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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 165

BY JUDICIARY, RULES, AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

- 2 RELATING TO CONCEALED WEAPONS; AMENDING SECTION 18-3302, IDAHO CODE, TO RE 3 VISE THE FEE FOR ORIGINAL ISSUANCE OF A CONCEALED WEAPONS LICENSE AND TO
 4 MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION.
- 5 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

6 SECTION 1. That Section 18-3302, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby 7 amended to read as follows:

8 18-3302. ISSUANCE OF LICENSES TO CARRY CONCEALED WEAPONS. (1) The sheriff of a county, on behalf of the state of Idaho, shall, within ninety 9 (90) days after the filing of an application by any person who is not dis-10 qualified from possessing or receiving a firearm under state or federal law, 11 12 issue a license to the person to carry a weapon concealed on his person within this state. For licenses issued before July 1, 2006, a license shall be valid 13 for four (4) years from the date of issue. For licenses issued on or after 14 July 1, 2006, a license shall be valid for five (5) years from the date of 15 issue. The citizen's constitutional right to bear arms shall not be denied 16 to him, unless one (1) of the following applies. He: 17

(a) Is ineligible to own, possess or receive a firearm under the provi-sions of state or federal law;

- (b) Is formally charged with a crime punishable by imprisonment for a
 term exceeding one (1) year;
- (c) Has been adjudicated guilty in any court of a crime punishable by
 imprisonment for a term exceeding one (1) year;
- 24 (d) Is a fugitive from justice;

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(e) Is an unlawful user of, or addicted to, marijuana or any depressant, stimulant or narcotic drug, or any other controlled substance as defined in 21 U.S.C. section 802;

- (f) Is currently suffering or has been adjudicated as follows, based onsubstantial evidence:
 - (i) Lacking mental capacity as defined in section 18-210, Idaho Code;
 - (ii) Mentally ill as defined in section 66-317, Idaho Code;
- 33 (iii) Gravely disabled as defined in section 66-317, Idaho Code; 34 or
 - (iv) An incapacitated person as defined in section 15-5-101(a), Idaho Code.
- 37 (g) Is or has been discharged from the armed forces under dishonorable 38 conditions;
- (h) Is or has been adjudicated guilty of or received a withheld judgment
 or suspended sentence for one (1) or more crimes of violence constitut ing a misdemeanor, unless three (3) years have elapsed since disposi-

tion or pardon has occurred prior to the date on which the application is 1 2 submitted;

(i) Has had entry of a withheld judgment for a criminal offense which 3 would disqualify him from obtaining a concealed weapon license; 4 5

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

(k) Is a person who having been a citizen of the United States has re-6 7 nounced his or her citizenship;

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

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(m) Is free on bond or personal recognizance pending trial, appeal or 9 sentencing for a crime which would disqualify him from obtaining a con-10 cealed weapon license; or 11

(n) Is subject to a protection order issued under chapter 63, title 12 39, Idaho Code, that restrains the person from harassing, stalking or 13 threatening an intimate partner of the person or child of the intimate 14 partner or person, or engaging in other conduct that would place an 15 16 intimate partner in reasonable fear of bodily injury to the partner or child. 17

The license application shall be in a form to be prescribed by the 18 director of the Idaho state police, and shall ask the name, address, de-19 20 scription and signature of the licensee, date of birth, place of birth, 21 social security number, military status, citizenship and the driver's license number or state identification card number of the licensee if 22 used for identification in applying for the license. The application 23 shall indicate that provision of the social security number is op-24 tional. The license application shall contain a warning substantially 25 as follows: 26

CAUTION: Federal law and state law on the possession of weapons and 27 firearms differ. If you are prohibited by federal law from possessing 28 a weapon or a firearm, you may be prosecuted in federal court. A state 29 permit is not a defense to a federal prosecution. 30

The sheriff shall require any person who is applying for original is-31 suance of a license to submit his fingerprints in addition to the other 32 information required in this subsection. Within five (5) days after the 33 filing of an application, the sheriff shall forward the application and 34 fingerprints to the Idaho state police for a records check of state and 35 national files. The Idaho state police shall conduct a national finger-36 37 print-based records check and return the results to the sheriff within seventy-five (75) days. The sheriff shall not issue a license before 38 receiving the results of the records check and must deny a license if 39 the applicant is disqualified under any of the criteria listed in para-40 graphs (a) through (n) of this subsection. In the event the sheriff has 41 collected a fee to cover the cost of processing fingerprints for the 42 records check, the sheriff shall provide the applicant with a copy of 43 the results of the records check upon request of the applicant. 44

The license will be in a form substantially similar to that of the 45 Idaho driver's license. It will bear the signature, name, address, date 46 of birth, picture of the licensee, expiration date and the driver's li-47 cense number or state identification card number of the licensee if used 48

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.

