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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 89

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

- RELATING TO CONCEALED WEAPONS; AMENDING SECTION 18-3302, IDAHO CODE, TO PRO VIDE THAT THE SHERIFF SHALL ISSUE A CONCEALED WEAPONS LICENSE FOR THE
 PURPOSE OF RECIPROCITY, TO REMOVE A PROVISION RELATING TO DATES WHEN A
 LICENSE WAS ISSUED, TO REMOVE PROVISIONS RELATING TO PLACES WHERE A PER SON SHALL NOT CARRY A CONCEALED WEAPON WITHOUT A LICENSE AND TO REVISE
 PROVISIONS RELATING TO PERSONS WHO MAY CARRY A CONCEALED WEAPON WITHOUT
 A LICENSE.
- 9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

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10 SECTION 1. That Section 18-3302, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby 11 amended to read as follows:

18-3302. ISSUANCE OF LICENSES TO CARRY CONCEALED WEAPONS. (1) For the 12 13 purpose of reciprocity tThe sheriff of a county, on behalf of the state of Idaho, shall, within ninety (90) days after the filing of an application by 14 any person who is not disqualified from possessing or receiving a firearm un-15 der state or federal law, issue a license to the person to carry a weapon con-16 cealed on his person within this state. For licenses issued before July 1, 17 2006, a license shall be valid for four (4) years from the date of issue. For 18 licenses issued on or after July 1, 2006, aA license shall be valid for five 19 (5) years from the date of issue. The citizen's constitutional right to bear 20 arms shall not be denied to him, unless one (1) of the following applies. He: 21 22 (a) Is ineligible to own, possess or receive a firearm under the provi-23 sions of state or federal law; (b) Is formally charged with a crime punishable by imprisonment for a 24 term exceeding one (1) year; 25 (c) Has been adjudicated guilty in any court of a crime punishable by 26 imprisonment for a term exceeding one (1) year; 27 28 (d) Is a fugitive from justice; (e) Is an unlawful user of, or addicted to, marijuana or any depres-29 sant, stimulant or narcotic drug, or any other controlled substance as 30 defined in 21 U.S.C. 802; 31 (f) Is currently suffering or has been adjudicated as follows, based on 32 33 substantial evidence: Lacking mental capacity as defined in section 18-210, Idaho 34 (i) 35 Code; (ii) Mentally ill as defined in section 66-317, Idaho Code; 36 (iii) Gravely disabled as defined in section 66-317, Idaho Code; 37 38 or 39 (iv) An incapacitated person as defined in section 15-5-101(a), 40 Idaho Code. (q) Is or has been discharged from the armed forces under dishonorable 41 conditions; 42

(h) Is or has been adjudicated guilty of or received a withheld judgment or suspended sentence for one (1) or more crimes of violence constituting a misdemeanor, unless three (3) years have elapsed since disposition or pardon has occurred prior to the date on which the application is submitted;

(i) Has had entry of a withheld judgment for a criminal offense which would disqualify him from obtaining a concealed weapon license;

(j) Is an alien illegally in the United States;

9 (k) Is a person who having been a citizen of the United States has re10 nounced his or her citizenship;

Is under twenty-one (21) years of age;

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(m) Is free on bond or personal recognizance pending trial, appeal or
 sentencing for a crime which would disqualify him from obtaining a con cealed weapon license; or

(n) Is subject to a protection order issued under chapter 63, title
39, Idaho Code, that restrains the person from harassing, stalking or
threatening an intimate partner of the person or child of the intimate
partner or person, or engaging in other conduct that would place an
intimate partner in reasonable fear of bodily injury to the partner or
child.

21 The license application shall be in a form to be prescribed by the director of the Idaho state police, and shall ask the name, address, de-22 scription and signature of the licensee, date of birth, place of birth, 23 social security number, military status, citizenship and the driver's 24 license number or state identification card number of the licensee if 25 used for identification in applying for the license. The application 26 shall indicate that provision of the social security number is op-27 tional. The license application shall contain a warning substantially 28 as follows: 29

30 CAUTION: Federal law and state law on the possession of weapons and
 31 firearms differ. If you are prohibited by federal law from possessing
 32 a weapon or a firearm, you may be prosecuted in federal court. A state
 33 permit is not a defense to a federal prosecution.

The sheriff shall require any person who is applying for original is-34 suance of a license to submit his fingerprints in addition to the other 35 information required in this subsection. Within five (5) days after the 36 37 filing of an application, the sheriff shall forward the application and fingerprints to the Idaho state police for a records check of state and 38 national files. The Idaho state police shall conduct a national finger-39 print-based records check and return the results to the sheriff within 40 seventy-five (75) days. The sheriff shall not issue a license before 41 receiving the results of the records check and must deny a license if 42 the applicant is disqualified under any of the criteria listed in para-43 graphs (a) through (n) of this subsection. In the event the sheriff has 44 collected a fee to cover the cost of processing fingerprints for the 45 records check, the sheriff shall provide the applicant with a copy of 46 the results of the records check upon request of the applicant. 47

The license will be in a form substantially similar to that of the Idaho driver's license. It will bear the signature, name, address, date of birth, picture of the licensee, expiration date and the driver's license number or state identification card number of the licensee if used for identification in applying for the license. Upon issuing a license under the provisions of this section, the sheriff will notify the Idaho state police on a form or in a manner prescribed by the state police. Information relating to an applicant or licensee received or maintained pursuant to this section by the sheriff or Idaho state police is confidential and exempt from disclosure under section 9-338, Idaho Code.

