

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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