7 (2) The fee for original issuance of a license shall be twenty forty 8 dollars (\$240.00) paid to the sheriff for the purpose of enforcing the pro-9 visions of this chapter. The sheriff may collect any additional fees neces-10 sary to cover the cost of processing fingerprints lawfully required by any 11 state or federal agency or department, and the cost of materials for the li-12 cense lawfully required by any state agency or department, which costs shall 13 be paid to the state.

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The fee for renewal of the license shall be fifteen dollars 14 (3) (\$15.00). The sheriff may collect any additional fees necessary to cover 15 16 the processing costs lawfully required by any state or federal agency or department, and the cost of materials for the license lawfully required by 17 any state agency or department, which costs shall be paid to the state. If 18 a licensee applying for renewal has not previously been required to submit 19 fingerprints, the sheriff shall require the licensee to do so and may collect 20 21 any additional fees necessary to cover the cost of processing fingerprints lawfully required by any state or federal agency or department. 22

(4) Every license that is not, as provided by law, suspended, revoked or 23 disqualified in this state shall be renewable at any time during the ninety 24 (90) day period before its expiration or within ninety (90) days after the 25 expiration date. Renewal notices shall be mailed out ninety (90) days prior 26 to the expiration date of the license. The sheriff shall require the li-27 censee applying for renewal to complete an application. The sheriff shall 28 submit the application to the Idaho state police for a records check of state 29 and national databases. The Idaho state police shall conduct the records 30 check and return the results to the sheriff within thirty (30) days. The 31 sheriff shall not issue a renewal before receiving the results of the records 32 check and must deny a license if the applicant is disqualified under any of 33 the criteria listed in subsection (1), paragraphs (a) through (n) of this 34 section. A renewal license shall be valid for a period of five (5) years. 35 A license so renewed shall take effect on the expiration date of the prior 36 license. A licensee renewing ninety-one (91) days to one hundred eighty 37 (180) days after the expiration date of the license shall pay a late renewal 38 39 penalty of ten dollars (\$10.00) in addition to the renewal fee, except that any licensee serving on active duty in the armed forces of the United States 40 during the renewal period shall not be required to pay a late renewal penalty 41 upon renewing ninety-one (91) days to one hundred eighty (180) days after the 42 expiration date of the license. After one hundred eighty-one (181) days, the 43 licensee shall be required to submit an initial application for a license and 44 to pay the fees prescribed in subsection (2) of this section. The renewal fee 45 and any penalty shall be paid to the sheriff for the purpose of enforcing the 46 47 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) 48 days on a form or in a manner prescribed. 49

(5) Notwithstanding the requirements of this section, the sheriff of 1 2 the county of the applicant's residence may issue a temporary emergency license for good cause pending review under subsection (1) of this section.

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(6) A city, county or other political subdivision of this state shall 4 5 not modify the requirements of this section, nor may a political subdivision ask the applicant to voluntarily submit any information not required in 6 7 this section. A civil action may be brought to enjoin a wrongful refusal to issue a license or a wrongful modification of the requirements of this sec-8 tion. The civil action may be brought in the county in which the application 9 was made or in Ada county at the discretion of the petitioner. Any person who 10 11 prevails against a public agency in any action in the courts for a violation of subsections (1) through (5) of this section, shall be awarded costs, in-12 cluding reasonable attorney's fees incurred in connection with the legal ac-13 tion. 14

(7) Except in the person's place of abode or fixed place of business, or 15 16 on property in which the person has any ownership or leasehold interest, a person shall not carry a concealed weapon without a license to carry a con-17 cealed weapon. For the purposes of this section, a concealed weapon means 18 any dirk, dirk knife, bowie knife, dagger, pistol, revolver or any other 19 20 deadly or dangerous weapon. The provisions of this section shall not apply 21 to any lawfully possessed shotgun or rifle, any knife, cleaver or other instrument primarily used in the processing, preparation or eating of food, 22 any knife with a blade four (4) inches or less or any lawfully possessed 23 taser, stun gun or pepper spray. 24

25 (8) A county sheriff, deputy sheriff or county employee who issues a 26 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 27 28 under this section.