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(2) The fee for original issuance of a license shall be twenty dollars (\$20.00) paid to the sheriff for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this chapter. The sheriff may collect any additional fees necessary to cover the cost of processing fingerprints lawfully required by any state or federal agency or department, and the cost of materials for the license lawfully required by any state agency or department, which costs shall be paid to the state.

The fee for renewal of the license shall be fifteen dollars 18 (3) (\$15.00). The sheriff may collect any additional fees necessary to cover 19 20 the processing costs lawfully required by any state or federal agency or 21 department, and the cost of materials for the license lawfully required by any state agency or department, which costs shall be paid to the state. If 22 a licensee applying for renewal has not previously been required to submit 23 fingerprints, the sheriff shall require the licensee to do so and may collect 24 any additional fees necessary to cover the cost of processing fingerprints 25 lawfully required by any state or federal agency or department. 26

(4) Every license that is not, as provided by law, suspended, revoked or 27 disqualified in this state shall be renewable at any time during the ninety 28 (90) day period before its expiration or within ninety (90) days after the 29 expiration date. Renewal notices shall be mailed out ninety (90) days prior 30 to the expiration date of the license. The sheriff shall require the li-31 censee applying for renewal to complete an application. The sheriff shall 32 submit the application to the Idaho state police for a records check of state 33 and national databases. The Idaho state police shall conduct the records 34 check and return the results to the sheriff within thirty (30) days. 35 The sheriff shall not issue a renewal before receiving the results of the records 36 check and must deny a license if the applicant is disqualified under any of 37 the criteria listed in subsection (1), paragraphs (a) through (n) of this 38 39 section. A renewal license shall be valid for a period of five (5) years. A license so renewed shall take effect on the expiration date of the prior 40 license. A licensee renewing ninety-one (91) days to one hundred eighty 41 (180) days after the expiration date of the license shall pay a late renewal 42 penalty of ten dollars (\$10.00) in addition to the renewal fee, except that 43 any licensee serving on active duty in the armed forces of the United States 44 during the renewal period shall not be required to pay a late renewal penalty 45 upon renewing ninety-one (91) days to one hundred eighty (180) days after the 46 47 expiration date of the license. After one hundred eighty-one (181) days, the licensee shall be required to submit an initial application for a license and 48 to pay the fees prescribed in subsection (2) of this section. The renewal fee 49 and any penalty shall be paid to the sheriff for the purpose of enforcing the 50

provisions of this chapter. Upon renewing a license under the provisions of
this section, the sheriff shall notify the Idaho state police within five (5)
days on a form or in a manner prescribed.

4 (5) Notwithstanding the requirements of this section, the sheriff of
5 the county of the applicant's residence may issue a temporary emergency li6 cense for good cause pending review under subsection (1) of this section.

(6) A city, county or other political subdivision of this state shall 7 not modify the requirements of this section, nor may a political subdivi-8 sion ask the applicant to voluntarily submit any information not required in 9 this section. A civil action may be brought to enjoin a wrongful refusal to 10 11 issue a license or a wrongful modification of the requirements of this section. The civil action may be brought in the county in which the application 12 was made or in Ada county at the discretion of the petitioner. Any person who 13 prevails against a public agency in any action in the courts for a violation 14 of subsections (1) through (5) of this section, shall be awarded costs, in-15 16 cluding reasonable attorney's fees incurred in connection with the legal action. 17

(7) Except in the person's place of abode or fixed place of business, or 18 on property in which the person has any ownership or leasehold interest, a 19 20 person shall not carry a concealed weapon without a license to carry a con-21 cealed weapon. For the purposes of this section, a concealed weapon means any dirk, dirk knife, bowie knife, dagger, pistol, revolver or any other 22 deadly or dangerous weapon. The provisions of this section shall not apply 23 to any lawfully possessed shotgun or rifle, any knife, cleaver or other in-24 strument primarily used in the processing, preparation or eating of food, 25 any knife with a blade four (4) inches or less or any lawfully possessed 26 27 taser, stun gun or pepper spray.

(8) A county sheriff, deputy sheriff or county employee who issues a
 license to carry a concealed weapon under this section shall not incur any
 civil or criminal liability as the result of the performance of his duties
 under this section.

(9) While in any motor vehicle, inside the limits or confines of any
city, a person shall not carry a concealed weapon on or about his person
without a license to carry a concealed weapon. This shall not apply to any
firearm located in plain view whether it is loaded or unloaded. A firearm may
be concealed legally in a motor vehicle so long as the weapon is disassembled
or unloaded.

