developed through character witness statements, testimony or other character evidence.
- (e) The court shall grant relief only if such court determines there is clear and convincing evidence that:
 - (1) The petitioner will not be likely to act in a manner dangerous to public safety; and
 - (2) granting such relief would not be contrary to the public interest.
- (f) If the court denies the petition for relief, the petitioner may petition a court of proper jurisdiction for a de novo judicial review of the court's decision to deny such petition.
- (g) Documentation of a granted petition shall be submitted to the Kansas bureau of investigation. The Kansas bureau of investigation shall immediately cause such order to be entered into the appropriate state and federal databases.
- (h) As used in this section:
 - (1) "Mentally ill person subject to involuntary commitment for care and treatment" has the same meaning as defined in K.S.A. 59-2946, and amendments thereto.
 - (2) "Due process" requires that:
 - (A) The petitioner shall have the opportunity to submit such petitioner's own evidence to the court;
 - (B) an independent decision maker, other than the individual who gathered the evidence for the court acting on the application, shall review such evidence; and
 - (C) a record of the proceedings shall be created and maintained for review.

History: L. 2011, ch. 100, § 1; July 1.

21-6332. Possession of a firearm under the influence.

- (a) Possession of a firearm under the influence is knowingly possessing or carrying a loaded firearm on or about such person, or within such person's immediate access and control while in a vehicle, while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or both, to such a degree as to render such person incapable of safely operating a firearm.
- (b) Possession of a firearm under the influence is a class A nonperson misdemeanor.

- (c) This section shall not apply to:
- (1) A person who possesses or carries a firearm while in such person's own dwelling or place of business or on land owned or possessed by such person; or
 - (2) the transitory possession or use of a firearm during an act committed in self-defense or in defense of another person or any other act committed if legally justified or excused, provided such possession or use lasts no longer than is immediately necessary.
- (d) If probable cause exists for a law enforcement officer to believe a person is in possession of a firearm under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or both, such law enforcement officer shall request such person submit to one or more tests of the person's blood, breath, urine or other bodily substance to determine the presence of alcohol or drugs. The selection of the test or tests shall be made by the officer.
- (e) (1) If a law enforcement officer requests a person to submit to a test of blood under this section, the withdrawal of blood at the direction of the officer may be performed only by:
- (A) A person licensed to practice medicine and surgery, licensed as a physician's assistant, or a person acting under the direction of any such licensed person;
 - (B) a registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse;
 - (C) any qualified medical technician, including, but not limited to, an emergency medical technician-intermediate, mobile intensive care technician, an emergency medical technician-intermediate/defibrillator, an advanced emergency medical technician or a paramedic, as those terms are defined in K.S.A. 65-6112, and amendments thereto, authorized by medical protocol; or
 - (D) a phlebotomist.
- (2) A law enforcement officer may direct a medical professional described in this subsection to draw a sample of blood from a person if the person has given consent or upon meeting the requirements of subsection (d).
- (3) When so directed by a law enforcement officer through a written statement, the medical professional shall withdraw the sample as soon as practical and shall deliver the sample to the law enforcement officer or another law enforcement officer as directed by the requesting law enforcement officer as soon as practical, provided the collection of the sample does not jeopardize the person's life, cause serious injury to the person or seriously impede the person's medical assessment, care or treatment. The medical professional authorized herein to withdraw the blood and the medical care facility where the blood is drawn may act on good faith that the requirements have been met for directing the withdrawing of blood once presented with the written statement provided for under this subsection. The medical professional shall not require the person to sign any additional consent or waiver form. In such a case, the person authorized to withdraw blood and the medical care facility shall not be liable in any action alleging lack of consent or lack of informed consent.
- (4) Such sample or samples shall be an independent sample and not be a portion of a sample collected for medical purposes. The person collecting the blood sample shall complete the collection portion of a document provided by law enforcement.
- (5) If a sample is to be taken under authority of a search warrant, and the person must be restrained to collect the sample pursuant to this section, law enforcement shall be responsible for applying any such restraint utilizing acceptable law enforcement restraint practices. The restraint shall be effective in controlling the person in a manner not to jeopardize the person's safety or that of the medical professional or attending medical or health care staff during the drawing of the sample and without interfering with medical treatment.
- (6) A law enforcement officer may request a urine sample upon meeting the requirements of subsection (d).
- (7) If a law enforcement officer requests a person to submit to a test of urine under this section, the collection of the urine sample shall be supervised by:
- (A) A person licensed to practice medicine and surgery, licensed as a physician's assistant, or a

person acting under the direction of any such licensed person;

(B) a registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse; or

(C) a law enforcement officer of the same sex as the person being tested.

The collection of the urine sample shall be conducted out of the view of any person other than the persons supervising the collection of the sample and the person being tested, unless the right to privacy is waived by the person being tested. When possible, the supervising person shall be a law enforcement officer. The results of qualitative testing for drug presence shall be admissible in evidence and questions of accuracy or reliability shall go to the weight rather than the admissibility of the evidence. If the person is medically unable to provide a urine sample in such manner due to the injuries or treatment of the injuries, the same authorization and procedure as used for the collection of blood in paragraphs (2) and (3) shall apply to the collection of a urine sample.

(8) The person performing or assisting in the performance of any such test and the law enforcement officer requesting any such test who is acting in accordance with this section shall not be liable in any civil and criminal proceeding involving the action.

(f) (1) The person's refusal shall be admissible in evidence against the person at any trial on a charge arising out of possession of a firearm under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or both.

(2) Failure of a person to provide an adequate breath sample or samples as directed shall constitute a refusal unless the person shows that the failure was due to physical inability caused by a medical condition unrelated to any ingested alcohol or drugs.

(3) In any criminal prosecution for a violation of this section, if the court finds that a person refused to submit to testing when requested pursuant to this section, the county or district attorney, upon petition to the court, may recover on behalf of the state, in addition to the criminal penalties provided in this section, a civil penalty not exceeding \$1,000 for each violation.

(g) If a person who holds a valid license to carry a concealed handgun issued pursuant to K.S.A. 75-7c01 et seq., and amendments thereto, is convicted of a violation of this section, such person's license to carry a concealed handgun shall be revoked for a minimum of one year for a first offense and three years for a second or subsequent offense.

(h) In any criminal prosecution for possession of a firearm under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or both, evidence of the concentration of alcohol or drugs in the defendant's blood, urine, breath or other bodily substance may be admitted and shall give rise to the following:

(1) If the alcohol concentration is less than .08, that fact may be considered with other competent evidence to determine if the defendant was under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or both.

(2) If the alcohol concentration is .08 or more, it shall be prima facie evidence that the defendant was under the influence of alcohol.

(3) If there was present in the defendant's bodily substance any narcotic, hypnotic, somnifacient, stimulating or other drug which has the capacity to render the defendant incapacitated, that fact may be considered to determine if the defendant was under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or both.

(i) The provisions of subsection (h) shall not be construed as limiting the introduction of any other competent evidence bearing upon the question of whether or not the defendant was under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or both.

(j) Upon the request of any person submitting to testing under this section, a report of the results of the testing shall be made available to such person.

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