(9) While in any motor vehicle, inside the limits or confines of any 29 city, a person shall not carry a concealed weapon on or about his person 30 without a license to carry a concealed weapon. This shall not apply to any 31 firearm located in plain view whether it is loaded or unloaded. A firearm may 32 be concealed legally in a motor vehicle so long as the weapon is disassembled 33 or unloaded. 34

(10) In implementing the provisions of this section on behalf of the 35 state of Idaho, the sheriff shall make applications readily available at the 36 37 office of the sheriff or at other public offices in his jurisdiction.

(11) The sheriff of a county may issue a license to carry a concealed 38 39 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 li-40 cense to carry a concealed weapon. Such issuance shall be subject to limita-41 tions which the issuing authority deems appropriate. Licenses issued to in-42 dividuals between the ages of eighteen (18) and twenty-one (21) years shall 43 be easily distinguishable from regular licenses. 44

(12) The requirement to secure a license to carry a concealed weapon un-45 der this section shall not apply to the following persons: 46

47 (a) Officials of a county, city, state of Idaho, the United States, peace officers, guards of any jail, court appointed attendants or any 48 officer of any express company on duty; 49

Employees of the adjutant general and military division of the 1 (b) 2 state where military membership is a condition of employment when on 3 duty; (c) Criminal investigators of the attorney general's office, crimi-4 nal investigators of a prosecuting attorney's office, prosecutors and 5 their deputies; 6 (d) Any person outside the limits of or confines of any city while en-7 gaged in lawful hunting, fishing, trapping or other lawful outdoor ac-8 9 tivity; 10 (e) Any publicly elected Idaho official; (f) Retired peace officers or detention deputies with at least ten (10) 11 years of service with the state or a political subdivision as a peace of-12 ficer or detention deputy and who have been certified by the peace offi-13 cer standards and training council; 14 (q) Any person who has a valid permit from a state or local law enforce-15 16 ment agency or court authorizing him to carry a concealed weapon. A permit issued in another state will only be considered valid if the permit 17 is in the licensee's physical possession. 18 (13) When issuing a license pursuant to this section, the sheriff may 19 require the applicant to demonstrate familiarity with a firearm and shall 20 21 accept any of the following, provided the applicant may select whichever of the following applies: 22 (a) Completion of any hunter education or hunter safety course approved 23 by the department of fish and game or a similar agency of another state; 24 (b) Completion of any national rifle association firearms safety or 25 26 training course or any national rifle association hunter education course; 27 Completion of any firearms safety or training course or class 28 (C) available to the general public offered by a law enforcement agency, 29 community college, college, university, or private or public institu-30 tion or organization or firearms training school, utilizing instruc-31 tors certified by the national rifle association or the Idaho state 32 33 police; Completion of any law enforcement firearms safety or training 34 (d) course or class offered for security quards, investigators, special 35 deputies, or any division or subdivision of a law enforcement agency or 36 security enforcement agency; 37 (e) Presents evidence or equivalent experience with a firearm through 38 participation in organized shooting competition or military service; 39 (f) Is licensed or has been licensed to carry a firearm in this state or 40 a county or municipality, unless the license has been revoked for cause; 41 42 or (g) Completion of any firearms training or training or safety course or 43 class conducted by a state certified or national rifle association cer-44 tified firearms instructor. 45 (14) A person carrying a concealed weapon in violation of the provisions 46 47 of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. (15) The sheriff of the county where the license was issued or the sher-48 iff of the county where the person resides shall have the power to revoke a 49

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1 license subsequent to a hearing in accordance with the provisions of chapter 2 52, title 67, Idaho Code, for any of the following reasons:

- 3 (a) Fraud or intentional misrepresentation in the obtaining of a li 4 cense;
- (b) Misuse of a license, including lending or giving a license to another person, duplicating a license or using a license with the intent
 to unlawfully cause harm to a person or property;
- 8 (c) The doing of an act or existence of a condition which would have been
 9 grounds for the denial of the license by the sheriff;
- 10 (d) The violation of any of the terms of this section; or
- (e) The applicant is adjudicated guilty of or receives a withheld judgment for a crime which would have disqualified him from initially receiving a license.
- (16) 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 check at the time of purchase or transfer of a firearm from a federally licensed firearms dealer. However, a temporary emergency license issued under subsection (5) of this section shall not exempt the holder of the license from any records check requirement. Temporary emergency licenses shall be easily distinguishable from regular licenses.
- (17) The attorney general is authorized to negotiate reciprocal agreements with other states related to the recognition of licenses to carry
 concealed weapons. The Idaho state police shall keep a copy and maintain a
 record of all such agreements, which shall be made available to the public.
- (18) The provisions of this section are hereby declared to be severable
 and if any provision of this section or the application of such provision to
 any person or circumstance is declared invalid for any reason, such declaration shall not affect the validity of remaining portions of this section.