(10) In implementing the provisions of this section on behalf of the
 state of Idaho, the sheriff shall make applications readily available at the
 office of the sheriff or at other public offices in his jurisdiction.

(11-0) The sheriff of a county may issue a license to carry a concealed weapon to those individuals between the ages of eighteen (18) and twenty-one (21) years who in the judgment of the sheriff warrant the issuance of the license to carry a concealed weapon. Such issuance shall be subject to limitations which the issuing authority deems appropriate. Licenses issued to individuals between the ages of eighteen (18) and twenty-one (21) years shall be easily distinguishable from regular licenses.

48 (121) The requirement to secure a license to carry a concealed weapon 49 under this section shall not apply to the following persons:

(a) Officials of a county, city, state of Idaho, the United States, 1 2 peace officers, guards of any jail, court appointed attendants or any officer of any express company on duty; 3 (b) Employees of the adjutant general and military division of the 4 state where military membership is a condition of employment when on 5 6 duty; (c) Criminal investigators of the attorney general's office, crimi-7 nal investigators of a prosecuting attorney's office, prosecutors and 8 their deputies; 9 (d) Any person outside the limits of or confines of any city while en-10 gaged in lawful hunting, fishing, trapping or other lawful outdoor ac-11 tivity; 12 (e) Any publicly elected Idaho official; 13 (f) Retired peace officers or detention deputies with at least ten (10) 14 years of service with the state or a political subdivision as a peace of-15 16 ficer or detention deputy and who have been certified by the peace officer standards and training council; 17 (g) Any person who has a valid permit from a state or local law enforce-18 ment agency or court authorizing him to carry a concealed weapon. A per-19 20 mit issued in another state will only be considered valid if the permit 21 is in the licensee's physical possession. Any person may carry a concealed weapon without a license provided that the individual meets the 22 standards of eligibility as provided in subsection (1) of this section 23 within the state of Idaho. 24 (132) When issuing a license pursuant to this section, the sheriff may 25 26 require the applicant to demonstrate familiarity with a firearm and shall accept any of the following, provided the applicant may select whichever of 27 the following applies: 28 (a) Completion of any hunter education or hunter safety course approved 29 by the department of fish and game or a similar agency of another state; 30 (b) Completion of any national rifle association firearms safety or 31 training course or any national rifle association hunter education 32 33 course; Completion of any firearms safety or training course or class 34 (C) available to the general public offered by a law enforcement agency, 35 community college, college, university, or private or public institu-36 tion or organization or firearms training school, utilizing instruc-37 tors certified by the national rifle association or the Idaho state 38 police; 39 Completion of any law enforcement firearms safety or training 40 (d) course or class offered for security guards, investigators, special 41 deputies, or any division or subdivision of a law enforcement agency or 42 security enforcement agency; 43 (e) Presents evidence or equivalent experience with a firearm through 44 participation in organized shooting competition or military service; 45 (f) Is licensed or has been licensed to carry a firearm in this state or 46 a county or municipality, unless the license has been revoked for cause; 47 48 or

(g) Completion of any firearms training or training or safety course or 1 2 class conducted by a state certified or national rifle association certified firearms instructor. 3 (143) A person carrying a concealed weapon in violation of the provi-

4 5 sions of this section shall be quilty of a misdemeanor.

(154) The sheriff of the county where the license was issued or the sher-6 7 iff of the county where the person resides shall have the power to revoke a license subsequent to a hearing in accordance with the provisions of chapter 8 52, title 67, Idaho Code, for any of the following reasons: 9

(a) Fraud or intentional misrepresentation in the obtaining of a li-10 11 cense;

(b) Misuse of a license, including lending or giving a license to an-12 other person, duplicating a license or using a license with the intent 13 to unlawfully cause harm to a person or property; 14

(c) The doing of an act or existence of a condition which would have been 15 16 grounds for the denial of the license by the sheriff;

(d) The violation of any of the terms of this section; or 17

(e) The applicant is adjudicated guilty of or receives a withheld judg-18 ment for a crime which would have disqualified him from initially re-19 20 ceiving a license.

21 (165) A person twenty-one (21) years of age or older issued a license to carry a concealed weapon is exempt from any requirement to undergo a records 22 23 check at the time of purchase or transfer of a firearm from a federally licensed firearms dealer. However, a temporary emergency license issued un-24 der subsection (5) of this section shall not exempt the holder of the license 25 from any records check requirement. Temporary emergency licenses shall be 26 easily distinguishable from regular licenses. 27

(176) The attorney general is authorized to negotiate reciprocal agree-28 ments with other states related to the recognition of licenses to carry 29 concealed weapons. The Idaho state police shall keep a copy and maintain a 30 record of all such agreements, which shall be made available to the public. 31

(187) The provisions of this section are hereby declared to be severable 32 and if any provision of this section or the application of such provision to 33 any person or circumstance is declared invalid for any reason, such declara-34 tion shall not affect the validity of remaining portions of this section. 35